

WHOLESALE CATTLE THIEF

Ranch Manager Gets Away with 500 Head.

He Finished the Records of Shipments and His Thefts Were Only Discovered When Stock Was Taken.

Orilla, Ont., Jan. 14.—A sensation has been caused here by the disappearance of Alexander McGrimman, cattle dealer and manager of the Dalton Cattle Company. His books show a shortage of \$15,000 to \$20,000. The company is composed of the following Orilla gentlemen: Messrs. William Thomson, J. B. Tudhope, ex-M. P. P., W. H. Tudhope, Geo. Thomson, Joseph Kilgour, Toronto, and A. McGrimman. The latter was Secretary-Treasurer and Manager and the first named is President. The company has been doing business for about five years. McGrimman was the most expert cattle buyer in the district and was believed by everyone to be thoroughly trustworthy. For twenty years he has done business very honorably. During the last year he has become loose in his methods, although he was a shrewd, careful Scot and had the implicit confidence of the members of the company. The company's ranch consists of ten thousand acres in the township of Dalton, county of Ontario, with large stables at Digby and another close to this town. McGrimman's method of operation was to make a shipment of cattle and only account for half of it on his books. The defalcations have been going on since last March.

Everything was satisfactory when stock was taken in December, 1903, and 1,100 head of cattle were counted. Mr. Thomson was absent in California in February, March and April. When he returned the cattle were out at pasture, and it was impossible for anyone to detect a shortage. McGrimman visited Scotland last summer to buy thoroughbred stock, and when he returned in August Mr. Thomson told him he thought there was a shortage in the number of cattle. McGrimman explained matters to Mr. Thomson's satisfaction. When the stock were housed in the fall they were taken to farmers' barns as well as the ranch company's stables. President Thomson and McGrimman commenced taking stock on December 1st and the President found everything right in the nearby stables. December 7th was fixed for the visit to Digby, where the bulk of the cattle were. McGrimman did not turn up, but was reported to have gone to Toronto. Next day he returned and explained he had wired from Toronto giving reasons for his absence. The telegraph company state that no message was sent.

Mr. Thomson insisted on going to Digby at once, and they started, but before going far McGrimman suggested taking stock at a barn they were passing, and where some cattle were just being brought in. Returning home, they agreed to go the following Monday, but McGrimman failed to appear, and wrote Mr. J. B. Tudhope from Toronto, stating that he was leaving for Calgary with the manager of the Red Deer Co., who had wired him at Orilla to come. The Red Deer Manager denies any knowledge of such an arrangement. The letter aroused suspicion, and stock-taking was at once completed, showing a shortage of 500 cattle, averaging in value \$40 per head. Inquiry revealed the fact that where four cars of cattle had been booked, six were actually shipped. In March 119 head were shipped, valued at \$60 each, and only 85 accounted for. Shipments were also made under the cover of night. McGrimman is supposed to have gone west, and the company are using every effort to bring him to book. The news of his defalcations was a tremendous surprise, some prominent people with whom he had business dealings going so far as to say they would willingly have entrusted him with all they possess. He has unquestionably betrayed the confidence of those who trust him. The company is also placed at a serious disadvantage in having on its hands a number of pedigreed cattle, but without any method of distinguishing one from another, McGrimman being the only one familiar with them.

Gibson News.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

Gibson, Jan. 16.—As yesterday was the last day of the week of prayer a general exchange of pulpits was made as usual. At the morning services Rev. J. C. Wilson occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church, while Rev. James Crisp preached in the Free Baptist, Rev. H. H. Ferguson of Marysville held forth at the Methodist, Rev. W. R. Robinson was at Marysville. In the evening Rev. H. H. Ferguson preached in the Baptist church to a large and interesting congregation taking his text from Proverbs 23:xxiii—"Buy the truth, and sell it not." It was a very interesting, instructive and practical sermon. A feature of the service was the hymn "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" beautifully rendered by a quartette composed of Messrs. Haines, Sterling, Hendry and Macnutt. After the regular services there was a largely attended mass meeting in the Methodist church in which the three congrega-

tions took part, Rev. James Crisp was chairman and the Revs. Messrs. Ferguson and Wilson made addresses and several of those present gave interesting testimony. The combined choirs furnished excellent music with Miss Hendry as organist. A collection was taken to extend the missionary work and altogether a very profitable and beneficial evening was spent. The next mass meeting will be held in the Baptist church on the evening of Sunday, January 29th.

According to all accounts reported by the oldest settlers in this village last Saturday night was by far the coldest experienced in this vicinity, it being 42 to 45 degrees below zero. In many places wells 20 to 30 feet deep were frozen over which is something heretofore unknown in these parts. At the morning services the churches in many cases were uncomfortably cold and those that were warm were dreadfully smoky as the furnaces seemed to be working badly. Notwithstanding the severe cold the churches as a rule were well attended.

England's Two New Guns.

London, Jan. 15.—The Arsenal at Woolwich have secured a large order for two new guns that are to be known throughout the service as the 18-pounder, quick-firing, wire fixed ammunition gun for the Royal Field Artillery, and the 13-pounder, quick-firing-sister wire gun for the Royal Horse Artillery, for the Indian Government.

They are an improvement on the existing 15-pounder and 12-pounder guns, and will fire nearly twenty shells to one, as compared with the present weapon. In addition they will carry much further, and as the success of warfare is to concentrate as many shells into a given position as fast as possible they are a great advance in gunnery.

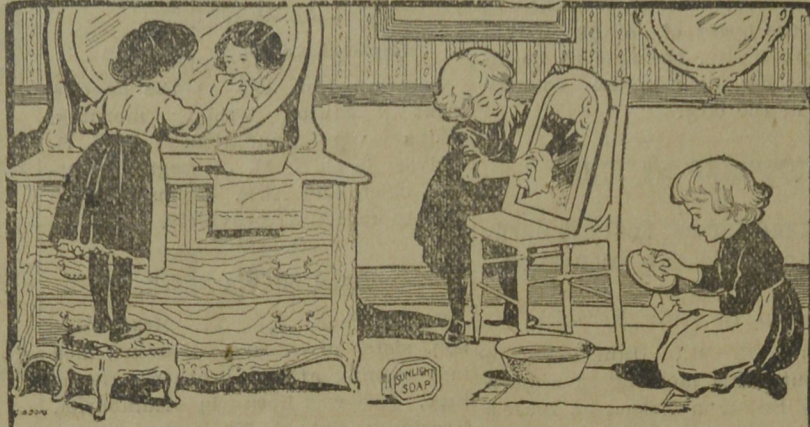
The gun embodies all the best points of the French and German artillery with important English improvements, and it is claimed to be the best gun in the world. It has a new breech-block, which is more rapid than those of the 15-pounder, and an improved carriage, with a new pneumatic cylinder.

The order from India is for 132 guns (22 batteries) for the 18-pounder and about half that number for the 13-pounder.

Marysville News.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

Jan. 16th.—As is the usual custom during the week of prayer there was a general exchange of pulpits last Sunday. At the Methodist Rev. W.



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R. Robinson of Gibson preached in his usual pleasing manner while Rev. R. S. Crisp occupied the Baptist pulpit, Rev. James Crisp being in the Free Baptist in the afternoon and Rev. Mr. Robinson in the evening.

Last Saturday evening Rev. A. A. Rideout of Fredericton delivered a very interesting address in the Free Baptist Church on the subject of Mission to the Church. The speaker was in his usual good form and held the closest attention throughout, there was also an excellent programme, a selection by a quartette composed of Messrs. Hallett, Stafford, Tapley and Staples being especially good. Notwithstanding the small attendance over one hundred dollars was taken in collections.

Mr. William McElwain is confined to his home suffering from a severe cold.

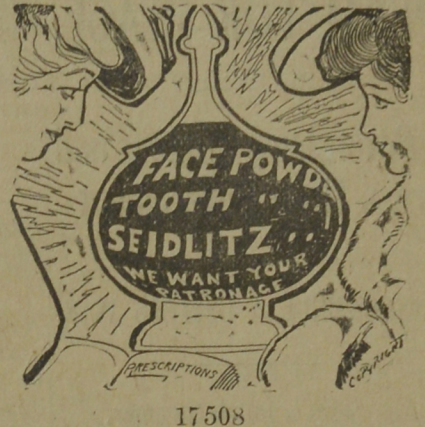
Saturday night and Sunday were the coldest days ever felt in Marysville and the several different glasses registered from 42 to 48 below zero and frozen water pipes were the order of the day. A few miles above here it was still colder and farmers

all along the line report dreadful weather and say cold Friday was not in it.

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