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ANNUAL MEETINGS OF EGG AND POULTRY ASS'N

Large Number of Representative Farmers Present. Outlook Most Encouraging for Future of Industry. Important Resolutions Submitted. Discussion Marked by Spirit of Moderation and Fairness.

The meetings of the P. E. Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday were a great success. The poultry industry is without question one of the greatest in Canada today and the intelligent discussion by the gentlemen present of the various phases of the subject, as affecting Prince Edward Island in particular is bound to result in mutual benefit to the industry and the Province as a whole.

There was a large attendance, Rev. P. E. Arsenault, the president, occupying the chair, while the genial Dr. Gauthier by his cheering optimism sound judgment and good humor added much to the pleasure and success of the occasion.

The tone of the meetings was harmonious, the speakers were progressive in their ideas and there was a marked absence of the "anti" spirit. The meetings were business-like in character from start to finish.

Among those present were Mr. W. A. Brown, of the Live Stock Branch, Ottawa, and Hon. M. McKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture, Rev. Dr. Monaghan, Miscouche; Rev. I. R. A. McDonald, St. Teresa's; Fred Richards, Iona; Rev. P. C. Gauthier, Palmer Road; Rev. Archibald Sutherland, Murray Harbor, North; D. B. McDonald, Bedouque; D. F. McDonald, Souris; Preston Campbell, Montague; Cornelius Whelan, Grand River; Bertram Brown, York; Artemas Betts, Cumberland; Paul Pineaud, Bloomfield; A. W. Woodside, Darnley; Geo. E. McDonald, East Point; Fred Richards, Egmont Bay; Albert Yeo, Egmont Bay; John Fraser, Fairville; Bertram McLellan, Glenwood, Edward McKenna, Iona; Patrick Trainor, Johnston's River; J. A. McKenzie, Kensington, Harry Brown, Kensington; Chas. McKenzie, Millview; G. Arsenault, Mont Carmel; C. E. Shaw, New North, Edward Bulphit, E. Howard, New London; A. A. McKinnon, Pisiquid; Wilbert Berr, Pisiquid; Peter Callaghan, Palmer Road; Walter Buntain, and Theo. Blanchard of Rustico; Pearley Harris, Murray Harbor; F. H. McIsaac, St. Margarets; J. E. Sinclair, Springfield; Roy Jones, Hazelbrook; John J. McKinnon, St. Peters, Patrick Curran, St. Teresa's, Angus McLean and Wm. Martin, Two Rivers; R. C. McLeod, Ulge; James McLeod, St. M. Joseph; Victor Cross, Wm. Holland, Webster's Corner and Peter Brodie Little York.

The statement of the Business Manager showed that the value of eggs to be \$206,059. The highest price paid during the year was 27.91 cents, and the lowest 20.64, the average being 25.35. Southern King's leads with receipts \$10,564, Egmont Bay coming next with \$8,254.37.

MR. BROWN'S ADDRESS. The feature of Tuesday evening's meeting was an address by Mr. W. A. Brown, Chief of Poultry Division, Dominion Live Stock Branch, Ottawa. Mr. Brown opened by stating that he was pleased at the financial status of the Association. Did he not consider himself almost a charter member of the Association he would feel called upon to congratulate the members. Speaking from a departmental standpoint, he said, that the activities of the co-operative Association were demanding the attention of the country over. While it had not been possible for the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Martin Burrell, to attend any of the meetings of the Association, Mr. Brown wished it known that the Minister was taking a personal interest in the work being done in this Province and that he appreciated the response of the farmers of P. E. Island to the assistance that had been extended to the Live Stock Branch here.

Mr. Brown then went on to say that he had no chosen subject but that he had something to say which he thought would interest them. He first gave an illustration, consisting of a description of a certain farm and the difficulties it had passed through during the past 20 years—how it had been prosperous at first, but through changing conditions had become seriously embarrassed financially. He likened Canada to this farm. In fact Canada, said he, is but one large farm with her orchards in the Maritime Provinces and her garden in the Gulf, her barnyard and livestock in Ontario and Quebec, her pasture land and timberland in the North and her fields in the West. Her expenses had been great, her borrowings heavy. She has suffered from speculation in parts; the time has come when even greater expenditures must be made to meet her responsibilities in respect to the war, pensions and provision for her returned soldiers, etc. How are these expenses going to be met? The answer is, by increasing the volume of her business, first from a national economic standpoint, and secondly from a patriotic standpoint.

The necessary foodstuffs must be forthcoming. Food is even more important than munitions. Napoleon said, an army fought on its stomach. Lack of food is bringing Germany to her knees at the present time. Production must be increased. Our farmers at the present time are not fifty—no, not forty per cent. efficient in the conduct of their business. Observe what organized industry has done for the manufacture of munitions. Consider, if you will, what organized industry could do for agriculture and food production in this country.

Canada will have competition after the war. Russia with her millions of acres of prairie land, her cheap labor, her three inches more rainfall in the producing season, and her cheap water transportation to the markets of the world can outbid Canada in the sale of wheat, our largest national crop at the present time. But Canada will win out. With our superior civilization and foundation of pure bred stock we can build up our live stock industry in a way that will excel all.

Canada has the market, but is short on supply. Canada has been advertised. Her name has received a new significance in England and in the markets of the world, for have not Canadian soldiers won enduring fame on the battlefields of Europe.

Canada is the greatest country under the sun. While some may say that the national trend of trade is North and South, the facts of the case are against them, for in the minds of the world the great glaciators strip our western country of the gravel, the sand, and poor soil generally and leave in its place a rich, alluvial plain. The prevailing winds blow east, the great rivers flow east, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence flow east, the Gulf stream flows east, and in support of all it has been placed in the minds of men to construct the great Transcontinental railways east and west, to provide huge terminals at Montreal, Halifax, and St. John to carry the product that is to be, just at the time when the four-day ferry between Halifax and Liverpool will be an accomplished fact.

Mr. Brown in winding up, stated that the trouble is that we are not by any means awake to our possibilities. Canada needs men who see visions of a greater agricultural development. There is needed in Canada a great big national production business policy, and it may be that from P. E. Island, there may be the men who will come forward to perfect plans that will ensure Canada and Canadians generally that prosperity which we hope and believe is the natural heritage of this fair Dominion.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. Meeting began at 8.30 a. m., the President in the chair. The President's highly excellent and optimistic address was the splendid season's work. He thought the meeting would infuse interest into the delegates and that they would return to their respective circles and encourage their people in the coming season to even double the results of last year. The farmers of the Island should give due credit to the Live Stock Branch for sending Mr. W. A. Brown to the Island to assist at the annual meeting. The President also spoke in highly complimentary terms of Mr. Kerr, and the success he has made of this movement, and thanked the Commissioner of Agriculture for the assistance given by himself and the officers of his department, and also referred in most appropriate terms of the work of Mr. Lightizer and his untiring efforts which enabled him to submit such a satisfactory financial report.

The following committees were appointed:— Nominating Committee—Albert Schurman, Edward Bulphit, and Rev. P. C. Gauthier. Resolutions Committee—P. Campbell, Peter Callaghan, J. B. Millman.

SOME HOT SPARRING IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Severe Criticism of Mr. Cannon, Liberal Candidate for Dorchester Indulged in, one Member Declaring He was Seeking a Place in an Internment Camp Rather Than in House of Commons. President Wilson also Criticized.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—Criticism of Quebec's poor recruiting performance, as fostered by statements such as those which are being made in Dorchester by Mr. Lucien Cannon, the Liberal candidate, against Hon. Albert Severyn, formed one of the features of today's speeches during the continuation of the debate on the Address. Another outstanding point was a criticism by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt of Brantford of President Wilson's recently announced peace plan which the Brantford member characterized as ill-timed interfering and an Utopian scheme. Today's speakers were Mr. D. D. MacKenzie of North Cape Breton, Mr. W. A. Boys of South Simcoe, Mr. E. Nesbitt of North Oxford, Mr.

Cockshutt and Hon. Charles Marcell of Bonaventure. Mr. Boys, after quoting Mr. Cannon's utterances in Dorchester, said they were such as to make every man in his constituency blush with shame. "To my mind, Mr. Cannon is seeking a place, not in the House of Commons but in an internment camp," Sir Wilfrid Laurier, said Mr. Boys, "had no regard for Mr. Cannon's standpoint." Mr. W. F. Cockshutt said that the United States, though a guarantor of Belgian neutrality, had never attempted to protest against Belgian deportations. President Wilson evidently was one of those who held that the pen was mightier than the sword. The Brantford member concluded this portion of his address by likening the President's action to that of a man

who, when a citizen has endeavored to prevent the burning up of his house, should interrupt him with a plan for the construction of a new residence. Such a man, said Mr. Cockshutt, should be chucked down stairs. He concluded by reiterating his appeal of last year, for the restriction of food export and the control of food prices. He stated he was prepared even for government control of the price of ploughs. Hon. Charles Marcell said, if recruiting were at a standstill in Quebec he wanted Ontario Britishers to know what to blame. Without the union of Nationalists and Conservatives the present administration would never have been in power nor would the Nationalists ever have been able to boast of a disciple in office.

PAINFUL SITUATION OVER BY-ELECTION

Mr. Cannon's Utterances Have Shocked Canadians While His Endorsement by Sir Wilfrid Laurier Has Created a Cleavage in Liberal Ranks.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—The Evening Journal (Independent) says:—"One of the greatest political sensations in the course of recent Canadian history at any rate, has been created by the campaign speech of Mr. Lucien Cannon, the Liberal candidate in Dorchester county, who is opposing Hon. Albert Severyn, the new Minister of Inland Revenue, in the by-election rendered necessary by the latter's elevation to the cabinet. "Some members of Parliament go so far as to say that Mr. Cannon's statements have created a situation far greater in importance than even in the days of the MacKenzie rebellion. "Mr. Cannon's statement is in effect that Canada has done enough for England and that Canada cannot afford to injure herself by doing anything further. "The seriousness of this attitude is found in the fact that he had consulted Sir Wilfrid Laurier before deciding to resign his seat in the Quebec legislature and opens Mr. Severyn."

places in the field a candidate for Federal honors who is opposed to the part Canada is playing—AND HE IS ENDORSED SEEMINGLY BY THE OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN THE LIBERAL PARTY. English Liberals' View. "It is only fair to say that, the speech of Mr. Cannon is far from being endorsed by a large section of the English Liberals in the House and while none cares to express himself, for quotations, yet it is very evident that there is already a big cleavage of opinion in the party. Hints Even Revolution. "One member told The Journal today that he regarded the situation there as the first real sign of a revolution, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have to declare himself now and in a clear-cut way state his exact position on this national issue. "Should Mr. Cannon's statement regarding Sir Wilfrid's support of his attitude be accurate, there remains no doubt that the Dominion is now facing the most critical situation, not only since Confederation, but for many years before. A British Canada. "There is absolutely no doubt of this—that on Parliament Hill today, the Conservative party and a number of the English-speaking Liberals are united in their determination to uphold Canada as a British country at war today alongside France and the other Allies, and that until there is the strongest repudiation of Mr. Cannon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier; a denial by him that he endorsed Mr. Cannon as the Liberal candidate in Dorchester, and Mr. Cannon's removal from the Dorchester candidature, the French-Canadian section of the Liberal party, as led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, stands committed to anti-British sentiments and anti-support of the allied cause. Now Comes Cleavage. "The issue thus created is that there is a Quebec candidate endorsed by the French-Canadian leader of the Liberal party who has announced a cleavage between the French-Canadian Liberals on the one side and the British race on the other side regarding Canada's further participation in this war, and the policy that should be pursued by the Government of Canada. "This means nothing else than that the next Federal election is to be fought out in this issue—THE MOST SERIOUS ISSUE THAT COULD BE CONCEIVED. Canada and the other Allies are fighting for their very existence as free people, and for the liberty of mankind, yet a section of the Canadian community

AUSTRIA ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Jan. 24.—Austria has decided on an extraordinary measure to stave off imminent bankruptcy, according to the Petit Journal's Geneva correspondent. The correspondent says that a decree is about to be submitted to the Emperor whereby the fourth part of the real and personal property of all subjects and inhabitants of the empire is to become the property of the state in exchange for a mortgage bond. This bond, according to the correspondent, the state binds itself to redeem when the financial situation permits.

TRAGIC RESULT OF A MONCTON FIRE

MONCTON, Jan. 24.—A slight residential fire today had a tragic result in the person of James Long, Jr., of the Intercolonial Car Department. Retiring to bed last night Mr. Long noticed a slight smell of gas. Some one suggested that it would be better, in the morning before lighting a match, to open the doors and let in fresh air. Mrs. Long on getting up at six o'clock to get her husband's breakfast forgot the suggestion. She had no sooner struck a match in her bedroom than an explosion took place followed by fire. She was only partially dressed and her light clothing was soon in flames. Her husband who was still in bed clasped an infant child and took it down stairs then returned for his wife and carried her down stairs where she fainted. Her then went back for one of the other children and while he went back and rescued another child other people rescued the other children. There were seven children in the house all told. Mrs. Long was hurried to a hospital where she died this afternoon. Her five six year old girl, Lillian, is also there in a serious condition and will probably not live. Mr. Long himself and his son Roy aged eleven, who went through the flames to save another little sister are both seriously burned.

REV. D. STILE FRASER DIED YESTERDAY

(Special to the Guardian.) HALIFAX, Jan. 24.—Rev. D. S. Stile Fraser, one of the best known Presbyterian clergymen in the Maritime Provinces and former editor of the Presbyterian Witness, died suddenly last night at the Mansie in Londonderry, after one week's illness of pneumonia.

RUSSIANS REPULSE GERMAN TROOPS

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, Jan. 24.—The War Office claims that Russian troops have repulsed the Germans in Tirul Swamp, but retreated about a mile and a half east of Kilmizen.

TO INDEMNIFY WAR LOSSES

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Jan. 24.—The Chamber Deputies introduced a bill to indemnify all those who suffer from property losses throughout war operations.

BULGARIAN DETACHMENT DESTROYED.

(Special to the Guardian.) PETROGRAD, via London, Jan. 24.—Bulgarian detachments crossing a branch of the Danube opposite Tulcha was surprised by Russian troops and destroyed, the War Office announced today. Prisoners to the number of 327 and four machine guns were taken.

BULGARIANS WITHDRAW

(Special to the Guardian.) NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Apparently the Bulgarians were not able to hold their ground on the north side of the southern estuary of the Danube North of Tulcha in the Dobruja, the occupation of which was announced in yesterday's German army headquarters report. Today's statement, while somewhat ambiguously, worked apparently indicates the withdrawal of Bulgarian to their former positions on the southern side of the estuary.

FURTHER DETAILS OF NAVAL BATTLE

Unofficial Reports Place German Losses at from One to Fourteen Vessels, One British Destroyer Sunk with Loss of Three Officers and 44 Men. LONDON, Jan. 24.—No additional official statement has yet been given respecting the two naval engagements in the North Sea Monday night and Tuesday morning. A German official bulletin claims that one British destroyer was sunk which is admitted by the British Admiralty, and that another was seen to be sinking which is not admitted, but claims that the Germans suffered no losses save that one boat V-69 was damaged. In the loss of the British destroyer three officers and 44 men were killed by explosion. Following this a general action took place which opened at short range and early in the light the bridge of the German destroyer V-69 was swept away by a direct hit, the Commander and two other officers being killed. The V-69 fired one torpedo and was then hit by another British shell which knocked her funnel flat on the deck. Still another shell put a hole in the forepart of the vessel. Her guns appeared not to have been damaged. The crew of the V-69 numbered about sixty it would appear from statements of the men that seven other German vessels were sunk. The V-69 belonged to the home fleet. There are many reports in which German losses are placed at the way from one to fourteen but as in the battle of Jutland no British details are available until the Admiralty receives official statements.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. SAUSON'S SAUSAGES MADE fresh every day from selected young pork. Saunders, Newsome & Co., Market Building. 2248-9-25M6mo. TWO DOUBLE SLEIGHS for sale. See classified ad. 4056-1-1M1pd. WANTED—A MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply to 34 Sydney St. 4057-1-1M3l. WANTED A MAID FOR HOUSE Work. Apply at the Lennox 140 Water St. 4057-1-M2l. FOR SALE—GOOD MILCH COWS. Apply Joseph Moreside, North River. 4028-1-25M21pd. WANTED—35 TO 75 ACRES LAND within five miles of City. Box 453, L. 4052-1-25M61pd. FOR SALE—PAIR OF CURLING stones. Apply Beer & Weeks. 4047-1-25M21pd. MILLINER WANTED—A FIRST class milliner for city dry goods store. Apply by letter to P. O. Box 319. 4049-1-25M3l. WANTED—A GENERAL SERVANT. Small family, no washing. Apply to Mrs. G. E. Full, 69, Upper Prince Street. 4033-1-24M21pd. TWO DOUBLE SEATED SECOND hand sleighs, imported this fall from Boston, will be sold at auction at Market, Friday, the 26th, at 11 a. m., Superior American Sleighs, R. Bearsto, auctioneer. 4056-1-1M1pd. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows. Minard's Liniment cures colds &c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. *Remember the Sale at F. P. Drake's on Monday the 29th inst., at Vernon. 4044-1-25M2l. Minard's Liniment cures Toothache. THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC. Toronto Jan. 24.—Moderate and fresh south westerly winds; fair with a little higher temperature. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 24 degrees above. At 9 a. m., it was 16 degrees above; at 9 p. m., 14 above; the coldest the previous night was 2 degrees above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.35 and tomorrow at 1.16; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.16 and Saturday at 1.12. The sun sets this afternoon at 5.15 and tomorrow at 5.17; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.45 and Saturday at 7.44. The moon sets tonight at 8.46. There was a new moon on Tuesday, January 23 at 2.40 a. m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Monday, January 29 at 8.02 p. m. The length of today will be nine hours and thirty minutes. Minard's Liniment cures Distemper. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC. TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order.

LATER.

A Reuter despatch from Yumden reports that Commander Boehm of the V-69 was not killed as first believed but that the death of Capt. Schultz is confirmed, two other officers killed were Lieuts. Faust and Hannover. The V-69 is the flagship of a flotilla of twelve vessels.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Jan. 24.—A survivor of the German destroyer V-69 interviewed at Yumden said the main action occurred at a point thirty miles off Zebrugge. His vessel with another torpedo boat destroyer formed the rear guard of the flotilla of eleven vessels. Suddenly a German flotilla was confronted by two British squadrons composed of four British destroyers and the V-69 ran for the Dutch coast. "We do not know what happened to the other vessels," the survivor concluded, "but they must have got it badly."