

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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DAIRY INSPECTION.

THAT an inspector, a competent, tactful and honest man, would greatly benefit the dairy industry in this Province is admitted by almost every one connected with it. The desirability of grading up our dairy products to one or two high standards, the marks of which would be recognized by dealers in Great Britain, is evident. Such standards can be reached if each factory is put upon its mettle by an efficient inspector. But they cannot be reached without inspection and instruction to ensure equality of product. So long as every factory may do as it likes, careless makers or careless patrons will produce butter and cheese which, when put upon the market, will pull down the character of our product as a whole. We all know how it was, some years ago, in the case of our oats. The farmer who was careful to clean his grain obtained no more for it than the farmer who brought his grain to market but half cleaned, prices ruled low all round, and went lower and lower till, finally, the British market for P. E. Island oats was practically lost. As it was with our oats, so it will be with our cheese and butter unless care be taken to maintain their high character in Great Britain. Two or three careless factories, permitted to place their goods upon the market on equal terms with those of the careful ones, will keep down the character and the price of our dairy products all over the country, and render the efforts of dairymen who desire to improve unavailing.

For the high position taken by P. E. Island cheese in the British market we owe much to the care and activity of Mr. Dillon, during the time that he was superintendent. While in office, he kept those who were inclined to be careless up to the mark, and "gave admonition due" alike to patrons and makers. We have always regretted that Mr. Dillon was so soon dismissed by the present government. Our farmers should have been taught more fully to trust each other and to co-operate, before the change was made. Mr. Dillon, having been dismissed it is now necessary for the reasons here set forth, that a competent inspector and instructor shall be appointed.

In making the appointment it is, above all things, essential that three shall be no personal feeling and no party politics. This was made evident at the Charlottetown meeting when Premier Farquharson interfered to prevent Mr. Dillon from continuing his speech. If the chairman had considered it necessary to call Mr. Dillon to order, there would have been no trouble. But the moment a party leader began to dictate to a meeting of dairymen, there was confusion and business was impossible. If the reporters are to be believed, Mr. Dillon was speaking to the point. We quote the Patriot, whose reporter was secretary of the meeting:

"Mr T. J. Dillon referred to the growth of dairying in this Province; greater he said than in any other place during the same length of time. This was owing to the fact that the people had started right in the industry. The dairymen here are better organized and know the value of manure better than any people he ever met. Not only a cheese inspector but a cheese instructor is needed here. He paid a high compliment to the intelligence and honor of our cheese and butter makers. An instructor is needed in whom the makers have confidence, a man

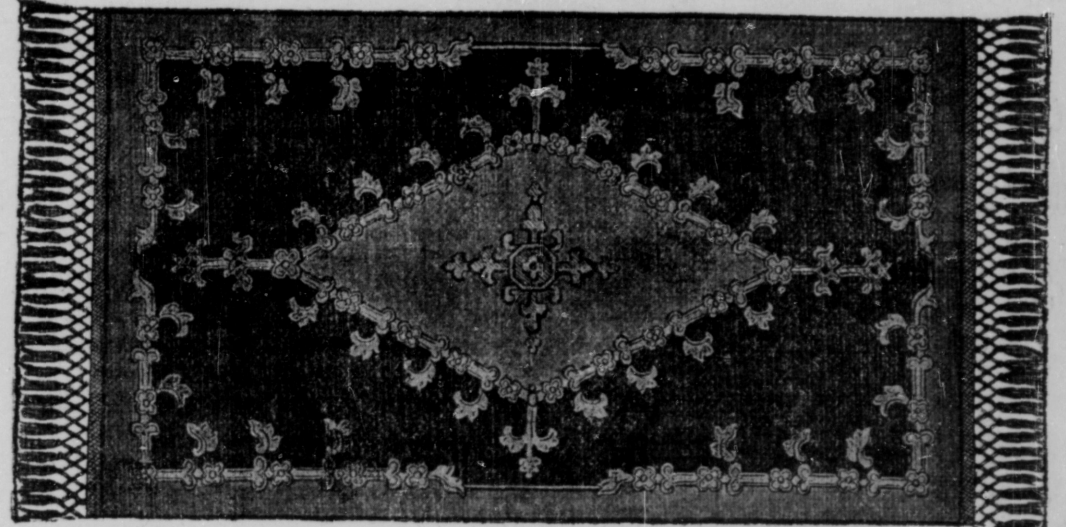
whom they do not consider inferior to themselves. In this way the work done in our factory would be compared with that of another, and a friendly rivalry maintained. There was one man who has been on the road two seasons who, he believed, was available. He only knew of four men in Ontario equal to that man. Mr. Dillon spoke in high terms of the work being done by Prefs. Robertson and Macoun. He hoped the factory managers would insist on having the appointment of an inspector left to themselves. He believed Mr. Spillett would go on the road, find his team and pay his expenses, for \$1,200 a year. He was of the opinion that the factory men would pay a fair share of this sum and that the Government would render assistance. This outlay was small when it was considered that P. E. Island had derived last year from the dairy industry the handsome sum of \$360,000.

It is not wonderful that Mr. Dillon's friends, of both parties, were indignant when he was called down by the Premier while speaking in this way about a matter of which no man in this Province has a better right to speak. But we refer to the incident, merely to point the moral that the appointment of an inspector must, of necessity, be free from even the suspicion of partizanship. The Government has, we fear, offered to assist in the payment of an inspector's salary. This is but right—for the Province at large is benefited by the dairy industry, and will be greatly benefited by the appointment of a competent and judicious, an honest and independent, official. The greatest care must be taken that the instructor chosen shall be such a man as the managers and patrons of the factories shall respect and have confidence in. He must be appointed only because he is possessed of proved ability for the work. We incline to the opinion that the official ought to be appointed by and be responsible to the Central Board which is to be established. However this may be, it is pleasing to note that the whole matter is in the hands of a committee of able and moderate gentlemen, deeply interested in the promotion of the dairy industry.

MR. MARTIN AND THE PATRIOT.

THE Patriot quotes the Pioneer, which says that the letters of Mr. Alexander Martin, M. P., "relate to nothing but ancient history." Let us see. The controversy arose out of the Patriot's statement to the effect that Mr. Martin had opposed the building of a bridge across the Hillsborough. This statement was false, and Mr. Martin did well to prove that it was false; for while it was based upon "ancient history" it was calculated and deliberately concocted for the purpose of injuring Mr. Martin in his constituency and affecting the result of the next election. Mr. Martin wrote to the Patriot over his own signature. If he were unjust to the Patriot, the Patriot could easily prove the fact. If he indulged in abuse, so much the worse for himself. Abuse of the Patriot through the columns of The Patriot certainly would not help Mr. Martin. But The Patriot refused to insert his last letter; and The Pioneer wonders that it inserted the first. That is to say, having brought a charge against Mr. Martin, this Liberal journal would deny Mr. Martin the right to meet the charge where it was made. The Pioneer's idea of British fair play seems to be strangely twisted. As to The Patriot its refusal to publish Mr. Martin's last letter clearly proves that it could not stand Mr. Martin's fire, and that its position in the controversy was essentially weak.

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THE MAILS.

AS THE EXAMINER pointed out when the arrangement was made, as everyone acquainted with the road knows, the carriage of our mails by means of sleighs between Aulac and Tormentine must of necessity fail in stormy winter weather and during the spring months. The truth of our comments is now apparent; and the Government organs which uttered not a word of protest, when a word from them might have influenced the postal authorities, are feeling uncomfortable. The Guardian of this morning says:—

"At this distance we have not sufficient information upon which to base an opinion as to that point. The team service is getting severe criticism these days, and it remains to be seen what defence can be made for it."

And again:—
"Probably the mails may have to come and go by the Capes route throughout the present month and during that time no effort should be spared to make the service as regular and prompt as possible."

Another aspect of the matter is presented by the Tormentine correspondent of the Sackville Post, who writes:

"During the last storm the mail teams found considerable trouble in reaching here with the mails. On their arrival Mr. Clarkin (postal clerk) found that a sealed box and bag had been lost or delayed. Mr. Clarkin immediately telephoned the astute contractors. After the contractors made a thorough search they found the box and bag in the horse stall. They immediately despatched a light sleigh off with the mail but failed to reach here in time for the hoists. This is a queer place to have Her Majesty's mail lying."

Such is our postal service under a "business is business" Government. How the outward mails go is shown in our telegraphic news columns.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—In the British House of Commons a few days ago the second reading of the bill raising the age at which a child may leave school from 11 to 12 years was passed. The operation of this law will greatly reduce the number of half-time hands working in English factories.

—That caribou are as plentiful as ever in Newfoundland is evidenced by the following clipping from a local newspaper: "The slaughter of caribou on the west coast has begun, and about 120 carcasses of venison came by the Virginal Lake this trip, while from 400 to 500 are awaiting shipment at White Bear bay for this port, and will be brought on next trip. Surely there is some means of devising a way to prevent such wholesale slaughter."

—The time is undoubtedly coming very rapidly when the isolation of the farmer will become mitigated, owing to "neighborhood telephone lines," by means of which they can communicate with each other without reference to the condition of the roads or press of work. A local paper of an inland city in New York State describes an interesting line where the subscribers constructed the line, furnishing the tools and doing the work themselves the expense for wire, instruments, etc., was equally divided among them, and the cost was only about \$14 per share. The line, of course, is free to subscribers, but to others who make use of it by the payment a small fee. At present there are ten subscribers to the line.

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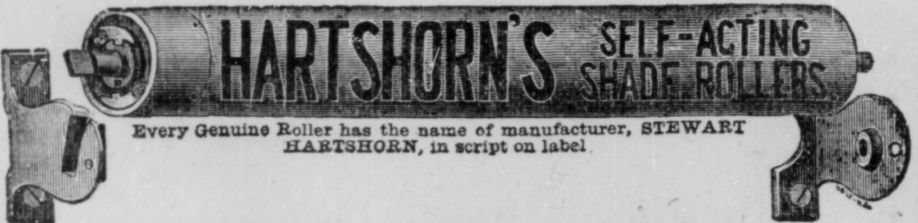
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