

THE AGRICULTURAL MISSION.

Meetings at St. Peter's and Souris—Great Interest Exhibited.

Charles Waye, Esq., President of the St. Peter's Branch of the Agricultural and Dairyman's Association occupied the chair.

Besides the Professors, Mr. Dillon, and Premier Farquharson, Hon. B. Rogers, Hon. Anthony McLaughlin, Rev. Father Curran, Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Rev. Mr. Father McLean, Rev. Mr. Gillis, Hon. William Campbell, F. L. Haszard, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate of this city, John Robertson, of Inkerman Farm, and others occupied seats on the platform. In the audience we noticed, besides a number of ladies, Horace Haszard Esq., President of the Board of Trade; Dr. McLeod, Messrs W. Mutch, Hopston; Day & P. Irving, Esq., Vernon River; T. A. McLean, Duncan Darrach, of Canoe Cove; George E. Hughes, James McLean, of The Charlottetown Herald, Fred. Nash, of The Patriot, and other representative gentlemen, too numerous to mention. The hall was overcrowded.

Professor Macoun began his address by referring to the fact that only 50,000 of the 700,000 farmers in Canada were yet in correspondence with the Experimental Farm Station. He reminded the audience that farmers who desire to obtain copies of the annual reports and bulletins issued from the farm have but to send their names and addresses to the farm to receive these documents during the whole period of their lives. It is already well known that farmers may participate in the free distribution of tested seeds by making application at the farm; and he was glad to hear that many farmers had obtained seeds from the farm for the improvement of their crops. It is the tendency of seeds to revert to the wild state, and everything that is neglected is likely to go back.

The Professor then described the conditions necessary to the successful cultivation of the potato, and the mode of culture followed at the Experimental Farm; and advised the farmers, while holding on to the McIntyre till they obtained a better variety, to try to obtain such a variety suitable to the climate and local conditions of P. E. Island. He again advised the farmers not to put off the killing of the bugs. Spray as soon as the young bugs are seen.

Professor Robertson said that he was glad to note the awakening in P. E. Island. Not farmers only but the leading members of the Government were here to show their interest in the progress and success of agriculture. The people of P. E. Island are clever. Their mentality is all right, but they need to turn their attention more than ever to their farms and use their minds as well as their hands in agricultural work. Their land, too, is naturally all right. It is not the kind of land so much as the kind of tillage that is important. The most prosperous farmers are found on soils that are naturally poor; the poorest farmers are often found on soils that are naturally rich. Heretofore the farmers of P. E. Island have not grown enough to keep their toys at home. This is not creditable. While there are some boys who ought to go abroad, the bulk of our young people will do better by staying at home,—if only right methods of agriculture are adopted and the farms made profitable as well as interesting. Professor Robertson then proceeded to discuss the matter much as at Kensington, and other meetings; and pointed out the advantages to accrue from the "Illustration Stations" to be established.

Professor Macoun then spoke on the question of fruit growing—particularly apples. He advised manuring the orchard by growing clover and ploughing it down; and repeated his injunctions as to care in the selection of site, drainage, preparation of soil, selection of trees in the planting of an orchard, as well as in spraying for fruit. He advised all interested in orchards to join the Fruit Growers' Association.

Professor Robertson then dealt with "those two important farm animals"—the pig and the hen. First as to the pig: In the treatment of the pig there are three important matters to be attended to. In the order of their importance these were (1) shelter, (2) treatment, (3) feed. The worst enemy of the pig is the wind. The pig should not be compelled to stand in the wind. He will never do so voluntarily. His trough should be in a sheltered place and his sleeping quarters should be warm and dry. The breeding sow should have exercise and should be neither fat nor lean. The little pigs should not be weaned until six months old, and then gradually rather than all at once. A little low trough should be placed for them at two weeks old, and a little food scattered on it so that they may learn to eat while the sow is having her meals. Then at six weeks old two of the largest of the little fellows may be taken away and placed in a pen by themselves, and two each day till all are weaned. By following this plan neither the sow nor her young will suffer. As early in the spring as possible a half acre of good land should be sown to a mixture of peas, oats and vetches, and when this crop is about six inches high the little pigs should be turned in on it. This is the cheapest and best way to feed young pigs. When they have reached a weight of 110 to 120 lbs they ought to be put up for fattening. Raw potatoes won't fatten pigs at all; boiled potatoes, with a little meal mixed in is very good food. It doesn't, however, pay to boil grain for fattening pigs—cracked grain will do very well if well soaked and fed raw. But it doesn't pay to feed a pig on decayed food. A pig should be fed three times a day,—and never quite as much as he will eat. Give him a good meal and leave him a little hungry.

Professor Robertson then described the method of fattening chickens as followed in the south of England, where the best farmers in the most prosperous and most beautiful part of Great Britain, are engaged in that business. In actual practice the results of experiments in Ontario and Quebec, chickens had been (1) purchased at fifty cents a pair, (2) fattened at a cost of 31 cents, (3) shipped in cases at a cost of 3 cents a pair, (4) the freight to England and other expenses had amounted to 22 cents per pair; and the chickens, 400 cases had been sold in Liverpool by wholesale, at \$1.76 per pair. Several inquiries have since been received for more chickens of the same kind. There is money in the business. The Government will establish two chicken fattening stations in P. E. I. this year; and he felt sure that the success with regard to them would be as marked as the success which had attended the cheese industry. Mr. Dillon delivered a short and telling address, and Hon. Mr. Farquharson followed with an encouraging speech.

Mr. John Robertson, (Inkerman) also spoke briefly and practically upon the prospects of apple culture in P. E. Island. In the course of the meeting a number of questions were asked and answers given. On motion of Hon. Anthony McLaughlin an unanimous vote of thanks was given Professors Robertson and Macoun.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Montreal Gazette observes that Sir Wilfrid brings with him from Washington "one big bill for expenses for entertaining his U. S. hosts, and one sunny smile, much weakened by overwork."

—The Montreal Star suggests that if Mr. M. Lock is thinking of getting out a stamp to celebrate Mr. Emerson's victory in New Brunswick he might use as an appropriate motto, "We have had a bigger bribe than has ever been before."

—Having been disentangled from the platitudes of officialism it now appears that the net effect of the punishment inflicted by President McKinley on General Eagan, in lieu of dismissal from the United States army, is that he receive a six years' holiday on full pay, \$5,500 a year.

—It is thought that the six months junketing—first at Quebec and then at Washington—will cost Canada a hundred thousand dollars. But, as the Mail and Empire remarks, it would have been a costly affair, indeed, if the commissioners had brought back such a treaty as they were prepared to consent to.

—The more our neighbours see of the workings of our preferential tariff the better they like it, remarks the Mail and Empire. Official reports of the commerce of Canada during the five months of 1898 when the full preference was in force are published by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics at Washington. These show that our imports from the United States during that period amounted to \$41,456,780, as against \$35,573,647 in the corresponding part of 1897, and \$29,124,072 in the corresponding part of 1898.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

The Mail and Empire points out that the various bargains to which the Washington commissioners agreed the most absurd was that which sold our sealing rights in the Pacific ocean for the sum of \$450,000. Our sealing industry brings \$700,000 worth of business to the coast every year. It is valued at \$14,000,000 to the people. In selling it for \$450,000 cash the money paid by the United States was to have gone to the owners of sealing schooners, and when they had been paid Canada was to prohibit seal catching, not in the Behring Sea, but in the broad Pacific ocean, by anybody and for ever. We were to dispose of a right on the ocean for a paltry sum. It was worse than the American bargain with Spain. Spain was paid \$20,000,000 to get out of a possession that was a nuisance to her. We were to be paid \$450,000 to surrender a source of profit.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Queen Hotel: E M Willand, St. John; Thos Haram, Quebec; A F McArthur, Conway; D E Clarke, Orwell; Mrs. Jas Cuddy, Murray River; Geo Forbes, Vernon River; C A McNutt, Kensington, P. Sinclair, Summerfield.

Hotel Davies: J O Campbell, D E Brown, St. John; J L Crowe, Thomas Douglas, Halifax; G Robinson, Toronto; E G Higginson, Montreal; Jas E McDonald; Cardigan.

Young Jesse James' trial for train robbery has commenced at Kansas City. Mrs. Samuels, 74 years old, mother of the James boys, was a witness on the prisoner's behalf. The woman had one arm shot off by detectives years ago in defending her sons.

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The Collett's property at Westmoreland Lot 29, Crapaud River, consisting of carding mill, a grist mill, and a shingling mill in the upper run. In the lower run a big saw mill, furnished with a rotary planer, jig-saw, and turning lathe. Also, the cider factory.

Besides the above, 100 acres of land, about forty-five or fifty acres of which consists of the best wood to be found on P. E. Island.

There are three dwelling houses on the property, as well as good outbuildings, all in first class condition.

Part only of the purchase money required to be paid down; the balance can be secured on the property at the low interest of four per cent.

ANTHONY COLLETT,
Westmoreland.

NOTICE

Notice to Cheese and Butter makers. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until Wednesday, the 15th March next, from persons willing to manufacture all the milk delivered at the New Dominion Factory into butter and cheese.

Contract to begin on Monday the 1st day of May next, ending 31st Oct.
Tenders to state salary per month, finding help, company furnishing supplies, also price per 100 lb cheese, finding help, company supplies.

Tenders to be marked "Tender for cheese and butter making."
Company not necessarily required to accept any tender.

GEORGE WILSON, Secy
New Dominion Feb. 20th 1899—w3l

NOTICE!

A meeting of the Directors, Patrons, and all interested in the Cornwall Cheese Factory, will be held in the Hall, at Cornwall, on Monday, March 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

DONALD MURCHISON,
President

Annual Meeting

—OF THE—

**Fruit Growers' Association
OF P. E. ISLAND**

The annual meeting of the Fruit Grower's Association of P. E. Island, will be held in Kindergarten Hall, Charlottetown on Tuesday, 21st March, inst. at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering reports of officers and the transaction of other business. By order

PETER McCOURT
Secy

March 3rd 1899—td
All Island weekly papers 2i

Artificial: Teeth.



DR JOHN P MURRAY,
Queen St., near London House

**DAIRY CATTLE
FOR SALE**

I am instructed by Messrs Easton Brothers, to sell at Auction on their farm at East Rosely, two miles from Charlottetown, on Wednesday, March 15th at one o'clock p. m. sharp, 30 head of cattle pure bred Ayrshire and Jersey and Ayrshire grades, as follows:—

Fifteen newly calved cows, Jersey and Ayrshire grades. Two heifers, 2 years old; Ayrshire grade. \$20 heifers, 1 year old Ayrshire and Jersey grades. Five young heifer calves Ayrshire grade. One bull 1 year old; pure bred Ayrshire from an imported cow. One bull, 1 year old; pure bred Ayrshire.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash; over \$10 ten months credit on approved paper.

F. H. HORNE
Auctioneer

Telephone Company,

The Annual Meeting of "The Telephone Company of Prince Edward Island," for the election of directors and for such other proceedings and business as it is competent for the shareholders to deal with and determine, will be held on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1899, at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., at the office of the Company, Queen St.

H. J. CUNDALL,
President
Ch'town, Feb. 25, 99—sat, tu, fr, wed

**Notice to Cheese and
Butter Makers.**

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until Friday, the 10th day of March, next, from persons willing to manufacture all milk delivered at the Hillsborough factory into cheese or butter, according to agreement which can be seen at John M. Jenkins, Mr. Herbert, or Fennel & Chandler's, Charlottetown.

Factory to open on Monday the first of May next. Tender to state salary for one year, finding help; company finding supplies, also to state price per 100 lbs cheese for cheese season finding all help, company finding supplies, with wages per month, finding help, during butter season.

Envelopes to be marked "Tenders for Cheese making." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Good references required.

S. M. JENKINS, SECRETARY
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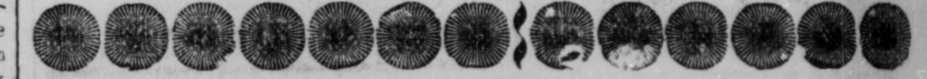


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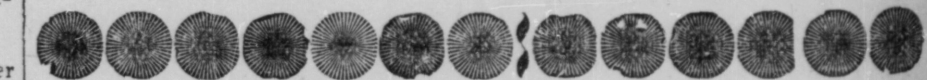
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