

FALL FAIRS.

Agricultural Societies Now Exchanging Views.

Proposal to Insure Against Bad Weather at Fairs.

A Toronto, Ontario, despatch says: The largest number of delegates ever in attendance at a meeting of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions was present at the opening of the tenth annual meeting of the association in the City Council chamber yesterday afternoon.

The afternoon session was adjourned early, and the association waited on Ministers of the Government with a request for an increase of \$30,000 in the present grant, \$70,000 per year.

President Gould, in his annual address, emphasized the importance of the farmers and the fall fairs. "More than ever before," said he, "are the residents of our towns and cities discovering how closely their interests are allied with those of the farmers. The fair is the most opportune time and place to view the best product of the soil, the farm, but all the other lines of industry and trade." He regarded the swine industry as a credit to the farmers. Sheep had declined in numbers, but poultry raising was going forward. Regret was expressed that the cheese output had fallen off considerably. Butter, however, was of good quantity and quality and high in price. The need of a substantial increase in the Government grant was referred to.

Dr. J. U. Simmons, Frankford, first vice-president, led a discussion on the president's address, which was adopted with marked evidence of approval. Dr. Simmons deprecated the so-called amusement features of fall fairs, and suggested that it would be better to do away with them and devote the money they cost to increasing the prizes.

Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto, superintendent of fairs, presented an interesting report. He made a proposal that the Province be divided into twelve districts in connection with the 250 societies in the association, and a director on the association be appointed from each district. Superintendent Wilson proposed a scheme to insure agricultural societies against loss by reason of wet weather during fall fairs. His scheme included the provision of a fund of \$12,000 to be taken from the amount available from the Government grant of \$70,000. The \$12,000 would cover 75 per cent of the average losses in the gate receipts in the worst seasons. A discussion on Superintendent Wilson's proposal will take place this morning.

The standing field crop competition was reported as meeting with increasing favor.

Hon. Mr. Duff advised the association to try to bring about a greater consolidation of the fairs in Ontario. He said there was a waste of energy in the multiplicity of small fairs.

Toronto despatch: Mrs. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, made an earnest appeal before the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions on the closing day of the convention in this city for such improved conditions of agriculture as would tend to prevent the serious movement of the rural population to cities and towns. He attributed the high prices of food products, about which there is so much complaint, to the reduction in the number of producers of food in the rural districts. He stated that the rural population of Ontario had decreased from 1,108,874 in 1890, to 1,047,016 in 1908, whereas in the

ten years in question the population of cities and towns had increased from 301,874 to 1,197,274.

The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, H. J. Gould, Cambridge; First Vice-President, Dr. J. U. Simmons, Frankford; Second Vice-President, John Farrell, Forest; Secretary and Editor, J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto; and Treasurer, Alex. McFarlane, Otterville.

The association decided to divide the Province into twelve districts, each district to elect its own director. Following are the districts and the directors chosen therefrom:

District No. 1—Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Dundas, Carleton and Grenville—W. R. Farlinger, Morrisburg.

No. 2—Lennox, Lanark, Renfrew and Frontenac—R. J. Bushell, Kingston.

No. 3—Lennox, Addington, Prince Edward, Hastings and Northumberland—C. W. Neville, Newburgh.

No. 4—Peterborough, Durham, Victoria and Ontario—Dr. A. Galloway, Woodville.

No. 5—York, Simcoe, Peel, Dufferin and Halton—J. D. Orr, Meadowville.

No. 6—Haldimand, Wentworth, Lincoln and Welland—W. A. Fry, Dunnville.

No. 7—Wellington, Brant, Norfolk, Waterloo and Oxford—J. T. Murphy, Simcoe.

No. 8—Perth, Middlesex, Elgin and Huron—John Brodie, Mount Brydges.

No. 9—Essex, Lambton and Kent—R. A. Harrington, Chatham.

No. 10—Grey and Bruce—Wm. Searl, Durham.

No. 11—Haliburton, Muskoka and Parry Sound—Mr. W. H. Johnston, Sundridge.

No. 12—Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma, Manitoulin, Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora—Rev. T. J. Crowley, Warren.

HOLSTEIN CATTLE.

Society Reports a Very Successful Year's Work.

Toronto despatch: The executive committee of the Holstein-Friesian Association met in the Iroquois Hotel yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. B. Mallory in the chair. The financial statement presented to-day will show the cash on hand and the assets to be over \$10,000, and additional cash received this year \$3,400. The grants to fairs and milk tests amounted to over \$2,000.

At the annual banquet of the association last night, high testimony was given from many quarters as to the great estimation in which the Holstein cow was held not only for the quantity, but for the proved quality of its milk, shown through innumerable tests. The president, Mr. B. Mallory, was in the chair, and addresses were delivered by Ald. Chisholm, Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Mr. G. A. Putnam, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes; Mr. George S. Henry, reeve of the Township of York; Mr. R. S. Stevenson, Lancaster; Dr. English, superintendent of Hamilton Asylum for the Insane.

FINLAY ELECTED.

Unionists Carried Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities.

London, Feb. 14.—The election in Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities has resulted in the return of Sir Robert Finlay (Unionist), who received 15,205 votes to the 2,693 polled for Mr. Simpson, his Liberal opponent. The vote was held by a Unionist in the last Parliament.

THE SOUTH POLE.

Commander Scott Will Take White Men to Pole.

Defends Peary in Sending Back Captain Bartlett.

London, Feb. 14.—Captain Robert E. Scott, commander of the British Antarctic expedition of 1900-04, and of a new Antarctic expedition soon to set out, in a lecture at York, defended Commander Peary's action in sending Capt. Bartlett back. He said that some injustice had been done Peary in this respect, and while it would have been better if he had organized the party so that he could have had another white man accompany him to the Pole, under the circumstances, he had no choice, because he was bound to send Bartlett back as leader of the Eskimos.

Capt. Scott expressed the hope that his expedition would arrive at the South Pole before the Americans reached that desirable objective point, and announced his intention to have four whites in each party, and take the whitest men to make the last journey so the world would have the evidence of three white men to support that of the leader.

FRITCH ON TRIAL.

A Former Drumbo Man is Charged With Murder.

Detroit Feb. 14.—The State prosecution seems to be making a strong case against Dr. George A. Fritch, formerly of Drumbo, Ont., now on trial here charged with the murder of Mabel Millman, the young Ann Arbor girl, whose dismembered body was found in two sacks at the bottom of a creek last October.

At to-day's session Dr. Fritch's counsel succeeded in establishing the fact that Miss Millman and her friend, Miss Henning, went to the office of another physician after they had visited Dr. Fritch, but beyond this fact the testimony continued strongly against defendant.

Leech, the chauffeur, who confessed that he drove Dr. Fritch with some sacks, supposed to contain the victim's body, to the outskirts of the city, where the bags were dumped into the creek, is a star witness, yet to be heard, and upon his testimony the prosecution will rest its case.

To contravert this the attorneys of the physician are believed to have a strong alibi, and will bring several witnesses to prove that Dr. Fritch was engaged in a case all night on the date of Miss Millman's murder.

SENT TO TORONTO.

George E. Hayden Arrested at Evansville, Ind.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 14.—George E. Hayden, an alien, was arrested in this city last night on the charge of entering the United States while under a commitment for a crime alleged to have been committed in Canada. He was taken over to Immigration Inspector D. A. Plumbley, and left the city to-night. He will be taken at once to Toronto. Hayden refused to discuss his past, and said he had come to this country for the purpose of becoming a citizen of the United States. Inspector Plumbley did not tell the local officials what Hayden was wanted for. Toronto, Ont., Inspector Plumbley also took Miss Ellen McKaskell, of Vancouver, B. C., in charge. She is said to have come into this country without passing the necessary examination.

KILLS MAD DOG.

Employee at Pere Marquette Shops Smashes Animal's Head.

St. Thomas despatch: The employees at the Pere Marquette Railway shops were thrown into a state of excitement yesterday when a dog foaming at the mouth and acting strangely endeavored to force its way into the shops.

PEARY TALKS.

Pleased at Honor From Senate—His Future Work.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Commander Robert E. Peary returned to Washington last night, expressing gratification that the Senate had passed a bill which will promote him to the rank of Rear-Admiral with immediate retirement, and that the National Geographic Society accepted the offer of the Peary Arctic Club to conduct a joint expedition to the South Pole.

"I feel it is a great distinction to be honored by the Senate," said Commander Peary. "If I am retired finally I will devote the rest of my life to studying Arctic and Antarctic problems and helping the American people to achieve further successes along these lines."

News in Brief

Sir Gilbert Parker has presented fifteen copies of his works to the Belleville high school library.

As Galt has abandoned the annual horse show, Brantford will make an attempt to secure it as an annual fixture.

The date of the opening of the next session of the Quebec Provincial Legislature has been fixed for March 15 next.

Artificial feeding of cattle to increase their weight has been effectively checked at the western cattle market, Toronto.

Falling into the forebay of No. 1 plant of the Niagara Falls Power Company, Edward Kehoe, aged 50, was instantly killed yesterday morning.

Bennet C. Silver, who was accused of Black Hand practices at New York, pulled out his moustache, one hair at a time, in an attempt to make it impossible for a witness to identify him.

James Coutts, a drover, of Milverton, was arrested at Toronto, charged with bringing into the western cattle market for sale a cow unfit for human consumption. According to the inspector the animal is badly diseased.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Carman are examining candidates who are offering themselves for work in the foreign field.

Bourassa's paper, Le Devoir, gives currency to a report that Sir Louis Gouin will shortly retire as Premier of Quebec, and be succeeded by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General of the Dominion.

Miss Annie Crockett, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, came to St. John, N. B., to meet N. Nahane, a Japanese from Moose Jaw, and they will be married to-day. The wedding follows a romantic courtship by correspondence.

It is now said that Mackenzie & Mann, and not the C. P. R., have obtained possession of the great coal mines and coal bed areas of the Munsmuir interests on Vancouver Island. The price is that stated in the previous despatches, \$11,000,000.

The Calgary municipal street railway is already paying handsomely. To date \$475,000 has been expended upon it, and since the first two cars started on July 5 last year the gross earnings have been \$54,000. Of this sum the net profit to the city after paying interest is \$10,001.

The body of Robert Brown, the school teacher who mysteriously disappeared in Okanagan Valley, B. C., some weeks ago, has been found on the banks of that river. He was formerly an Ottawa school teacher. His wife and family are at Brockville.

As the result of a conference with Mr. E. T. Corkill, Inspector of Mines for the Province, the Cobalt Mine Managers' Association has determined to petition the Dominion Government to order an inspection of all dynamite, caps and fuse used in the Province.

Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, General Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, has gone to the West, where he will remain for several weeks attending meetings of the general committee and arousing interest in the home mission work.

A jury in the Toronto Winter Assizes, before Chief Justice Macdonnell, awarded Thomas Watson \$200 damages, and \$300 to his eleven-month-old son, against the township of York for injuries they sustained by colliding with a broken fence that projected on a thoroughfare in the township.

A Melbourne despatch says: It is expected that Lord Kitchener will recommend a system enabling Australia to mobilize a great field force for Imperial purposes in case the Empire is menaced, without undermining her autonomy or formally enlisting men for the Imperial service.

For the first time ladies will shoot in the winter contests of the Canadian Rifle League. Members of the Ladies' Canadian Rifle Club of Toronto, will compete in the senior gallery series, and members of the Quebec Ladies' Club will participate in the senior miniature rifle series.

The steamer Devonian, which arrived at Boston from Liverpool, was dismasted by a bolt of lightning off the entrance to Massachusetts Bay late on Wednesday night. The mainmast was split in halves, and a big piece struck the deck, nearly demolishing the captain's cabin. No one was injured.

From London, Eng., comes the rumor of a new Canadian bank project. It is to be entitled the Canadian Mortgage Bank. The capital is placed at \$5,000,000. The primary object of the institution will be to grant mortgages on land and houses along the lines of the continental mortgage banks.

Dr. Byron E. Walker, President of the Bank of Commerce, took his place yesterday for the first time as chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto. On motion of the chancellor, Sir William Meredith, a minute was adopted expressing cordial appreciation of the services of Dr. John Hoekier, who had been chairman of the board ever since its first appointment.

"My step-mother was my tempter to such an extent that I thought I loved her, and so I killed my father with an axe when she ordered me to do so," Peter Brown made this admission the witness stand in court at Bartlesville, Okla., yesterday. He told his story without emotion. His step-mother listened with indifference.

R. W. Pell has secured a judgment for \$3,000 against Dr. A. A. Shaw, a dentist, of Los Angeles, on the allegation that the dentist, in extracting three teeth, had let one of them slip down into his lung. For two years thereafter Pell was treated for tuberculosis, but the real cause of his shattered health was revealed when a paroxysm of coughing ejected the tooth.

W. E. Vincent, managing editor of the Vancouver branch of the Independent Cable Association of Australia, Limited, arrived on the Makura to-day from the Antipodes, and proceeded to Vancouver. In an interview, he said the organization had been formed with the object of cultivating Imperial sentiment through

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Chauffeur Crushed to Death Sitting in His Machine.

Wedge in Between Ceiling and Elevator Platform.

New York, Feb. 14.—Walter Madden, a taxi cab chauffeur, was crushed to death to-day in one of the most singular elevator accidents on record here. Madden ran his car on to the big lift that raises automobiles from the ground to the upper floors of the garage on West 62nd street, where he keeps his machine. As the elevator began to move upward something went wrong with Madden's brakes, and the taxi cab partially off the lift, and was wedged between the first floor ceiling and the elevator platform.

Before the operator on the ground floor could shut off the power the chauffeur, as he sat in his seat in the machine, was caught and crushed. When firemen who had been summoned succeeded in chopping away the debris he was dead.

The elevator operator was locked up on the technical charge of homicide.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Will be Demanded by British Labor Party.

London, Feb. 14.—Keir Hardie, President of the Independent Labor party, in his address at Newport yesterday, pointed out some demands unwelcome to the Liberals, which his followers intended to press, and the list of those was lengthened at to-day's meeting of the Labor party when a resolution was adopted demanding the introduction of a reform bill embracing adult suffrage, including the enfranchisement of women.

The demands of the Laborites have no terrors for the more radical members of the Cabinet like Winston Spencer Churchill and David Lloyd-George, but meet with little sympathy on the part of the older statesmen in the Government.

That there is considerable dissension in the Cabinet is beyond doubt, and apparently Lloyd-George and Churchill were not invited to last night's dinner-party at the home of War Secretary Haldane. The gathering was confined to the more conservative members who desire to pass the budget, and so place the finances of the country upon a sound basis before tackling the question of the Lords and their prerogatives.

The Cabinet held a two-hours' conference this afternoon, and will meet again to-morrow to complete the redistribution of portfolios and to perfect the Government's programme.

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