

A SECOND PORK PACKING HOUSE.

Some enterprising farmers at the west are agitating for the erection of a second pork-packing house in this Province. This might be a good idea if it were proposed by men of capital who have been engaged in the pork packing business. If there be any gentlemen in Summerside who have the pluck to follow Mr. Rattenbury's example, give the money that a packing house will cost, and the money to carry on such a business, and the ability and time and personal care which such a business involves, we wish them success. We like to encourage enterprise,—though we cannot help thinking that it would be prudent, in this case, to wait until our supply of pigs is too great to be disposed of in one packing house, and until it is seen whether or not Mr. Rattenbury can make any money out of it. A good many gentlemen in this Province, and elsewhere, have bitterly regretted entering into competition with experienced and capable men in a field of operations which was already covered. Regret might, possibly, follow competition in the big business of pork-packing in little Prince Edward Island. As for the prices of pigs,—they are regulated by the prices of pork in England and Chicago; and so long as our farmers obtain as much as those of Ontario are paid—as they did last fall—they have no good cause to complain. It must be admitted, too, that Mr. Rattenbury acted honorably in carrying out his contracts and paying five cents per pound, live weight, after the price in Ontario had fallen to four and a half cents. The idea of our farmers entering into a combine to carry on the pork packing business, under existing circumstances, seems to be too ridiculous for serious consideration. Farmers always stand to lose when they go into a business of which they know nothing. They would stand to be fleeced right and left if they combined to carry on a business of such proportions and extent as that of pork-packing. A pretty penny would, in the first place, have to be taken out of their Savings Banks as capital to be invested; then there would be buildings, plant and machinery to provide, together with skilled superintendence. There are also markets to be exploited in Canada and throughout the mother country, and the keenest men in business to compete against. Considerable practical ability and experience and a strong personal interest on the part of the manager of such a concern would be needed to ensure against heavy losses in the conduct of a pork packing establishment. Of course, the profits might be large,—and the manager might make away with them. What, after all, would the profits of a pork packing establishment amount to when divided among several thousands of farmers? A profit of say a quarter of a cent, or even an eighth of a cent per lb. on a fall's product of say 100,000 hogs, would be a big thing for Mr. Rattenbury; but divided by a thousand or two thousand, the amount obtained by each farmer would hardly be worth the risk of his money. It will readily be seen that one man who understands the business and manages it himself for his own benefit and profit has greatly the advantage of a large number of farmers—however intelligent and however successful when working within their legitimate lines—who know nothing about the distinctive business of pork packing and who would be entirely at the mercy of a hired skilled manager, necessarily a stranger, and perhaps a dishonest man. It is hoped that the Local Government will help the farmers in the establishment of the proposed enterprise. They might,—though the fact that the Local Government are already over head and ears in debt renders their help unlikely. They might, if they could, assist in the establishment of the pork packing business in this Province,—if it were not already established! Being established by Mr. Rattenbury, who with highly commendable enterprise has invested and risked a great deal of money in the venture, it would be outrageous for the Government to step in and attempt to deprive him of his legitimate profits. The example of the Dominion Government in respect to the dairy industry cannot be quoted in this regard, because the conditions surrounding the two enterprises are wholly different. If it were shown that Mr. Rattenbury had attempted to make an illegitimate profit, had taken advantage of the farmers to compel them to accept prices lower than those prevailing in the outside markets,—there might be some excuse for the interference of the Government of the Province with the business of a private citizen. But the fact is that while pigs are selling in Ontario at four and a half

cents, live weight, Mr. Rattenbury was paying five cents, live weight, here, and while pork was selling by the carcass in Charlottetown at 4½ cents per lb., Mr. Rattenbury was buying live pigs, bristles and all, at the same price. It cannot, therefore, be said that he has so far tried to make an illegitimate profit out of the farmers; and consequently the Government have no excuse, even if they possess the means of doing so, to interfere with the business which he has established.

We do not think it wise, as a rule, or prudent on the part of farmers, to enter into big enterprises outside the line of their own noble profession. The tillage of the soil so that it will produce the best crops, the breeding of stock to produce the most and best milk and beef and mutton and pork, etc., the manufacture of butter and cheese of the best quality,—all these things (fairly within the realm of agriculture) are sufficient to engross fully the attention of our farmers and to render them prosperous and happy. By embarking in other enterprises, especially large enterprises, they are very apt to slight their own work and to enter upon an unknown sea of troubles. After all, when a farmer obtains \$10 for a six months old pig—\$100 for a litter of ten or \$50 for a litter of eight—as many farmers did last fall—he hasn't much cause to make a fuss and call in the aid of the Government,—has he? But if our farmers at the west are bent upon going into a manufacturing business we suggest that they put up their money for the purpose of establishing a factory for agricultural machinery and carriages. There is room here for the exercise of enterprise in that direction, and the town council or the Provincial Government, or both, might properly aid them in the establishment of the business upon a safe basis.

—The weakest thing that we have seen in the Patriot for a long time is its attempt to ridicule THE EXAMINER's proposal that the civic method of book-keeping be adopted by the Provincial Government, because THE EXAMINER has found a deficit where no deficit should be. The fact that a misappropriation of funds or misstatement of figures is easily discovered under the civic system is one of its advantages and a strong reason why it should be adopted by the Provincial Government.

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Sabbath Collections.....	\$2635.80
Special for Repairs of Church.....	506.50
Special for Front and Clock.....	94.50
Ladies' Aid Society.....	460.00
Young Men's Literary Ass.....	209.35
Sabbath School.....	269.61
Mission Schemes of the Church.....	1155.36
Religious & Benevolent Purposes.....	600.00
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  2. Vocal Solo—The Pardon Came Too Late..... Paul Dresser Mr. Charles Bell.
  3. Reading..... Mr. Harrison Carvell.
  4. Vocal Solo—Gates of the West..... Adams Miss Tillie Brown.
  5. Cavatine..... Schmidt Mr. Vinnicombe
  6. Vocal Quartette— Lady Rise, Sweet Morn Awakening..... Smart The Misses Earle and Messrs Moore and Davison.
  7. Piano Solo—Grand Fantasia (On the Alps)—op. 65..... Ryder Miss McMillan.
  8. Reading..... Mr. F. W. L. Moore.
  9. Vocal Solo—Classical Ballad, "Heart of my Heart"..... Vey Miss Sarah Trainor.
  10. Song—Just Behind the Times..... Mr. Geo. Rogers.
  11. Cornet Solo— Selections from El Trovatore..... Verdi Mr. E. Earle.
  12. Violin Solo—Romance.... Wilkinson Mr. Vinnicombe.
  13. Vocal Solo—The Red Scarf... Bonheur Mr. J. B. Dawson.
  14. Reading..... Miss Lucy Lefurgey.
  15. Vocal Solo—My Mother's Kiss was Sweetest of Them all... St George Mr. G. H. Moore.
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All tenders must be accompanied with good and sufficient security, for the faithful performance of the work. Tenders to be marked "Tender for Church."

The Committee does not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN R. HOOPER, Chairman. A. W. HOLROYD, Sec'y of Committee. North Milton, Jan 5 1898. 2wks

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Dairying Company, will be held in Mount Herbert Hall, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 1 o'clock, p. m. EWEN MACEachern, Pres. ALBERT MUTCH, Sec-Treas.

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