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The Farmer Invited to Lift on His Boot-Straps.

(From the Montreal Star.)

self out of his difficulties by his bootstraps that are recommended to the Can- one else will rally to his support. And adian farmer, discovers a store of natural ingenuity among our political phil- his own interests. The tariff reform osophers that might easily be turned to | measure is still in a plastic state. The a better use. The latest is credited by party has been committed to nothing the Mail to Mr. W. B. Northrup, M. P. | definite as yet. Now members from rufor the agricultural riding of East Hast- | ral counties can do with the Government ings, who is said to have assured the much as they please. Now, then, is the farmers that if they would only insure | time for the farmers in these counties their lives the mortgages on their farms to go to their members and let them could be wiped off in a generation. know, in plain terms that, the life of the There can be no doubt as to the effectiveness of Mr. Northrup's plan. If a the tariff from all duties that cripple the farm is carrying a \$5,000 mortgage, and the farmer insures his life for \$5,000and keeps up the premiums until he dies -his heir can certainly pay that mortgare. This may seem at first blush to be a little rough on the present farmer; but then he can insure on the endowment plan and collect all the money he has saved, plus something in the way of interest, at the end of, say, twenty years. But, says the boy in the primary form, he could do this last if he put his money in the bank. He might die, Mr. Northrup could suggest; but the boy would remember lots of farmers who are not dead and who are still mortgaged; and would ask why they did not do either the one or the other with their money. And if the boy's father was a farmer. he would look up from his wheat quotations and ask in a jarring voice: "What money?"

Herein lies the weak point in this and many another scheme for the salvation of the mortgaged farmer. If Mr. Northrup will show his rural constituents how to get the money to pay their insurance premiums, over and above their living expenses and the interest on their mortgage, he will truly have contributed most valuable help to the solution of the difficulty. The need of the farmer is the number of deaths 594. not advice as to the best method of saving his surplus. "Paying for the place," "paying off the mortgage," are as powerful incentives to save as he could have. What he requires is to be shown how

he can make a surplus. To bring him this basic cure is the errand of the tariff reform. His implements, his clothing, his furniture, his to contain valuable fertilizing qualities, household utensils, his buggies and sleighs are now taxed-in some cases freely. very clearly more than is necessary either for revenue or protective purposes. A reduction of this tax ought to put money in his pocket-ought, if it be thorough enough, to give him the very surplus that Mr. Northrup would show !

him how to save. Mr. Northrup, representing a farming constituency, is undoubtedly auxious to really assist the farmer, if he can; and, being a Conservative member of Parliament, he has now a capital chance to do so by exerting his influence to the full with the Government in favor of tariff reform. It would also appear to be in Mr.

Northrup's interests to convince the Government that their coming tariff reform must be of a kind to suit the farmers' needs. His constituency is almost wholly agricultural. Nor is it one of those places where the nomination of either party means election. His own immediate successor was the late Mr. S. B. Burdett, a Liberal, who carried the riding in '87 and '91. It is just such a commuity as the Liberal managers expect to win over from the Government at the coming elections by pitting their promises of drastic tariff 1eduction against the performances of the Conservatives next session. And their chances of success depend entirely upon the failure of the Government to relieve the farming community of tariff taxes that are felt to be burdensome. Let us suppose, for example, that the Government leaves the specific duties on various articles of clothing alone. It would then become exceedingly hard for Mr. Northrup to convince the wide-awake among his constituents that the country is to be helped by taxing a farmer on his coarse purchases much more heavily than the rich man is taxed for his softer goods. Let the Government leave the coal oil impost as it is; and Mr. Northrup will have to explain how it benefits his constituents to pay 25, 28 and 30 cents a gallon for good American oil which their friends across the lake can get for 12 cents. With aggressive Libthetics used with great success for painless | erals "stumping" his constituency and promising marvellous reductions in taxation, he will find these tasks none too easy; and hence his personal interest in getting a good tariff reform measure through next winter.

In the last analysis, however, the radiating center of self interest in this tariff reform matter rests with the farmer. He is the man who will suffer first and most, the political class suffering only The various methods of lifting him- as he resolutely applies the punishment.

Let the farmer desert himself and no now is the time for him to look after Government depends upon its freeing consuming classes. Ours, it must never be forgotten, is a National policy.

Chemical Dehorner.

Dr. Salmon, the head of the United States government bureau of animal industry, gives this as the "chemical dehorner" used in his experiments: A mixture is prepared by taking 50 parts of caustic soda, 25 parts of kerosene oil and 25 parts of water. An emulsion is made of the kerosene oil and soda by heating and vigorously stirring, and this is then dissolved in water. The mixture is then placed in a bottle with a solid rubber cork. This cork is to rub the mixture in when a few drops are applied to the end of the coming horn of the calf, which should not be more than three weeks old. It is strong. stuff and should be carefully confined to these points.

The marquis of Londonderry has the smallest pony in the world. It weighs only 16 pounds, and at its birth was but 19% inches high.

An official report on the cholera in Roumania shows that the total number of cases since July 22nd is 1,015, and

They are telling of a Kansas visitor to the Columbian Fair, who went in to see an exhibit marked "exit" over the gates, and it cost him another fifty cents to see the rest of the show.

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