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LINDSAY'S NEW PAPER.

The management of The Weekly Free Press, Lindsay's new daily and weekly paper, take pleasure in presenting to the people of the County of Victoria this, the first issue of their weekly edition in its regular form. As will be seen at a glance, the new paper is of large yet convenient size, beautifully printed with clear type, and filled to overflowing with news of the right sort, well written. Good as the first number shows itself to be, the motto of the management will be "Better still." Mr. McNaulty, the editor of the paper, is well known to the citizens of the county at large as an able newspaper man, having been connected with The Post for over a quarter of a century in various capacities, the last eighteen years as editor. Mr. Moore, who is business manager, is the former proprietor of The Fenelon Falls Star, which has been merged with The Weekly Free Press, thus giving the new paper a valuable circulation of 500 copies in the country surrounding Fenelon Falls and in North Victoria.

Sample copies of our weekly issue will be sent out this week and next to all heads of families in the townships surrounding Lindsay, in order that all may be able to note its many excellent features. The Free Press is \$1.00 per year, but is being sent to new subscribers for the balance of the year for 50c., and new subscribers are coming in rapidly.

THE FREE PRESS MONTREAL TO DETROIT TRIP.

Already deep interest is being shown in town in the splendid holiday trip planned by The Free Press for five popular Victoria County ladies, in accordance with conditions which are fully explained in another column. Whilst we do not desire to excite false hopes, it is only fair to state at the outset of the campaign that in the event of a particularly close and spirited competition and a high total of votes polled by two leaders in all of the districts, it is probable the rule confining the pleasures of the two weeks' trip to one contestant in each district may be amended to include two, or a total of ten, or at any event liberal consolation prizes. If the contest assumes such proportions as to justify this large additional expense, the ladies of Victoria County will have good reason to be grateful to The Free Press for placing before them an opportunity such as they never had before. In this, as in other ways, the management of The Free Press are determined to be leaders. The tail-end position is not for them.

SOCIALISM GAINING GROUND.

Though assurance was given that a Socialist candidate would stand for election in this riding, many doubted if the movers in this new party could or would do anything effective in face of the old organizations. That the Socialists mean business, and are evidently alive to their responsibilities, may be noted by their influence upon the Postoffice department of the government at Ottawa. It appears, one of their propagandist journals, "The Appeal to Reason," was barred from the low rate privileges of the Canadian mails, and now, owing to the united effort of the Socialists of Canada, it has been restored to equal privileges in this respect. The total number of its prepaid subscribers for the week ending May 16th, is stated to be \$16,798, showing an increase over the same week in May, 1907, of 24,143, thus evidencing the fact that the Socialist movement is becoming understood by the common people of this western hemisphere. We predict a surprisingly large vote in this riding for Mr. W. A. Goodwin, of this town, the Socialist candidate in West Victoria. In another column will be found the platform of the Socialist party, which should be carefully read and pondered by every voter.

AGRICULTURE AND THE PARTIES.

To Mr. MacKay's charge that the agricultural industry has not been liberally treated by the Whitney government, the Mail and Empire replies that Mr. MacKay in his calculations does not include the increased grants to rural schools, colonization and

other roads. The controversy is one that can hardly be settled by a recital of figures alone. The thing for which the Liberal government deserves credit is its unwearied endeavor to place agriculture upon its true footing as a science and one of the noblest of sciences. Those who heard Mrs. Humphrey Ward's lecture on "The Peasant in Literature" realized the prejudice which stood in the way of the reception of this truth. The impression she conveyed was that the master minds of literature, at least of secular literature, had until recent years neglected the tiller of the soil. In the eighteenth century there arose a new conception of the dignity of labor, and from that time to the present the countryman has had no reason to complain that he was neglected by the poet or novelist. In the early days of the Agricultural College and Model Farm, its friends had to struggle with a similar prejudice. It was a common incident for a Conservative member of the legislature to criticize the model farm upon the ground that "it did not pay," that it cost more to produce cattle, butter, and fruit there than upon an ordinary farm. As well might a critic of the University say that it costs more to produce certain chemical combinations in a building in the Queen's Park than in a factory run for private profit. It was not fully realized that the college at Guelph was a school of agricultural science, and that the experimental farm was its laboratory. The notion against which Mr. Dryden, his predecessors, and colleagues, had to contend, was that farming was a purely mechanical operation in which certain traditions were handed down from father to son, and in which a certain amount of skill might be acquired by actual practice. By means of the agricultural college and farm, of the farmers' institutes, of bulletins describing the most recent agricultural experiments and discoveries, they gradually spread the light of a truer and nobler conception, and did much to place agriculture in its rightful position. The prejudice against which they fought is now rapidly disappearing and nobody but an ignoramus now talks of the farmer as a hayseed.

The financial results of the policy inaugurated and carried on by the Liberal government can hardly be over-estimated. But the moral results are still more far-reaching. The drift from the country to the town has caused an unhealthy congestion of cities, which has given rise to the most formidable of modern social problems. The drift was largely due to the amazingly false conception of agriculture which so long prevailed. The idea which is now gaining ground is that it is not necessary to leave the farm for the city in order to obtain ample opportunity for the exercise of the highest intellectual power. He would be a very narrow and rabid partisan who would deny to Mr. Dryden, his colleagues and predecessors, and the splendid staff which they organized, the credit of bringing Ontario into line with the most advanced modern thought upon this subject.—Toronto Star.

SHOPPING OUT OF TOWN.

Rev. Wm. Philip, of the Arnprior Methodist church, in a sermon recently delivered from his own pulpit, thus spoke on the question of shopping out of town, and his remarks feyaply to Lindsay as well as to other places. "The question has often come to us. Is a man an honest man who deals almost exclusively in another town? It may be at times that a man cannot obtain what he really needs without going outside. We deal with principles and lay down no rules to which there may not be some exception, but it occurs to us that there is something too selfish to be honest in the man, say, who lives in Arnprior, breathes its salubrious air, walks its granolithics, mingles in its genial society, earns his living here, and yet deals in Ottawa or Toronto. He not only lacks in public spirit, in love for his neighbors, except he be far away, but owes to the town a debt he is unwilling to pay. A man in honor is just as much bound to deal where he lives as he is to pay the taxes. If he doesn't deal where he lives he would not pay his taxes if he could help it. When it comes to a man boasting of how he lives in Arnprior and then goes and sends elsewhere for what he buys, he has lost his shame, and his emigration from the place would be in the public interest."

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COL. HUGHES ATTACKED.

Col. Hughes read out of the party! It has been thought of, if one may judge from an article in the Hamilton Spectator, remarks the Kingston Whig. "There is only one thing that would make it desirable," says our contemporary, "that Col. Hughes should be read out of the party in connection with the Ross rifle contract, and as no one has ever insinuated that one thing in the Colonel's case, it is hardly likely that he will be asked to leave the Conservative party yet awhile, even though he may have opinions of his own and at variance with those of his colleagues on this somewhat important matter." The one reason can only be imagined. Col. Hughes is not, in any case, at all worried. He went direct from Ottawa (after his collision with Col. Worthington and some other tin soldiers on the Conservative side of the Commons), to Lindsay, and there received Mr. Whitney and led in his adoration at a local political meeting. Col. Hughes does not consider himself less of a Conservative because he will not sink his individuality and ignore the dictates of his conscience on public questions. As a soldier he does not criticize the militia department in a partisan spirit. Cannot he be a soldier and a politician without compromising his character? Is the member of parliament—leastwise the member of the Opposition—to become a mere machine, or part of a machine, without the capacity for any service but to move at the beck and call of the whip and vote as he is commanded to do?

OLD-AGE PENSIONS IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Asquith has submitted an exceptional and interesting budget to the English House of Commons. It was prepared by the Premier before his promotion, and actually reverts upon a surplus of \$15,000,000 over expenditures. The main remission is in the duty on sugar, a commodity of general consumption and exacting a heavy revenue from classes owning no property save a scanty household equipment. One of the features of the budget is a radical departure in policy, though one in compliance with a sentiment professed by all parties of England. It provides for an old age pension. Every person in the British Isles who is 70 years of age and has an income of less than ten shillings a

CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGES.

A girl wearing a Merry Widow hat is accused of picking pockets. Oh, joy. One gone.

A tumor on a Philadelphia woman's brain gave her an uncontrollable desire to see football matches. This may also account for the enthusiasm of baseball fans.

Vancouver Japanese have an artless habit of submerging live codfish in crates at the mouth of the city sewers. It is almost needless to add that the cod is on the people who buy them.

A farmer near our town recently hired a lad to help him do chores. One morning he told him to take some salt and salt a calf out in the pasture. The boy took a quart of salt with him and thoroughly rubbed it all over the

week is to be paid five shillings a week by the government. Barred from this bounty are aliens, criminals, convicted within five years, lunatics and those getting relief from established poor funds. This means at the outset the giving of pensions to half a million people who will receive about \$30,000,000 annually. The labor party thinks the age limit too high and the amount paid too small, but the fact of overshadowing importance is that the government commits itself to a policy which parliament dare not reject and against which no party dare array itself. All the changes in the law in the future will be in the direction of greater liberality.

With old-age pensions in force in England, how long will it be before old-age pensions will be an acute political issue in this country?

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