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The Meteor Flag

Once on a time when days were dark,
And Britain's sons were plunged in gloom,
A song that made the mourners hark
Went tossing upward like a plume.
It banished every gathering cloud,
Across the stormy land it flew,
And I will now repeat aloud
A few of its bold lines for you:
"The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn,
Till danger's troubled night depart
And the star of peace return!"

From lip to lip they caught the sound,
They chanted it in hut and hall;
In cadence as it swept along
It startled like a trumpet call.
The silent shores, no longer still,
Were wakened by the sound. I wis:
From mountain top, from hill to hill,
The anthem thundered on like this:
"The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn,
Till danger's troubled night depart
And the star of peace return!"

And so it was, so shall it be,
Now and forever and amen:
Let's cheer our mother o'er the sea,
And send, if need, ten thousand men.
Join in the song from far and near,
And let the splendid anthem ring;
Our foes will scarcely care to hear
The British folk stand up and sing:
"The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn,
Till danger's troubled night depart
And the star of peace return!"
—The Khan.

Narrow Escape

Mr. James Hyslop had a thrilling experience while driving home from Mr. John Whitehead's during the electrical storm Saturday night. A lightning bolt, resembling a great ball of fire, struck the road about a hundred feet ahead of his horse and burst. The animal was terrified, rose on its high legs and fell over in a heap, and did not recover for several minutes. Mr. Hyslop also felt some effect of the shock.—Walkerton Telescope.

Nothing makes some men feel more important than their ability to answer the questions of a small boy.

THE PRICE OF POTATOES

When the Minister of Agriculture for Canada made investigations which showed that we had a surplus of two million bushels in Canada, a newspaper friendly to the government said that the high prices were due to "apathy at Ottawa." What would this newspaper critic have the Government do? He does not suggest any action. He merely complains, and places the blame upon apathy at Ottawa.

Other critics have called for an embargo on potatoes shipped to the United States. The answer to that is that the embargo is a thing that two can play with. We might place an embargo on potatoes going to the United States in the same way that the United States may place an embargo on coal coming into Canada. One might very easily be the result of the other in which event the central provinces of Canada would have double cause to complain because the potatoes surplus and the coal deposits are at the eastern and western ends of Canada.

A more reasonable critic would place the difficulty in lack of transportation facilities which would carry the products of the east and west more freely to the centre. But that cannot be due to apathy at Ottawa because the same difficulty exists everywhere, particularly in the United States.

The writer of an article in the issue of March 10th of The Saturday Evening Post on "Cabbages as a Luxury," says:—

"Goods shipped from the west months ago are standing on sidewalks at way stations while trainloads of munitions are whizzing past, day after day."

On March 9th, The New York Herald commences an editorial on the food situation with this sentence:—

"There never has been a famine of foodstuffs in this country but always there has been a lack of adequate distributing agencies that frequently has resulted in what approached famine prices." That is in the United States outside the area of "apathy at Ottawa."

But a government can do anything in war time and why not then fix a maximum price on potatoes? That is the next, and only other suggestion the critic could make. But why should the government do this? It has been done in the case of paper, a commodity controlled by the few which the many need. Nothing else can take its place. But every man can grow potatoes, and the Government is calling upon the people to do so. High prices furnish a better argument and incentive than all the appeals the Government can make. In the meantime, no one is going to starve or be put out of business because the price is high. We cannot recall that anyone seriously suggested a fixed rate of a dollar a bushel when farmers were losing money by selling potatoes at forty cents.

In the meantime the inquiring and unthinking and, therefore, uninformed criticism of a friendly newspaper is gleefully going the rounds of Liberal papers glad to circulate any sort of criticism against the Government, no matter how unthinking and uninformed, and gladder still because it comes from a Conservative newspaper.

PRECAUTION WITH ELECTRICITY

The installation, maintenance and use of electrical equipment and appliances involve an element of danger not encountered in other lines, and the performance of such work requires the exercise of extreme care to avoid difficulties. Safety demands that the electrical worker be constantly alert, especially where high potentials are handled, and that he possess a knowledge of the fundamental laws of electricity.

Electrical conductors carrying current and those not carrying any are identical in appearance. This fact alone emphasizes the importance of treating all conductors as "live" until the contrary is definitely shown. Elementary technical education and industrial training would prove of great value to electrical workers. While a great majority of electrical accidents are not due to ignorance of danger, the carelessness sometimes shown could be eliminated by teaching the workmen every detail as to the source and nature of the danger. Unsafe "shortcut" methods are often employed by incompetent men, whereas there are safe and equally quick ways of performing the same work.

Most of the appliances and wiring are practically "fool-proof", but not always proof against the knife and screw-driver of the amateur electrician. The appliances usually remain perfectly safe until some unmistakable evidence shows that something has gone wrong. This may be a blown fuse, flickering lights, difficulty in turning the current on or off, sparking, or apparent total absence of current.

In all cases, unless one is certain of the cause, and knows how to remove it, a competent man should be called before serious trouble or accidents develop. In handling electrical appliances, or wires, one should not stand on or touch any metallic, wet or damp object, as this may be in contact with the ground. A particularly dangerous practice is to turn an electric light on or off with one hand, while the other is in contact with a tap or telephone or other metallic substance, or while standing in a bath, or while wet from a bath. There is very little danger when one stands on a dry, wooden floor or carpet. Most of the accidents reported happen in damp cellars, bathrooms, or near taps, pipes, etc.

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John R. Dargavel, M. P. P., was elected chairman and the members present showed a great interest in the discussion.

Smut in Grains

Its Presence Means Loss of Millions of Dollars to Canadian Farmers

One way to increase production on Canadian farms is to prevent the loss caused annually by smut in cereal grain. An average loss from smut of one per cent of the crop means a loss of millions of dollars to the farmers of Canada. Losses have frequently run from 10 to 40 per cent on individual farms.

Agricultural surveys conducted by the Commission of Conservation have shown that a very small percentage of the farmers in the five eastern provinces treat their seed grain for smut, while among farmers in the prairie provinces this practice is general. It pays the western farmer to treat his seed and it will also pay the eastern farmer.

At a farmers' meeting recently held in Western Ontario, one farmer stated that he had purchased seed wheat which had a little "bunt" or stinking

smut in it, but thought it was not worth while treating it. As a result he had a badly smutted crop, causing a decreased yield and disagreeable threshing, and he was docked 20 cents per bushel when he marketed it.

The formalin treatment for stinking smut of wheat and smut of oats is effective and easily applied. The formalin is mixed with water at the rate of one pound to 45 gallons of water, and the grain is either immersed in the solution or sprinkled with it until every kernel is thoroughly wet. The grain should then be placed in a pile and covered with sacks or blankets for several hours, or over night. It should then be dried sufficiently to run through the seeder. Care must be taken to prevent the treated grain from coming into contact with sacks, blankets or floors upon which there may be smut spores.

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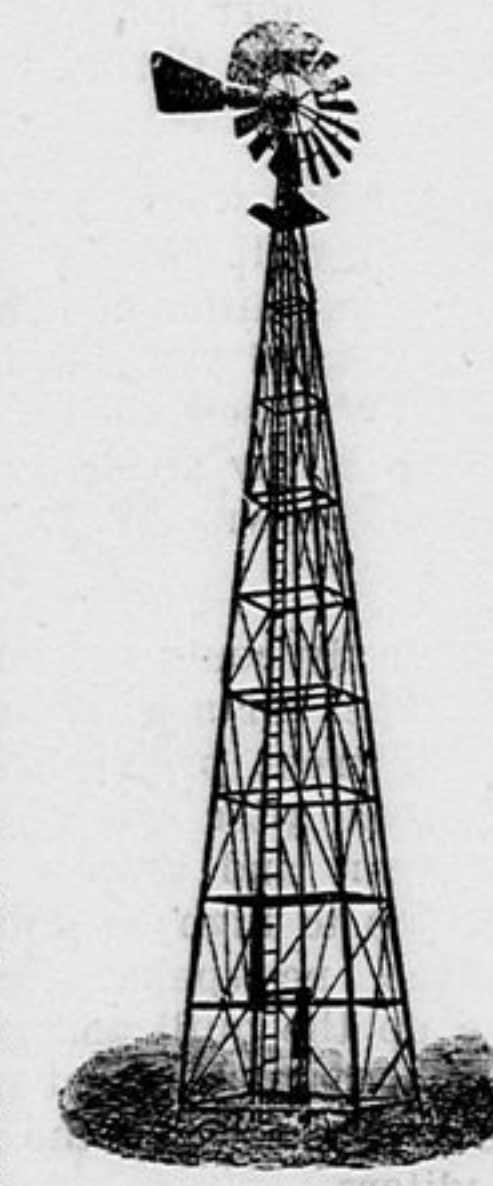
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