

## Canada's Key Problem

The Creation of a Unanimous and Vigilant Public Demand for a Comprehensive and Constructive National Colonization Policy.

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### COLONIZATION AND FARM LABOR GROUPS

A Western Board of Trade recently passed a resolution pointing out that Canada faces two major agricultural and colonization problems, which are particularly acute in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Northern Ontario, British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces, namely:

(1) The settlement of our sub-marginal lands (including bush country, the drier lands, round and inferior areas), which apparently constitute well over 50 per cent of all present unoccupied lands in Canada, east and west, much of which is located within easy distance of transportation, but has been discarded by land seekers in the past or frequently abandoned by settlers unable to adopt a standard of living in keeping with the economic results such lands are capable of yielding.

(2) The difficulty of obtaining a sufficient volume of seasonal agricultural labor for harvest, haying, root culture, fruit picking, etc., which has necessitated rushing to Western Canada a vast volume of unskilled and inferior labor each autumn, leading to a heavy unemployment relief burden upon the towns and cities of the West each winter.

### A CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL

Those who are familiar with Canada's resources and development will unhesitatingly agree with these eminently sane conclusions, which contain in a nutshell the real problems facing us all. Equally sound are the remedies proposed. The Federal government is urged:

(a) To cause an immediate examination to be made of sub-marginal districts throughout Canada with a view to segregating those that are manifestly and permanently unfit for any sort of settlement, as well as those that are at present unavailable owing to lack of transportation facilities.

(b) That a systematic plan be worked out, in co-operation with the railways and the land owners generally, to settle the remainder with assisted East-European peasantry, accustomed to a standard of living which will enable them to establish homes on small farms within such sub-marginal districts, with the expectation of working for other farmers during part of each year; such colonists to be settled only in small groups forming convenient labor centres.

(c) That, concurrent with such a policy, every effort be made to bring to Canada the greatest possible number of agricultural settlers from Great Britain, the United States and the Northern countries of Europe.

### A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

There will be general agreement that this resolution is a valuable contribution towards heading the government of Canada in the direction of a real, national development policy having for its object the colonization of our largest body of unoccupied lands and, incidentally, solving the acute labor problem of the Canadian farmer in the only manner in which it ever can be satisfactorily solved. And we might as well clearly understand that until this labor problem is solved we cannot make any worth while progress in diversifying our farming operations. In Great Britain and Europe, farm labor is resident on the land or in villages, occupying cottages and bits of gardens owned by the landlords. This system cannot be introduced in Western Canada at least and would be difficult in the East. Recognizing that agricultural labor is distinctly in a class by itself and

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should be, as it were, attached to the land, and also that the demand for such labor is highly seasonal, the obvious course is to settle it on small farms where the laborer and his family can be profitably employed when not working out.

### THE FARMER'S WIFE

The question of occasional domestic labor also enters into the matter. The overworked housewife faces periods of extra strain during the agricultural year. It is useless to look to urban centres as a source of occasional help. Domestic servants will not go into country districts away from the conveniences and amusements of the towns. And they do not have to. Competition for their services is too keen in urban communities. To obtain such labor upon our farms for short periods during the year is, therefore, practically impossible. The plan under discussion would also solve this very serious problem. The wives and daughters of this class of settlers would welcome the opportunity to earn a substantial sum during haying, harvesting, threshing and fruit-picking season.

### THE FARMER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Those who think in terms of unionized labor will shy at any attempt to make available casual farm labor at a somewhat more consistent rate of pay than now prevails during the busy seasons. The truth is that the farmer is now "held up" owing to the fact that he is obliged to obtain his help largely through government employment agencies, where certain rates are demanded through cohesive action on the part of unemployed, who gather there daily and have ample time and opportunity to agree amongst themselves to uniform minimum demands. The fact is clearly recognized that the Canadian farmer is not safe in placing himself in the hands of these public employment agencies, however anxious the managers of them may be to observe strict neutrality.

### THE UNIONIZED FARM

No one deplores the farmers' inability to pay union wages and adopt union hours more thoroughly than the farmer does himself. But to apply such an ideal program would involve butter at a dollar a pound retail and other farm produce in proportion, and no class of consumer has hitherto exhibited any alarming desire to voluntarily place his household budget on any such costly basis. The farmer, being manager, capitalist and laborer all rolled into one, is directly and instantly confronted with fundamental, economic facts. One of them is that there must be a proper relation between the cash wages paid for an hour's labor and its productive return. He cannot "pass on" any added cost to the consumer. There is absolutely no room for compromise. If he cannot hire labor at a feasible rate of pay, he must either hand over to his hired man all, or part, of what he personally produces in "the sweat of

his brow," which is largely the situation at present, or he must curtail his operations or "go broke." A colonization policy that would even partly solve this problem would instill new life into Canadian agriculture.

### RARE "BAMBOO BED" USED IN JACK LONDON PICTURE

Although it sounds like a song title or the name of a musical comedy, "The Bamboo Bed" is merely one of the unique properties used for the filming of Jack London's "Adventure," which Victor Fleming produced for Paramount and which comes to the Veterans' Star Theatre Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29.

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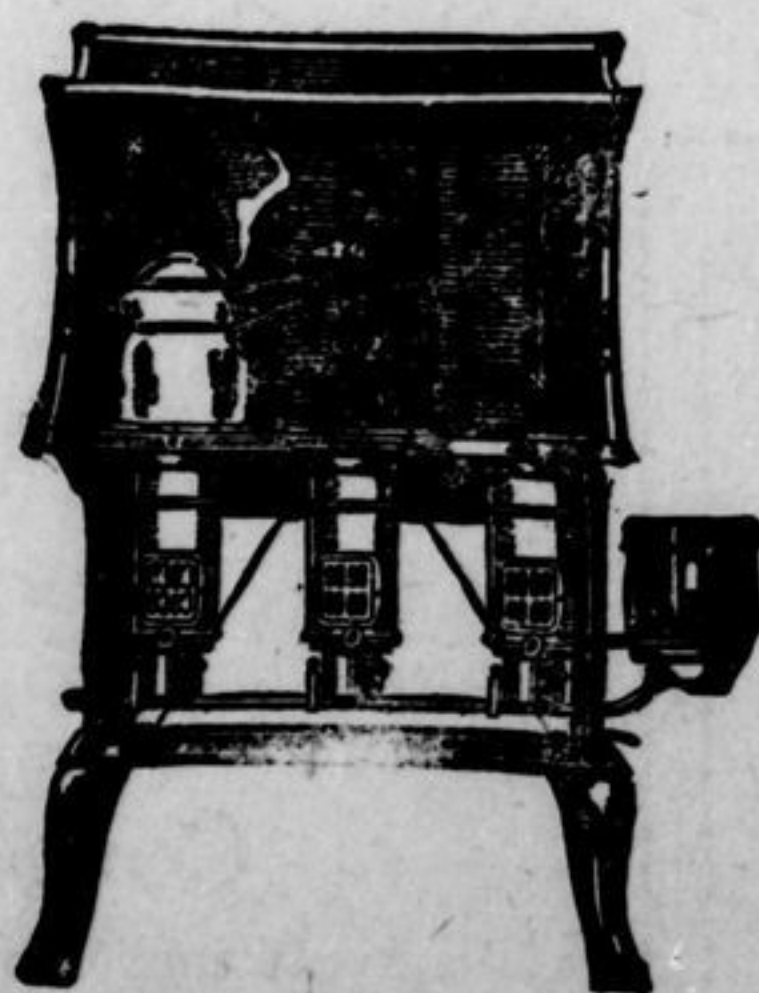
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### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE DRAWN LAST WEEK

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them along the major portion of the game.

As the admission to the games is free, it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand for each contest, though we are told it is the intention to take up a collection to help defray at least part of the expenses. Following is the schedule:

#### No. 1 District

- May 25—High School at A. Y. P. A.
- 27—Public School at Militia
- June 1—A. Y. P. A. at Clerks.
- 8—High School at Militia.
- 11—Clerks at Public School.
- 17—Militia at A. Y. P. A.
- 22—High School at Clerks.
- 25—Public School at A. Y. P. A.
- July 1—Clerks at Militia.
- 6—A. Y. P. A. at High School.
- 9—Militia at Public School.
- 15—Clerks at A. Y. P. A.
- 20—Militia at High School.
- 23—Public School at D. H. S.
- 29—A. Y. P. A. at Militia.
- Aug. 3—Clerks at High School.
- 6—A. Y. P. A. at Public School.
- 12—Militia at Clerks.
- 17—D. H. S. at Public School.
- 20—Public School at Clerks.

#### No. 2 District

- May 28—Stone Plant at Band.
- June 3—I. O. O. F. at Merchants.
- 4—Furn'ce Co. at Stone Plant.
- 10—Band at I. O. O. F.
- 15—Merchants at Furniture Co.
- 18—Stone Plant at I. O. O. F.
- 24—Furniture Co. at Band.
- 29—I. O. O. F. at Stone Plant.
- 3—Band at Merchants.
- 8—Stone Plant at Furn'ce Co.
- 13—Merchants at I. O. O. F.
- 16—Band at Stone Plant.
- 22—Furniture Co. at Merchants.
- 27—Band at Furniture Co.
- 30—Stone Plant at Merchants.
- Aug. 5—I. O. O. F. at Band.
- 10—Merchants at Stone Plant.
- 13—I. O. O. F. at Furniture Co.
- 19—Furniture Co. at I. O. O. F.
- 24—Merchants at Band.

### DEFEATED AT WALKERTON

The Durham juvenile lacrosse team was defeated by Walkerton at the 24th celebration there 4 to 0. As the game is a dead issue in Durham this year, the boys have had little or no practice, and were in no condition for the game.

### FOR THE LOVER OF GARDENS

The following list gives a good assortment of Perennials and Annuals for the garden, and just at this season of the year, our thoughts turn to gardens and the out-of-doors.

#### Perennials

Arabis, Candytuft, Centaurea Montana, Chrysanthemum, Columbine, Coreopsis, Delphinium or Larkspur, Dianthus or Pinks, Forget-me-not, Gaillardia, Hollyhock, Iris, Michaelmas Daisy, Phlox, Sweet William.

#### Annuals

Alyssum, Asters, Bachelor Buttons, Calendula, Cosmos, Marigolds, Calliopsis, Nicotiana, Poppies, Salpiglossis, Strawflowers, Zinnias, Pansies.

A perennial garden is to be desired, but the lovely annuals are

necessary as well to make a complete garden.

### OUR BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE

A boy who swims may say he's swum, but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and nails you trim. They are not trum.

When words you speak, these words are spoken, but a nose is tweaked and can't be twoken, and what you seek is seldom soken.

If we forget, then we're forgotten, but things we wet are never wot-en, and houses let cannot be lotten. The goods one sells are always sold, but fears dispelled are not dispoled, nor what you smell is ever smoled.

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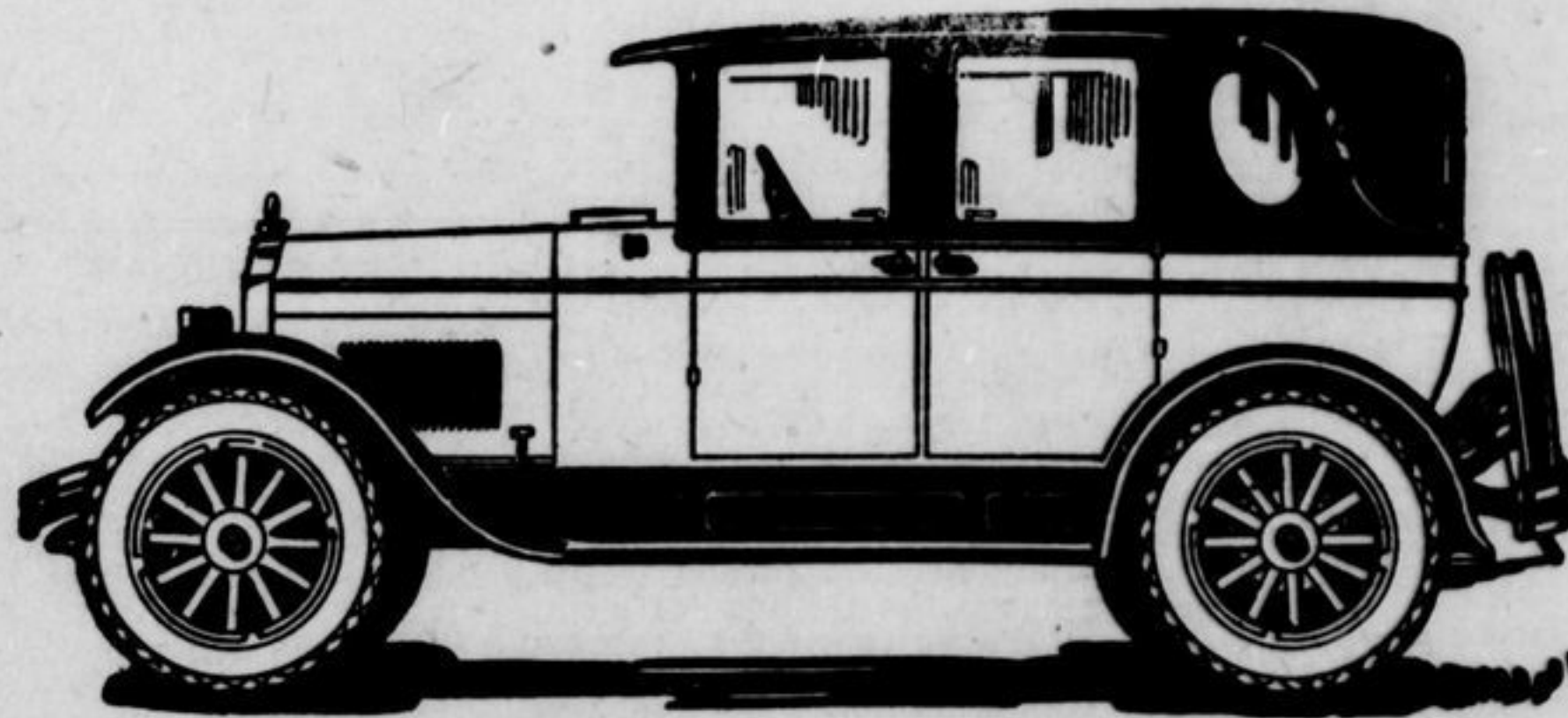
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