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## FARMERS TO THE FRONT.

Paper read by Mr. D. Allan, at the Farmers' Institute, Holstein, on February 1st., 1900.

### PART II.

I come now to the second part of my subject, viz—Some of the necessary qualifications essential to success in farming. This is the most practical part of my subject, and it is here, that the fire will be drawn upon me, I would remind you, however, that the necessary qualifications to success in farming are Legion, and therefore you cannot reasonably expect me to enumerate and comment upon them all.

(1st) The farmer must be born farmer, by that I mean, there is something inherent in the boy when he comes into the world, which under favorable circumstances gradually grows and develops and makes him a farmer. Nothing in the world can atone for the want of this quality. Fathers! don't compel your boys to enter upon any occupation for which nature has not designed them. If you do, remember their whole life will be a failure, they will be in perpetual misery, and they will keep every one in misery around them. How will this quality be early manifested in my boy?

Reply—Just as true as the compass indicates the North, in like manner, the desires of the mind, and the natural bent of your boy's inclinations will point unmistakably to the calling in life for which nature has fitted him. Napoleon when a boy at school was continually arraying his schoolmates as soldiers on the battlefield, planning fortifications and making raids upon one another and he was never very scrupulous as to the means used in order to accomplish his ends.

"The boy is just the father of the man" What was true of Napoleon is true of every boy. The half of the world to-day is not in their right place, hence the failures in life. It is what is in the boy, and what he resolves, and what he does and not outward circumstances that makes the man a success.

In the next place comes the Education necessary to success. It has been admitted in the past, although not true, and I am happy to say not acknowledged now, that a farmer does not require a good education. It is often remarked that farmers are the bone and sinew of the land and never be anything else, without education. All history illustrates a supreme law that mind, muscle and every farmer who educates and develops only his muscles, and not his mind must necessarily occupy an inferior position, socially, mentally and also financially. Don't compare your father's education (and he was successful with the requirements of the present age. You may as well compare the ox-sleigh and jumper to the railway train and the triangular harrow made out of a crooked stick or the drill. Circumstances and conditions have all changed. We live as it were in another world and if the farmer keeps not abreast with the improvements and also the intelligence of the age, he will sink down into a mere animal burden the *bone and sinew*.

I shall not place the standard too high and thereby discourage any one, a common school education to start with, a mind inspired with a thirst for knowledge, a mind ever open for conviction, not prejudiced, ever learning and testing and applying the principles that are learned. The goal is never reached until we arrive at the end of the journey. In order to carry out the principles here laid down for success, we require aid. This we have in two ways. 1st. Farmers' Institute, 2nd. Books on the varied subjects connected with farming.

Regarding the Farmers' Institutes are you profiting by the teachings? have you tested and applied any of the principles taught? have you been inspired by any of the addresses, arousing you to greater activity in search of knowledge, are you a member of the Institute, which entitles you to receive all the bulletins and reports containing the best ways and means for your advancement in Agricultural knowledge? I assume that you have been materially benefited by this aid.

A few words on the books that every farmer should have. Every farmer should have a few books treating on the business in which he is engaged. Every profession has its professional library, but in very many cases the farmer has not a blessed book. This is much to be regretted, and we are great losers thereby. I earnestly recommend that you buy one book treating on some branch of Agriculture each year. This is not an extravagant request. In 4 or 5 years you will possess a little library of which you will be proud, and if properly used, you will in that short period, be like Saul, head and shoulders above your fellow. I ask you to begin now if you have not done so already, begin with C. C. James' Book on Agriculture, 200 pages, price 25c only, a veritable mine of knowledge, written so plainly that a child can understand it, treating of the plant, soil and crops of the field, the garden and orchard, weeds, insects and diseases of plants, live stock and dairy, bees, birds, forestry and roads. And don't forget to be a yearly subscriber for some Agricultural paper.

I have got the boy educated now, or rather on the straight road. What comes next? What is the next essential to success? I reply getting a wife. This is just as important as the other two essentials. It belongs to the family inspired by divinity, and I cannot do better than group these three, since they are all of Divine origin, and just call them triplets.

For successful farming, economy of the household is not less important than of the farm, if there is no thrifty and judicious management of matters within the house, it will avail little for the success and profit of any farming enterprise to build suitable barns and sheds, select good cows and stock, and properly feed them, or cultivate the farm with judgment and industry. The farmer's wife is not less essential to successful farming than her husband.

Under the two previous heads I told you the 'how' but some are sticklers for experience of practical men, so just here I shall give you that, you shall have the experience of one who had 700 wives. Surely that was enough to enable him to discourse upon the properties and virtues of a good wife. They are these—"She is trusted by her husband, he has no fear of spoil, she does him good and not evil all her days, she seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands, she riseth while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household, she considereth a field and buyeth it, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy, she is not afraid of snow for her household, she maketh fine linen and sells it, she looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness, her husband is known in the gates when he sitteth among the elders of the land, her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her."

## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Like an oasis of eloquence in the desert of verbiage was Tues.ay's sitting in the house of Commons, for the debate upon Mr. Bourassa's amendment to the motion to go into Supply drew forth speeches of sterling merit fully up to the standard of parliamentary oratory, and unmarred by that undignified and reprehensible strain of personality and partisan bitterness which has been altogether too much in evidence this session. Mr Bourassa's criticism of the Government's policy in connection with South African affairs, that it was an unconstitutional and dangerous innovation, and his plea for an absolute recognition of the rights of Parliament, were all very well in the abstract, but as the Premier pointed out his amendment was inopportune and without reason d'être. It may be readily conceded that Mr. Bourassa made out the best possible case that could be presented in support of his contentions. But the fact that his moderate and well delivered speech though attentively listened to signally failed to carry conviction or even to secure sympathetic recognition, is the most conclusive evidence of the correctness of the Premier's criticism.

### OUR NATIONAL FLAG.

[We are indebted to Mr Malcolm McLeod, Pomona, for the following contribution of prose and poetry, which at this time of welling patriotism is quite opportune. He says in a note: "Soldiers and sailors especially should understand the flag under which they so loyally serve and which represents to them their country's honor. And to those of us who are true Christians this threefold cross appeals also for loyalty and love to Christ who died for us, whose we are, and whom we serve. We are glad that our National flag acknowledges and honors Him." The "Sweet Princess" referred to in verse 3, is we presume, Princess Alice, the Queen's second daughter, whose devotion to her dying father, the Prince Consort, touched all hearts. When she lay dying from an infectious disease, contracted from her children, whom her mother love would insist upon embracing, she made the request recorded in the verse, and she will forever be remembered as the most English of all the Queen's children. Ed.]

It is called the "Union" because it represents the flags of England, Scotland and Ireland united in one design. When Scotland was united to England at the accession of King James (James 1st of England and 6th of Scotland) the English Cross was laid over the Scottish and formed first union flag of 1606.

When Ireland was united to Great Britain in 1801 a new Union flag was adopted the red cross or saltire of Ireland being placed alongside the Scottish Cross. Although sanctioned by popular custom it is a mistake to call our national flag the union Jack. The Jack is a very small flag of the pattern flown from the Jack staff on the bowsprit of a man-of-war when flown from the mast with a white border it is the signal for a Pilot and is called the Pilot Jack.

There is a peculiarity in the design which needs explanation. The Scottish and Irish crosses are not placed side by side continuously across the whole flag. They are counterchanged so that in the first and third divisions the white of Scotland as the senior kingdom is uppermost while in the second and fourth divisions the red of Ireland has the precedence the narrow white border round St George's cross and on the outer edge of St Patrick Cross is added only to meet the requirements of heraldry that color must not touch color but be separated by a border of one of the metals in this case silver which separates the red color of the crosses from the blue color of the field on ground of the flag in most specimens of our national flag.

### OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

#### A Soldier's Song.

Our Country's flag displayed on high,  
We hail it with a cheer,  
Or greet it with a tear and sigh,  
Spread o'er a comrades bier,  
Where'er we roam it speaks of home,  
Of loyalty and duty  
Red white and blue our hearts beat true  
For Britons, home and beauty.

And not alone our Martial bands,  
Salute this Banner free,  
But colonists in distant lands,  
And sailors on the sea,  
All round the world our flag unfurled  
Where never sets the sun;  
Links Britain's name with power and fame  
And deeds of daring done.  
As dying our sweet Princess lay,  
When I am gone she said,  
Over my cold and lifeless clay  
Let Britain's flag be spread;  
With heaven all bright before her sight,  
Still were those colors dear  
Our hearts so sad felt proud and glad  
Her loyal words to bear.

We boast that where this Banner waves  
All men are safe and free  
A blessed sight to weary slaves  
It tells of liberty.  
But more divine shall proye the sign  
To those who read it plain  
By Christ indeed our lives are freed,  
From sin's most cruel chain.  
By this sign conquer, came the word,  
To royal Constantine,  
Then of redeeming love he heard,  
And owned his Lord divine,  
Brave soldiers still with heart and will  
To Christ their Lord are true,  
And for His Cross count all things loss.  
By this sign conquering too.

And oh! may Christ's dear love be known,  
His Power to help and save  
Wherever by the tree wind blown  
Our threefold Cross shall wave  
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The railway from Bloemfontein to the scene of British operations in Northern Cape Colony is open and in British hands, and a few thousand Boers only remain and they will have to surrender.

Roberts will now have an immense army: Brabant's Gaataers and Clematis' forces all joining him for a march north to Pretoria which Kruger says they will never reach.

News from Buller is scarce. A large force of Boers still watches him to the north, and the passes to the west are guarded. From the silence however, there is some effective move being planned and no one need be surprised if a junction is effected soon of the two big forces.

Pity one of them was not nearer gallant Mafeking, which is reported still in direct straits. Plumer, from the north, is said to be 14 miles away. The force from Kimberley has had fighting and a broken railway to contend with, so that the prospect is gloomy. The fertility of resources of Baden Powell alone gives confidence that the place will yet be able to hold out till relief comes.

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