Prairie Indians Make Progress

Continued Advance Noted in Farming and Stock-raising on Western Canada Reserves

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In keeping with the generally prosperous conditions which prevailed throughout Canada during 1928, Indians on reserves in the three Prairie Provinces continued their steady progress toward a condition of self-support and independence. Very satisfactory reports have been received on the advancement made by the natives in their various activities but the most striking is that made in agriculture. Notwithstanding severe losses suffered through inclement weather, the total yield of grain from Indian farms in the West was estimated at over one million bushels (the greater part of which was wheat) while conspicuous successes were also scored in cattle raising and in other farm activities.

According to recent reports of the Department of Indian Affairs the Indians in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta have under cultivation 105,000 acres of land, having increased their total during the past summer by breaking 6,000 acres of new land and summer-fallowing 33,000 acres. The major part of this large acreage is sown to grain. Gardening is being more generally practised and many of the reserves boast some fine plots of vegetables.

The cattle herds of the prairie Indians are among the best in Western Canada due to the fact that unusual care has been taken by officers of the Department in the selection of the sires, which in most cases are paid for from the Indians own money. The herds now number 22,500 head, which includes an increase this year of approximately 5,000 calves. During 1928 the Indians sold beef cattle to the value of approximately $184,000 and in addition they provided beef for their own requirements valued at $40,000.

The high standard of the Indians' herds is shown in the success of entries made at feeder and stocker shows during the summer and autumn of 1928. First prize for the best car of steers, Shorthorn breed, and second prize in the class for carload lots of three-year-old steers of any breed, were captured by entries from the reserves.

It has only been in recent years that the Indians have shown a lively interest in their cattle but successes in open competitions and the good returns from their herds have resulted in increasing the attention given to this phase of agriculture. In northern Alberta and in Saskatchewan and Manitoba the cattle are stabled or put in shed shelters and fed hay during the winter months, which means that a large quantity of hay and green feed must be cut each summer. During the past year 70,000 tons of feed was cut and stacked for use during the winter season.

Good, heavy horses are rapidly replacing the pony type among the Indians of the West. Nearly all of the farming Indians own fine work horses, of which there are about 8,000 on the different prairie reserves. There are about 15,000 of the pony type of horse. Horses to the value of over $10,000 were sold from the various reserves during the season of 1928. More interest is also being shown in the raising of poultry and pigs.

The situation among the Indians on reserves in the three Prairie Provinces is most gratifying and the efforts of the Federal officials in charge of Indian Affairs are reflected in the general advancement. Increasing interest is being shown in every phase of agriculture due in a large measure to the number of young Indians graduating from the various schools who are taking up farming.

The Paramount Power

Observer (London): Internal questions of Dominion policy are, of course, no direct concern of ours. But the native question in South Africa is not a purely domestic issue. In the last resort Africa is one, and the ideas behind policy are not held up at the Zambesi. In Equatorial Africa this country is committed to the principle of trusteeship on behalf of natives. In the Union the Government proposes an emphatic assertion of white supremacy. These are conflicting policies. Rhodes showed the way for their reconciliation.

Both the wives were on the youngish side, and both were discussing the merits and demerits of their respective husbands. 'Do you know, dear," began the first, "I think your husband has such a clever face. He looks as though he knows practically everything." The other drew in her breath with a sudden gasp as she thought of her dressmaker's bill. "Know everything!" she echoed. "My dear, thank heaven he doesn't even suspect."

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"Yep."

"And your hands?"

"Well," said Bobby, "I washed the one that would be next to her."

Money usually accomplishes more when it's tight, but it's different with a man.

Landlady: I'm sorry the chicken soup does not seem very good. I showed the new cook just how it should be made, but she doesn't seem to have caught the idea.

Boarder: I think it's the chicken she failed to catch.

A man runs into debt, but he seldom comes out of it faster than a walk.

The two uppermost thoughts now controlling the minds of women are birth and girth control.

If he begins every sentence with the first person singular pronoun, you can sell him one of those tune-playing autohorns.

Automobile Insurance

Ottawa Journal (Cons.): (The dates for third party automobile insurance have gone up 60 per cent.) When automobile owners get their new bills and discover the increased cost of probable that a very large number of them will drop this part of their policies and and retain merely those applying to loss of the automobile only. Against quite a large proportion of owners of motor cars the public has always had no redress; there are many from whom nothing could be collected by people injured by their cars. To increase that number by making the cost of insurance for legal liability more expensive, almost prohibitive in some cases, is a serious thing.

Promise and Performance

London Weekly Scotsman (Cons.): The Liberals and the Socialists may have their marvellous cure-alls in the way of promises. The Unionists have their solid achievements in the way of safeguarding and rate-easing, which are already beginning to operate, and which will solve the unemployment problem in the only way it can be solved, by a steady and increasing absorption of the unemployed into productive industry.

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Sons of Farmers to Be Instructed

Kent Education Committee to Provide Way for Lads to Work and Learn

London.—The Kent Education Committee is providing a residential form institute to give agricultural education to the sons of working farmers and other young land workers who can afford to spend only a comparatively short time away from their work, and for whom the courses at college are too expensive.

The institute, which will be opened later in the year, is situated at Borden, near Sittingbourne. It comprises a large lecture-room, two smaller lecture rooms, two laboratories, two students' common rooms, a staff-room, a carpenter's shop, a blacksmith's shop, a large dining hall, single cubicles for 40 resident students, and accommodation for the teaching and domestic staff.

Seven acres of land are available for sports and games; and there is a farm of 250 acres which will be used primarily for demonstrating, under normal farming conditions, the theory underlying the agricultural practice taught in the lecture-rooms.

In addition to the boarders, students will be admitted. The fees will be low, and a number of scholarships will be available.

The great city is that which has the greatest man or woman.—Walt Whitman.

Stockyards Manager

W. E. Watson, for some years past an official of the Departments of Colonization and Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways and one of the best known livestock men in Western Canada has been appointed manager of the Montreal Stock Yards at Point St. Charles, succeeding Mr. D. J. Tansey, who has resigned.

Mr. Watson is a native of Grey County, Ontario, but has spent many years in Western Canada where his most recent position was that of Superintendent of Farm Emplopment for the Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg.

Woman in Men's Clothes Not New

Some Remarkable Parallels to the Case of "Colonel Barker"

The case of "Colonel Barker, D.S.O.," who confessed, recently, to being a woman who had masqueraded for six years as a man, is very far from being unique. It would not be hard to fill a book with precedents. Both our Army and our Navy have produced their share of them, writes Francis Gribble in The London Referee.

There was, for instance, Mrs. Welsh, who fought and was wounded in the battle of Ramillies. Her sex was discovered in hospital. After her recovery she was given the post of regimental cook.

In the churchyard of St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, is a tombstone to the memory of Phoebe Hessell, who died a hundred years ago at the age of 108. In order not to be separated from her soldier husband she enlisted and served for nearly twenty years with the British Army in the West Indies, and on the Continent, being wounded at the battle of Fontenoy.

Then there was Mary Ann Talbot, believed to have been a daughter of Lord William Talbot, Steward of His Majesty's Household. She served as a powder monkey under Lord Howe on the glorious first of June; and she subsequently became an actress and played Juliet at Covent Garden.

Still more famous is the case of Dr. James Barry, whose name heads the list of Inspectors-General of Hospitals in the 1865 Army List. Dr. Barry died in July of that year, and it was then officially reported to the Horse Guards that the doctor was a woman.

Her professional career had extended over half a century. She had fought a duel at the Cape with Sir Josiah Cloete. It is said that she was the legitimate granddaughter of a Scottish Earl, and had adopted the medical profession because she was in love with an army surgeon.

An interesting French case is that of Mlle. Vidginie Chesquiere of Delemont, who entered the army as a "substitute' for her brother, disguising herself in his clothes, because he had no stomach for fighting. She was promoted to the rank of sergeant for saving an officer's life at Wagram, and was mentioned in the Order of the Day for distinguished services under Junot in Portugal.

Public Ownership in Australia

Harold Cox in the London Financial Times: The Australian State Railways have for years been losing money heavily. The loss now amounts to several millions a year. Again, the losses on State shipping have been so serious that the Commonwealth Government has reluctantly found itself compelled to abandon its shipping venture, and the ships have been sold off. The many smaller State enterprises on which Australia has embarked also show heavy losses. These definite results fully justify the Duckham Commission in their strong recommendation to Australia to look for prosperity to private enterprise, facing its own risks in the hope of securing profits, rather than to State interference with trade and industry.

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Doctor—"Your father seems hale and hearty at the age of 104." Mountaineer—"Yes, but pap's slippin' terrible. T'other day I heard him say he reckoned he'd better take up the game of golf."

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West Indian Federation

Kingston, Jamaica, Mail: Just at present it is doubtful if federation would be feasible; there is not yet sufficient community of interest in the various colonies. The recently concluded West Indies Conference has done a great deal to improve that situation; and conferences to be held in the future will do more. The ground is being prepared; proposals have been drafted for unified legislation relating to tariffs and shipping; these West Indies today are more inclined to speak with a common voice than they were twenty years ago. All these things will have their influence on the political and economic developments of the immediate future; but many doubt whether the present generation will see the advent of anything approaching Dominion status. There are cross-currents observable here, one of them being the tendency to regard the Eastern and Western groups of colonies as having interests that cannot easily, if at all, be harmonized.

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