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AN INFLUX OF FARMERS

Times are said to be getting better. The financial situation is certainly easier. And yet many thousands of men are unemployed and must be, so far as the trades are concerned, for a considerable time.

Surprisingly at such a season comes the announcement that the farmers of Canada, and representing all the provinces, would like this year 100,000 men who will give themselves up to the tilling of the soil.

The result will be that the larger number of workers will lead to the most desirable of all accomplishments, namely, the larger production of the fruits of the earth, and it is the one sure precursor of the lowered cost of living.

The kindest things have been said of two men who, during their political careers were implacable opponents—Sir James Whitney and Sir George Ross. Which goes to show that the criticism of our public men is generally severe and uncalled for.

NEW USE OF CHLORINE

The report of the manager of the utilities on the water mains is very comprehensive. It aims at several things—the removal of the dead ends, which are very numerous, the renewal of the services on the streets which are to be paved, and the enlargement or extension of the main feeders so that the water supply may be freely tamination.

The main feeders are the expensive items—costing about \$67,000. The question is, Will they be necessary, or will their usefulness be impaired by a removal of the pumping station? It is assumed that some day the intake pipes and the pumps must be transferred to the lake front, where the sewage will be avoided and pure water secured for an indefinite period, because it can be protected from contamination.

Meanwhile, the water supply must be obtained from the present source, and there is a constant protest against the present chlorination of it. Incidentally it has been learned that there is a new chlorinator for the sterilization of water and sewage, the invention of the Leavitt-Jackson company. Tests show that all the bacteria are eliminated by it, and the water rendered perfectly safe for drinking purposes. It is also tasteless. This is the result of the greater sterilizing power of the chlorine in the form of gas.

The city will be justified in looking into this invention and for the reason that if its operation is as successful as it has been described, an expenditure of \$3,000 in the purchase of it will be fully warranted.

WORTHY OF ADOPTION

Some time ago Mr. Wolf, of New York, addressed the members of the Board of Trade in Toronto on the Workmen's Compensation Act. He was an actuary, and the purpose of his argument was to show that the draft measure of Chief Justice Meredith was, though an admirable thing in many respects, imperfect. It was weak in one great essential in that it deprived the employer of providing for his liability except in one way, by state assurance, when it could, perhaps, be provided more conveniently

by or economically by mutual or personal insurance. More recently, and last week, Miles B. Dawson, another actuary, and recalled as the one who supplied the data on which the Insurance Commission of New York acted a few years ago, candidly criticised the Meredith bill. He approved of it, but favoured the proposal of paying the compensation of workmen out of a state fund which would be administered by a Commission. This Commission would free the business of all agency entanglements and should have the power to group occupations according as it found the risks by them in the experiences of the day.

Mr. Dawson took decided issue with the suggestion that the cost of compensation should be capitalized because that plan necessitated the collection of the present value of all moneys needed during the continuance of one's incapacity, and the community should be called on to pay only the sums required plus a reasonable allowance for fluctuations. The chief feature of Mr. Dawson's argument was against the agency system of compensation insurance as being the more expensive, as involving a diversion of at least twenty-five per cent. of the money for the purpose for which it should be applied. New York had been quoted as possessing a law of the most desirable character, and Mr. Dawson warned Ontario against it because it entailed a diversion of at least fifty per cent. of the contributions to legal and other expenses.

A plea has been offered for a delay of the Compensation Bill because it is not as complete as it should be. It is opposed by the manufacturers on the ground that it casts too big a burden on the industries. Mr. Dawson, the expert, says the bill as it stands is not only excellent, but far in advance of the exceedingly defective legislation which has already been enacted in several provinces of Canada, and of more than twenty of the states of the union. It is, therefore, a pretty good measure, and the sooner it becomes law the better.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Lancaster, M.P., says there is no mutiny in the conservative party over the C.N.R. guarantee. There is a feeling of Mr. T. S. conservative following local committee has, however, and a to dispense the patronage. The imperious ways of Mr. Lancaster are at an end.

The shop licenses are accepted, in the agitation for local option, on the ground that they are a necessity as a kind of safety valve in places where local option cannot hope to be fully enforced. It is not a very good reason, and it will not go down with the out and out temperance man.

Hon. F. D. Monk is referred to as a unique figure in public life, and he is. He is the first man—at least the first French-Canadian—who, because of principle, and rather than compromise himself, first gave up a place in the ministry and then retired into private life. And he was the ablest Nationalist of them all, Henri Bourassa excepted.

The honour was not awarded him in life, but it is due to the late Sir George Ross to say that he was the leader in the movement that opened up North Ontario, with all its riches, and built the provincial railway with all its possibilities. The initial stages in this movement were bitterly opposed and by the men taking so much credit with regard to it.

Is there any excuse for the Commissioner of Works who pleads that he cannot insist that the employees on the government house, Toronto, be paid union wages because there was no provision for it in the contract? Who is to blame for that if not the Commissioner of Public Works?

The Hotel Keepers' Association denies, through its secretary, that it has been responsible for the downfall of Mr. Ewartville by the publication of his "unfortunate" letters. The member for Prescott seems to have been a prolific letter writer, and some one disregarded his confidence and gave him away. This one was not the secretary of the Hotel Keepers' Association.

The New York legislature undertook to pass a workman's compensation law after the subject had been under consideration in Ontario. It looked well at the outset, but it has suffered at the hands of the legislators. First they provided for options in force at the hands of the legislators. Now they provide for a political commission to enforce the act, and we all know what that means.

RETIRED FOR CLEMENCY

Man Who Passed Bogus Bills Sent to Penitentiary. Barrie, March 10.—James O'Neill, whose arrest for passing counterfeit bills led to the round-up of the counterfeiters at Lindsay, was sentenced to two and one half years. The others were last week, at Lindsay, given five years each. O'Neill, who has but one arm, has a wife and five children, and a largely signed petition asked the magistrate to allow suspended sentence.

PUBLIC OPINION

It Surely Is. Toronto Globe. The sleeping trust is killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Queer Contention (Ottawa Journal). A magistrate at Windsor, Ont., rules that a quart bottle of whiskey does not hold a quart. Then it is not a "quart bottle."

Humor of the Court. Ottawa Journal. A Hamilton man didn't have the money to pay for a meal he ate in a restaurant and was ordered to pay a fine of \$30. This appears to be an example of judicial wit and humor.

Plot in Prophecy. Montreal Star. For the thousandth time it is predicted that the Asquith government is about to appeal to the people. For a government that has been "killed" so often it is still extraordinarily vital.

Bacteria Triumphant. Ottawa Free Press. In Westmount the number of cases of typhoid increased after the installation of a filtration plant. In Fort William, after a lake supply of water had been secured, the typhoid cases were reduced from 700 to one.

Very Expressive. Hamilton Times. In the last year of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government the militia department spent \$6,886,657. The Borden government this year will spend in the same department over \$14,000,000. Col. Hughes is an expensive ornament.

Watch Them. Grain Growers' Guide. Mackenzie and Mann have been denying that they are after more money from the federal treasury. This seems conclusive proof that they will get away with the \$25,000,000. Let us watch the two parties closely and see if they are both parties to the deal, as they were last year.

A Man of Honour. Ottawa Free Press. F. D. Monk has resigned. Even those who differ from him in politics or on other matters must at least honor his consistency. That is more than we can say of some other members of the present parliament. Mr. Monk will take with him in his retirement the respect and best wishes of both friend and opponents alike.

25 YEARS AGO. J. Macgillivray has a canary which will sing for three minutes without stopping. The ice bridge is getting very weak. It is estimated that two hundred houses will be erected in the western part of the city this summer. The Frontenac cheese board invited Prof. J. W. Robertson, of the agricultural college, Guelph, to give them an address.

Birthdays Note. To-day, the Hon. Clifford Sifton, one of Canada's most noted public men and chairman of the Royal Canadian Conservation Commission, celebrates his fifty-third birthday. To him, perhaps more than to any other man, the country owes most of the development of the West, for he it was who inaugurated the policy of widespread advertising which resulted in the turning of immigration towards the western provinces. His career as a politician began when he was only twenty-seven years of age. At thirty he had become attorney-general of Manitoba and at thirty-five he was called on to join the new Liberal Government at Ottawa as Minister of the Interior. He broke with his colleagues over the autonomy bills and came out in active opposition to his party on the trade question.

CANDIDATES FOR JUDGESHIP'S. Appointments to Ontario Bench At Early Date. Ottawa, March 10.—Though no official announcement has yet been made of the appointments to the vacant Ontario judgeship, it is understood that these will go through at any time now. The names that are being connected in the respective judgeships are as follows: York, Emerson Coatsworth, of Toronto; Halton, J. W. Elliott, of Milton; Parry Sound, F. R. Powell, of Parry Sound; Lanark, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Scott, of Walkerton; Waterloo, C. R. Hamling, of Preston; Norfolk, Mr. Bales. There is also a vacancy in Renfrew county.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Milk Vendors Have to Buy to Supply Customers. Kingston, March 9.—(To the Editor): I am an old milkman and dairy man and I noticed last week my old friend Mr. Gordon busy taking samples of milk and I am surprised at him doing so. It only shows how little one man knows another man's business. If he had any knowledge of the milk business he would know that the samples he is taking are of no use to show the standard of the milk supply of Kingston. Being interested in my old business, I made a few inquiries among the milk men, and found that what I suspected was true. Every one has been short of milk this winter and some had had to send long distances to get enough to supply their customers. One man told me Mr. Gordon had a sample he had shipped in from Barb. Another one had just bought ten quarts from another milkman while waiting for the stage to bring him in another supply. They are anxious to see if the samples of milk out of the same can will tally the same in Mr. Gordon's report.

Now if Mr. Gordon would wait till about May when they have their regular supply, his report might be of some benefit to show the standard of the milk supply, but it is not worth the paper he writes or as any one who understands the business will tell you.

Some have to get their milk from three or four farmers. My milk man told me yesterday that my milk came from Collin's Bay, and would for two weeks longer.

Now I have been in other cities and never found better milk than is supplied in Kingston, and it is from one to three cents a quart cheaper here than in other cities. If other things were as cheap accordingly as our milk, there would not be so much talk about the high cost of living.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

DISCOVERY AT EDINBURGH. Historic Remains of Ancient Fortress and Well Unearthed. London, March 10.—W. T. Oldrieve, chief architect of the government office of works in Edinburgh, who, two years ago, discovered at the rear of Holyrood palace the foundation of one of the earliest Christian churches, has announced that he has discovered remains in Edinburgh castle of the ancient fortress known as King David's tower. He has also found the well which supplied the castle and garrison with water.

Excavations revealed much of King David's tower still standing, its walls eight feet thick, and rising to a height of nearly fifty feet above the original rock surface. On one side the structure had evidently suffered from the ravages of many centuries, including cannon balls. The disappearance of the tower is explained by the fact that the Half Moon battery, a feature of Edinburgh castle, which has existed for nearly 250 years, covers it up entirely. Stalagmites rising from the ground, some extending to seven feet in length, and the size of the stalactites from the vaults show that the vaults of the tower have not been disturbed for a very long time.

This discovery led to the finding of the ancient well, which Mr. Oldrieve regards as one of the most interesting in Britain. Water was found in it to a depth of sixty feet. The well was pumped dry, cleaned out, and thoroughly surveyed.

TRADES' UNIONS THREAT. London Workmen May Paralyze Building Trades. London, March 10.—The men engaged in the building trades of the metropolis have sent an ultimatum to the employers in retaliation for the circular letter issued by the Building Trades Federation, requesting provincial builders to employ London workmen during the continuance of the existing dispute. At a meeting of the men's unions the letter of the employers was passed which declared that the time had arrived when all members of the Master Builders' association must be regarded as at war with the trades' unions, and that only where employers should unionists be allowed to work for them. The resolution, if carried into effect, will paralyze the building trades, which have suffered from a partial strike for several weeks.

EASTERN DRUMMERS TO PAY. Montreal and Toronto men, Claimed, Get Lion's Share. Vancouver, March 10.—Clothing and prints sellers who come to this city from the east to sell their goods in the future be obliged to pay a fee of \$3 per week before they are given permission to do business. This was the decision of the finance commission of the city council on Friday. It was stated by several of the aldermen that solicitors came from Montreal and Toronto and took away with them thousands of dollars' worth of orders, thus depriving local men of work. The Merchant Tailors' Association asked that the fee be fixed at \$1,000 a year, instead of \$103 as at present, but it was considered that this would be prohibitive.

DEATH OF JOHN McLAREN. Well-known Commercial Traveller Passes Away After Long Illness. Toronto, March 10.—After suffering for sixteen weeks, John McLaren, a well-known commercial traveller, died Sunday at the Lennox hotel, Yonge street, in his sixty-third year.

Mr. McLaren had lived in Toronto for the past fifteen years, during which time he was the local representative of a brewery. Previous to coming here he was proprietor of a hotel in Prescott and one in Calgary. He was born in Belleville, Ont., and was succeeded by his wife. He was a Mason and a Presbyterian. Some years ago he was well known in racing circles.

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