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## STUDYING FARM LIFE

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Studies In Rural Citizenship Raises Questions For the th Farmer to Answer and Is Intend ed to Be Used For Winter Evening Classos In Rural Organiza-

cation hand-in-hand with better fin ancial return," the great Grain Growers' Association of western Can ada have bad issued a bulletin en titled, "Studies in Rural Citizen This blooklet, prepared by Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, of the Cana dian Welfare League, is virtually a textbook for a course of study now branch organizations throughout western Canada. It is divided into sixteen "studies," each one of which may form the basis for discussion at one or more meetings of the local organization deciding upon the course of winter study. Many of the questions brought out by the author are of national import, and might very profitably be considered and debated at meetings of our Farmers Clubs/ Women's Institutes, and High School agricultural classes.

A few extracts from this bulleti may serve to introduce it to Ontario readers who may desire a more int mate acquaintance with its contents In the first "study," entitled "Changed Conditions," the author takes his readers on an imaginary journey across the Dominion. This is what he has to say of the eastern portion of the Province of Ontario:

"Another drive, this time along an old settled concession in eastern Ontario. My companion had been visiting his old home, and during this somewhat lengthened visit had learned of all the changes ond happenings in the countryside. Do you know he said, I feel very lonesome now in these parts where I used to know everyone. . . . In my younger days there were a lozen families on this and the next concession that formed the rural aristocracy of this district. Our grandfathers had come into the forests and cleared their farms. Then our fathers were wellstrong, and the centre of the whole life of the community. Now,-well I went to church on Sunday, and there were only a handful present They say that the 'renters' won't support the church, and the English

"Yes; I visited the old school Not nearly as many as in my day and half of them home-children. The servant girls are home-girls, and the hired men are all green Englishmen; don't know the first thing about

people don't care about church."

So much for eastern Ontario! How does it measure up with the situation? One cannot but feel that the "companion" was some blatant individual who-himself one of those who had moved away, probably to the west-had returned to "sum up with only a most superficial investi-gation. But throughout the whole extract certain facts thrust t selves through the rather amusing who know conditions in eastern Ontario cannot dispute with very much

Study No. 6, "The Rural Home-Yesterday and To-morrow," touches upon a phase of life that must be common to all parts of Canada. Regarding farm life, this extract is

"Farm life is good. It can easily be made much better. First of all must come the realization that the chief end of man is not money-making. Living is first. Many a farmer sumers forget that little fish are takslaves from early morning to late at | en in the nets as well as it count that is to be of doubtful value lic. Except for the slight extra labor to the next generation, or to more involved in preparing small fish for broken-down men and women may have been a necessary result of pioneer conditions, but to-day all is changed, or may be changed. For years country children have been sent to the city to 'finish' their education.

The time is conditions when site only the seen that greater economy can easily be practiced in the way of the so-call-fully cooked, are not only very palations.

Consequently, it will be seen that greater economy can easily be practiced in the way of the so-call-fully cooked, are not only very palation. The time is coming when city chil- ticed in the use of this very import-

Pinkham's Vegeta-ble Compound the praise it deserves, for I have taken it

The succeeding chapters deal with the Rural School, the Rural Church, Rural Communities, the Tariff, Land Values and Taxation, and several at different times other vital topics. In the Rural

d me when smith's immortal description of the village parson and thus soliloquizes:
"How different the ideals and work ear a woman com- remains but a few years in one place. ain I always recommend it I astwin-the country 'elecuit' to the town a I was attacked sharge, and thence to the city pulpit evere case of erganic weakness. - and that as quickly as possible. . . I had backache, pains in my hips and Then what is the work of the country my kidneys, headache, dizziness, try minister? He preaches three and I was always tired. I was hardly sermon. If only twice, he probably teaches a class in the Sunday school. You have my hearty consent 'special services' or assist in a local lowed to gain headway.

If this plan is adopted it will like-train; he is considered an all-round minister. The basis. Each county would then applied the preacher, a pastor and an or-Women who are suffering from those the rub! His whole ideal is to min- road length for them to guard. Thus

THE VISITORS STAYED.

Canadian Officer at Front Tells of Some Voluntary Prisoners

The following very interesting letters have been received by The Toronto Star Weekly from a Canadian officer now at the front with the British reservists. The letters are addressed from "Signal Service R.E. lands, which have heretofore been 3rd Army Headquarters, British Expeditionary Force, France," and comdians writing to friends at the front fruit-raising. "In order to save delay in the de. At first glance the general aspect Fellowing out their policy of "edu- livery of letters I would suggest that of the country is forbidding. A sucletters intended for British reserv- cession of sand hills and ridges, covists from Canada serving with the ered by a second-growth of cak and Imperial army be addressed: British pine, and a mass of shrubbery, with Expeditionary Force; those for sol- a light sandy soil showing white in

> caused six weeks' travel from time of the land. leaving Toronto." present, whether it is due to bad as St. Catharines. markmanship or Providence I can. Three years ago Mr. Christie

"Aeroplanes have been very valuable during this campaign. If you are anywhere within range of German guns and one of their aero."

described, after consulting a specialist of the Ontario Agricultural Department, who held that the sandy loam of the locality was well suited planes is about dropping lights or for the growing of the tender fruits, smoke signals, it is a safe bet to ex- especially of peaches and vegetables.

"Our aviators have done splendid ting of the first planting of peach and work. If a German gets over our lines and there are any of our fell spring. A total of 2,000 peach and lows around he seldom gets back. Some kind friend sent me a copy of John, Crosby, New Prolific and Craw-your paper and I noticed that the 2nd ford. Local help is thus far easily Contingent are going in for aeroplanes. I was pleased to see this, as stump an acre. to add further.

On the 23rd the Germans tried to double that of a man. ferent occasions, but were repulsed by ment in peach culture, on the sodians. Two English soldiers left their successful, as it has every promise of trenches and walked over to the Ger. doing, he will have rendered a pathan 100 yards apart. They carried dant opportunities to others to get their message and returned to our "back to the land" in a most practilines without harm. Two of the Ger-man infantry came over to our trenchman infantry came over to our trenches to return the compliment. These two must have been envious of the part of a man's capital and equipdinner Tommy was expecting to have, ment. Otherwise, the amount of capas they absolutely refused to return to their own lines. I saw these two men last night, and if looks count for in their anticipation of Tommy's generosity. They, with many others. prefer to finish the war behind our lines, where they are assured of square treatment."

Conservation of Fish.

Dealers in fish find it difficult to dispose of the inferior varieties and the smaller grades of fish that are brought in by the fishermen. Connight; his wife slaves from earlier in and that all are delivered to the abroad might well be developed in merchants. It follows, therefore, The boys and girls slave until their | that, if there is only a small demand eyes are opened to the situation, and for the less choice fish, the dealers then they run away from it. And must obtain higher prices for the betwhat is it all for? Often just to buy ter grades. This is an aspect of the another quarter section, and then high cost of living which deserves another, or to add to the bank ac- the serious consideration of the pubquickly be able to sell out and move the table, they are in no way inferior to the city, to live an aimless, dis- to the larger fish, their flavor and satisfied life. Prematurely bent and nutritive qualities being quite as

dren will be sent to the country to ant natural resource. The fisheries of Canada are both varied and extensive and should prove to be an im-This is the author at his best, and portant factor in reducing the cost of process of many here he strikes a higher note than living. What is needed is more conthat of his nameless "companion" of servation in connection with them or in other words, more careful and intelligent use .- A. D. in Conserva-

Province Planning Road Patrol. If a certain plan now understood to be engaging the attention of the Ontario Government works out into practice, motorists traveling provincial highways next year will and working days lost was 430,428, which along every five or ten mile strip a was 856,249 less than the year pr solitary road patrol engaged in keeping the roadbed in first-class shape.
He will have with him a horse and ed last year 5 were in Quebec, 27 and that as quickly as possible.

Then what is the work of the country minister? He preaches three times on Sunday—often the same sermon. If only twice, he probably will be in the vicinity and his daily He visits in the homes of the people, and on occasion baptizes a child, performs a marriage ceremony, or conducts a funeral. Outside of these

aniser, and atted to minister to a point its own patrels under the di-

A NEW PEACH AREA.

Fred. W. Christie Is Making an Interesting Experiment in Lambton. A new prospective peach belt is to be found in Lambton County. Within close proximity to Lake Huron is an extended area of so-called wild held to be of little use for grain cultivation, and yet they are now being found to be of decided value for

diers serving with the Canadian the open spaces, would seem to be contingent, Canadian Expeditionary useless for practical purposes. But, Force. Several of my letters have as has been said, this is not the case, only been addressed Expeditionary An interesting experiment is being Force, and these have been sent to made by Mr. Fred. W. Christie, To-Salisbury Plain and have been route, who incidentally is carrying marked 'Not with the Canadian into actual operation the advice so Forces. Try Imperial,' and this has frequently heard of getting back to

Born and raised on a farm, Mr. "The German artillery have kept Christie went into business as a us busy sending over Christmas youth, and now is finding the life in boxes for the past few days, very the open air and in the country of the little damage being done beyond the greatest benefit and interest, as well destroying of a few houses in a town that is already in ruins. The Gerward. Indeed, some predict that the man gunners seem to like trying to district will yet become a second Niademolish our hospitals. They have gara, for it must be remembered that not been very successful up to the it is in the same southern latitude

bought a section of the lands above pect a few shells in that direction A vigorous policy of clearing the land tout de suite. Too much praise cannot be given to planted on a cleared area of twenty the men who command the air as they acres. The majority of the peach run enormous risks to carry out their duties. I saw a plane come down the other day. The airman was quite trees abow splendid growth and a healthy condition, and are due to yield their first fruit next season. jovial, and later we found no less Among the varieties represented are than 10 bullet holes in the machine, the Elberta, Fitzgerald, Yellow St. had. It costs about \$25 to clear and

the aeroplane wireless has proved In addition to the young orchards. very valuable. Some of our fellows Mr. Christie has proven the suitabilwere much amused over the mobiliza- ity of the soil for vegetables. Spiention confab. It is not policy for me did specimens of potatoes, tomatoes meions, sweet corn, etc., are among "Christmas Day passed off very the products, while the smaller fruits quietly in this district. On the night and berries thrive to a degree. As of the 24th heavy cannonading was an evidence of luxurious growth, sunresorted to by the enemy to no effect. flower stalks have reached a height

break through our lines on seven dif- If Mr. Christie's interesting experiour infantry with the aid of the In- called wild lands of Lambton, proves man trenches to wish the Germans a triotic service, for thousands of acres Merry Christmas: The trenches at of similar land await similar cultithis particular point were not more vation. Lambton county offers abundowned by an occasional set-back are ital actually required is not a serious

Mr. Christie is thus showing his anything they were not disappointed strong faith in his proposition, and deserves the degree of success already his. Credit is also due him for the unique bungalow erected on a hill top overlooking the orchards. The design, as well as most of the workmanship, was his, even to the making of the bandleraft furniture. the result being a model and cosy home.-Toronto Globe.

> Muskrat Farming muskrat farming Canada, says Conservation. The country possesses great areas of marsh land, at present of little direct value, which might be made to produce considerable revenues. Muskrat fur is steadily growing in favor. The aggregate offering on the London market in March, 1914, exclusive of the Hudson Bay Co.'s sales, was 4,646,500 skins. While this figure probably shows an accumulation from the previous year, still the price quoted for April was 50 cents a skin. The demand for muskrat meat would fur-bearers that are being farmed

Forty-Four Strikes In 1914 There were only 44 strikes and

distressing ills peculiar to their sex inter to a congregation—not to lead ahould not doubt the ability of Lydia E. Finkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

In ontario there would be nearly 200 in Ontario there would be and join one of the English ho as a nurse if she could.

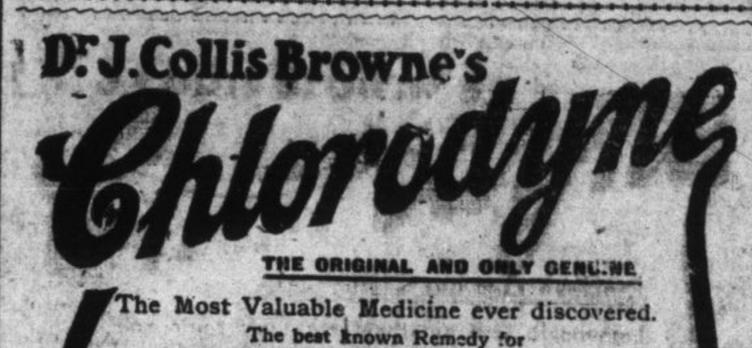
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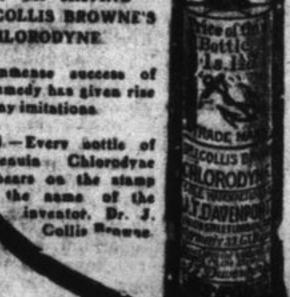
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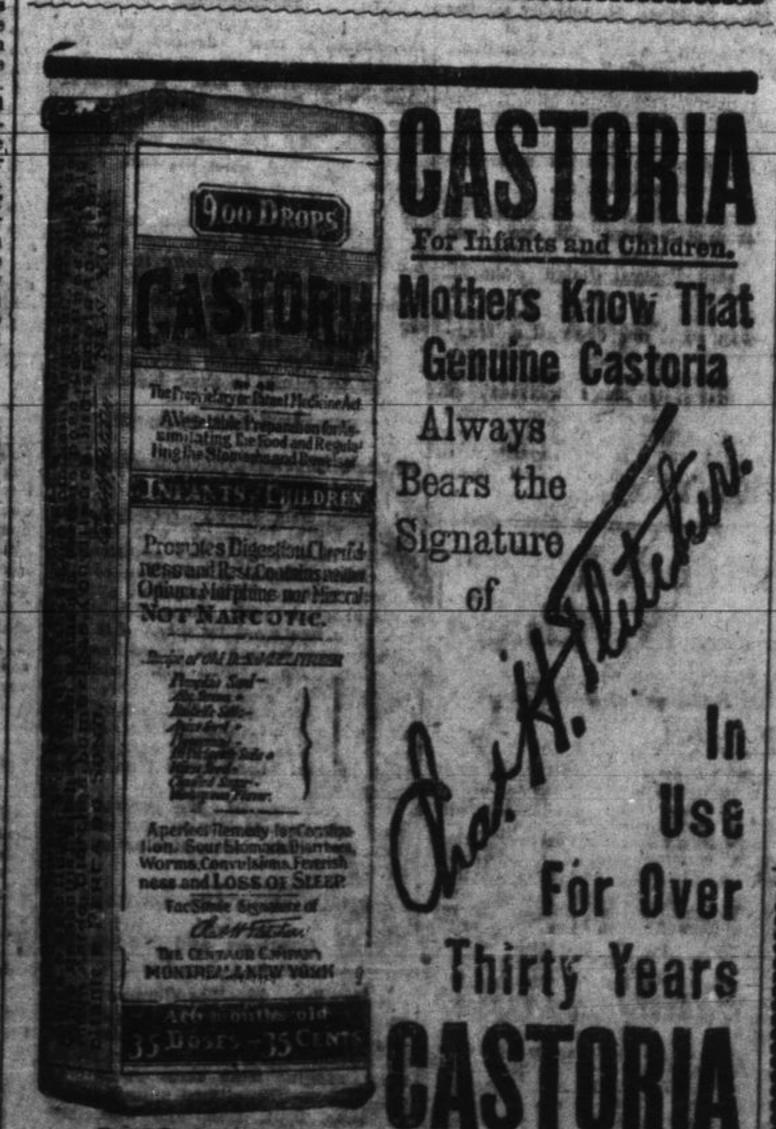
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