

### 2,000 MILES OF RAILWAY

#### To Open Up Fifty Million Acres of Farm Land in Australia.

London, Dec. 10.—Aiming at a population of 20,000,000 people through the construction of 2,000 miles of railway and the opening up of 50,000,000 acres of land to provide for 100,000 farmers in Australia, Sir Joseph Carruthers, of Sydney, has prepared a policy or plan which has been submitted in detail to the Australian people for their approval or otherwise. He has contributed to the London Times an outline thereof. In his appeal for "A White Australia" Sir Joseph points out that the Commonwealth, with only 5,500,000 population, has an area equal to that of the United States, and "quite as rich and fertile," though the United States' population is 105,000,000. Sir Joseph Carruthers is an ex-Premier of New South Wales and a life member of its Legislative Council.

"We are very unsafe with so vast a territory and with so few people," Sir Joseph states in his letter to the Times, and adds: "We know that fact too well, although we hesitate to talk openly of it." That there is a feeling against indiscriminate immigration, and that "the working-man is against any policy that does not provide for the absorption of the immigrants' labor without imperiling existing conditions," is referred to; also the statement is made that these views are not confined to one political party, but are more or less shared by all. "The main thing, however," Sir Joseph says, "is that deep down in the hearts of Australians exists the desire that their country may be made safer and happier by having more and more men of the Anglo-Saxon race to work for it, and it needs to be fought for it. With that there is an intense love of what the British Empire stands for, and an abiding desire for a continuance of its supremacy. The lessons of the war have proved this fact up to the hilt."

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plish the peopling of Australia. Sir Joseph outlines a policy in the preparation of which he has had a chief part, which policy has been formulated and submitted in detail to the Australian people. First of all, the aim is to systemize the two essential things, immigration and the permanent employment of the immigrants.

It is proposed to use the Crown lands of Australia as the key of the situation. Ninety-two per cent. of Australia is still Crown land—only eight per cent. is private land. The relative areas are: Crown lands, 1,742,000,000 acres; Private lands, 163,900,000 acres. Assuming that half of the Crown lands are unsuitable for settlement for many years to come, the remainder would comprise a vast acreage of agricultural land with a larger area of good pastoral country. These Crown lands lie mainly outside of the influence of existing railways, and in some cases they have other disadvantages that can only be overcome by public works, such as water conservation and water supply.

It is proposed that railways should be constructed according to plan and system in order to open up large areas in selected situations, also that roads and other essential works shall be carried out to precede settlement. These works, in their construction would afford employment to labor, skilled and unskilled, when completed would serve to convert lands that are now comparatively idle into productive farms. Thus a farming population might be settled in sequence to the work of development. Naturally, towns would be expected to follow at points along the railways. From primary production trade and manufacture would result. So population would grow with a demand for its labor. Substantial and tangible assets would be created, greater in value than any expenditure.

Sir Joseph Carruthers points out that there are 80,000,000 acres of rich wheat lands in southern parts of Australia, where the rainfall is exactly what is needed for wheat growing, yet the Australians cultivate only 8,000,000 acres of this land. There is a larger area of dairy farm lands in the higher rainfall regions of Australia, he says, and not one-third of this area is used. The reason for this he adds, is the lack of railways to open up these lands. To construct railways and make the lands available would be to create openings for a farming population for whose products there would be ample markets at home and abroad.

Thus the task of peopling Australia, in Sir Joseph's opinion is associated with the work of railway construction into the unsettled parts, where there is an abundance of good land now lying uncultivated and untouched. He estimates that 1,000 miles of railway would, on the average, open up 25,000,000 acres of land within twenty miles of the rails.

The cost of construction, in Sir Joseph Carruthers' estimation, would be about \$10,000,000, and other works essential would cost an additional \$5,000,000. Averaging the farm area at 640 acres to each farm, there would be 40,000 farms provided along every 1,000 miles of railway.

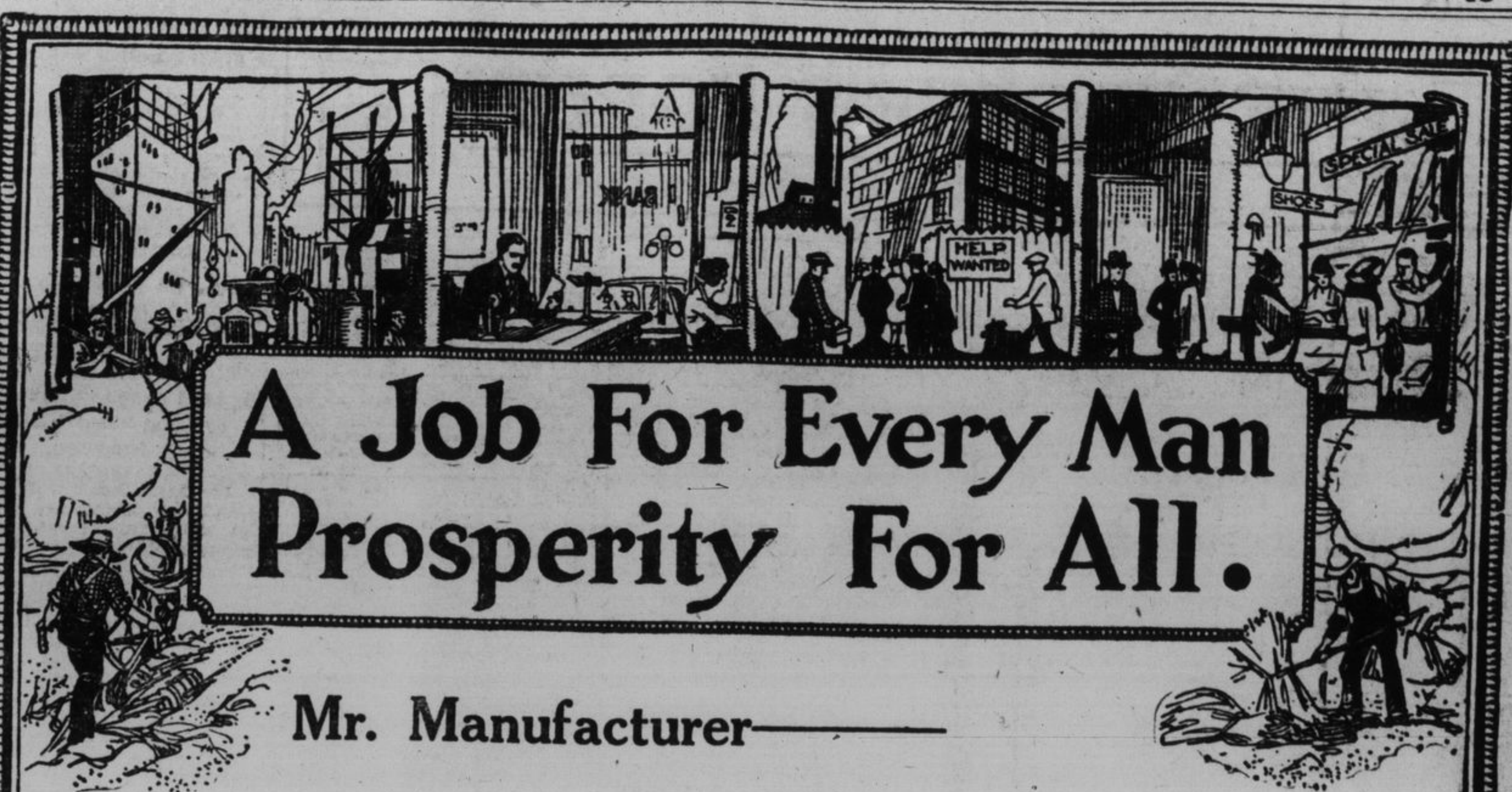
On the basis that one farmer, directly and indirectly, creates employment for two and a half more workers, these 40,000 farms should create employment not only for that number of farmers, but for 100,000 other workers, according to Sir Joseph's plan. Assuming that there are three persons on an average in the family of a breadwinner, the total population that could be added as a result of establishing the 40,000 farms would be 420,000 men, women and children.

The scheme thus far largely increasing Australia's population is spoken of as "The Million Farms," because it aims at obtaining that number of farms as a basis for an increase of the population to the 20,000,000 mark.

As to the question of financing the project Sir Joseph estimates that \$30,000,000 will be needed to start with, so that 2,000 miles of railway may be constructed to open up 50,000,000 acres of land, and to provide for about 100,000 farmers. He states that Sir Denison Miller, governor of the Australian Commonwealth Bank, is an open and ardent advocate of the scheme, and regards it as financially sound. The undertaking is too great for a country with a population of only five and a half million people, but as it is vital to the Empire's well being that Australia should be made a bulwark of the Empire it is suggested that Great Britain, even with her resources severely taxed, as they are at present, should become a partner of Australia in financing the policy of population. Australia it is believed, could raise one-half of the money required in the early stages, and ultimately would be able to carry out the undertaking without external aid.

Justice Middleton has granted an injunction restraining the U.F.O. co-operative from holding its annual meeting this week.

Sir Henry Drayton has received the war cross of Czechoslovakia for aid given the serbian corps in transit through Canada.



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- 1.—That Manufacturers should be asked to take a price for goods on hand equal to the cost of replacement having regard to decreased cost of raw material and of labor used in manufacture.
- 2.—That Wholesalers should be asked to sell goods on hand at replacement prices.
- 3.—That Retailers should be asked to sell at replacement prices.
- 4.—Knowing that the costs of building at the present time have been considerably reduced, those desiring to build should be encouraged to ask for new tenders on their proposed work; and that building contractors and builders' supply people should make a special effort to reduce prices to a minimum in order to restore this important key industry.
- 5.—That Banks and financial institutions should be prepared to co-operate to the utmost with all progressive enterprise by allowing all reasonable credits and by decreasing rates as rapidly as conditions may allow.
- 6.—That Farmers should be asked to maintain reasonable production, and in the event of a proportionate reduction being reached in other lines, should be prepared to make needed improvements and betterments.
- 7.—That Labor should be asked to take willingly a reduction in wages proportionate to progressive decrease in cost of living, in so far as such a reduction has not already taken place.

The above statement has been submitted to and endorsed by the following interests—manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, building industries; agriculture, financial interests and the veterans.

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J. L. BROWN President of the United Farmers of Manitoba, who defeated Hon. Robert Rogers in Lisgar.

This young leader—he is but forty-seven years of age—possesses an alert personality, aggressive, strong, pushing, like the young country whose premier he is about to become. It has been said that he did not show up well in parliament against Meighen, the premier, for the latter was more spectacular and quicker in debate, but on the platform during the campaign which has just closed he made a remarkably good showing, far better than did the prime minister or any of the Conservative speakers or debaters.

His selection as prime minister will mean that young Canada is to have its day. Some of the leaders in Canadian politics in other decades seemed to desire to make of the nation an old country. They showed a tendency to stifle the impression that it was as a young man eager for a race and with all the strength and equipment of youth to make the race, Laurier, always young, did not give this impression, but it came under Sir Robert Borden, and indeed under Meighen. Now the youth of Canada comes into its own, and Mackenzie King will make the Liberal party a party of youth as representing the spirit of the country.

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