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ARE THE FARMING DISTRICTS GOING BACKWARD.

Such was the contention of a delegation from the Dominion Grange which a few days ago waited upon Hon. Mr. Fielding and Sir Richard Cartwright. Their contention that in many of the older farming sections the farm population is decreasing and the production of farm crops diminishing, seems to be borne out by the latest census returns. Half the farming counties in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia support the statements of the Ontario grangers in this matter.

Just now there comes to hand the report of the Board of Valuers of King's County, N. B., the native county of the writer of this article. The county is a fine agricultural one, famous for its farm products for near a century past. It has many fine natural meadows in rich alluvial valleys, is well watered, is intersected by the Intercolonial, Canadian Pacific and two or three smaller railways to the extent of one hundred miles or more and enjoys the advantage of contiguity to the excellent St. John market.

The Board of Valuers make their valuation once in ten years and their latest report gives a comparison with that of ten years ago. In that period the entire county raised its assessable value from \$5,245,000 to \$5,735,000, an advance of \$490,000. But this gain was wholly made in the towns of Sussex, Hampton and Rothsay. Sussex gained \$405,000, Rothsay \$200,000 and Hampton \$60,000, a total of \$665,000. Other parishes, entirely rural, went back sadly in valuation.

We are told that in many sections not only had the farm value decreased generally, but many farms that were assessed ten years ago had been entirely abandoned. The farmers had gone away, some to the towns, others to the Canadian West or to the States. The Sussex Record concludes that "agriculture is on the wane" and says the problem of preventing further decline is one that should receive very careful thought.

Returning now to the Grange delegates who visited Messrs. Fielding and Cartwright at Ottawa, we find varied

causes assigned for this decline in a once great industry. The delegates complained that the combines had fattened on the farmers, made their burdens heavy and unduly increased the cost of what the farmers have to buy. They wanted a commission to investigate the combines and where hardship was being created by such agencies they called for a reduction of the tariff.

Hon. Mr. Fielding was in duty bound to defend the tariff. To admit that it was injurious, or capable of producing injury would be to admit that it ought to be changed. He therefore argued that the decline in farm values and production was due to the movement from the rural districts to the towns and cities and not to the tariff. There is no doubt a growing disposition to change rural life for town life, and to this end both the attractions of the towns, and the burden of the tariff are, in our opinion moving causes.

Be this as it may, Sir Richard Cartwright, made bold to tell the delegates that the remedy for the combine evil of which they complained, lay in uprooting protection. From this it would appear that the strong convictions held by Sir Richard in his days of opposition are still with him. In one of his notable addresses of former days he proved to his own satisfaction that before 1895 the protective tariff had laid upon Canada a burden greater than the war indemnity which France was compelled to pay to Germany in 1870.

Beyond question, while building up manufacturing industries in the country, protection has been enormously costly to the farmers of Canada, and what it was before 1895 it has been since that date and will be for years to come. But the farmers have mainly themselves to blame for what has occurred. There has not been an election in forty years past in which the votes of the farmers of Canada could not have destroyed any Government or any tariff policy. Some day they will wake up to see the burdens they are carrying to maintain the Red Parlor magnate, and then there will be trouble.

Queen Alexandra has been quite ill of late, and no one can remember any previous reported illness. The officials insist that her present disposition is not serious, and many millions will devoutly hope so.

It seems likely that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will elect to sit for Ottawa and so become an Ontario member. His other seat in Quebec East, which he has held for over thirty years, and always by big majorities when contested, is perfectly safe for a by-election at any time.

The budget debate is usually the climax of the session. Once it is over and it need not last very long, the business of the session can be speedily concluded.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A meeting of the Congregation of West St. Peter's Church, Lot 40, will be held in the Church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7 p. m.

St. Lawrence Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 8, meets tonight at 8 o'clock. First degree. All members of first degree team are requested to be present.

The Island Hymn. W. H. School Teachers kindly forward stamps, two cents for each ten copies so that copies may be sent them at once. Address: Prof. Watts, Box 972, Charlottetown.

A meeting of the Mt. Stewart Presbyterian Congregation, will be held in the Church, Wednesday, March 10th at 1 p. m. A large attendance is desired. Matter of importance.

If you attend the lecture in the Baptist Schoolroom tonight, you'll enjoy the trip to Newfoundland, positively no sea sickness—Splendid scenery. Eloquent speaker.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 3.30 this afternoon. Mrs. Richard Smith will lead an Anti-Narcotic meeting and all members and friends are asked to be there.

Let everyone hear Rev. J. F. Floyd's lecture on ten years in the Southern Hemisphere next Tuesday evening in the Central Christian Church. United States Consul Hale will preside. Admission 15 cents.

No Guessing

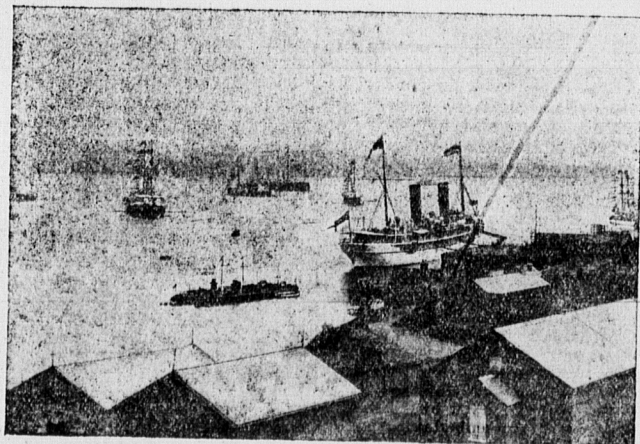
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EXPOSTULATION.

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PROGRAM FARMER'S INSTITUTE CONVENTION, MARKET HALL, SUMMERSIDE.

WEDNESDAY 1.30 P. M. Chairman John Richards, Commissioner of Agriculture. Remarks by Chairman. Address, Agricultural Education by Principal Cumming, College of Agriculture, Truro, N. S. A general discussion will follow. 7 P. M. Chairman Rev. Dr. Gauthier, Chairman Seed Fair Committee. Address by Chairman. Address by Mayor Saunders. Addresses will follow by prominent farmers and others.

THURSDAY 10.15 A. M. Meeting Maritime Stock Breeder's Association. Remarks by the Chairman. Address Live Stock the Salvation of Maritime Agriculture, by Principal Cumming. A general discussion will follow. 2 P. M. Seed Meeting. Chairman S. E. Reid. Remarks by the Chairman. Judges will give reasons for placing awards. 4 P. M. J. C. Cote will speak in French in lower room of Ludlow Hall. Dairyman's Meeting. Chairman Arthur Simpson. 7 P. M. Program will be prepared by dairyman's Association. (Ludlow Hall.)

FRIDAY 9 A. M. Seed Meeting. (Continued.) Judges will continue to give reasons for placing of awards. A general discussion will follow. To all the above meetings everyone is welcome.

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