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WHY NOT?

"If preventable, why not prevented?" This pithy remark, made by the late King Edward Seventh, occupies the prominent position it so well merits on the cover of a little book the object of which is to put the truth of the remark to a practical test.

The book is published by the Anti-tuberculosis Leagues of Cape Breton Island, in an edition of 26,000 copies, is being distributed gratis and the intention is to place a copy in every home in the Island. On the face of it this looks like practical common sense, doing instead of talking, acting upon the assumption that if consumption is preventable, as is preached today by the whole medical fraternity, then it ought to be prevented.

Believing in the efficacy of education, these leagues, banded together for the common good, have undertaken to teach every family in their constituency the means by which the great white plague can be prevented.

The moral weight of such a movement, to say nothing of its educational value, will be simply tremendous. The fact that the whole medical fraternity of the Island have freely given their time and their strength for the good of their fellow-countrymen places the effort at once on a practical basis and shows that there is conviction behind the movement, that there is sincerity in the doctrine that consumption is preventable.

The educational value of the work is beyond question. It is the matured thought of the world's best authorities on the subject, condensed, simplified and made intelligible to all whom it is intended to benefit. The work is in strange and healthy contrast to that of the many anti-tuberculosis societies scattered so thickly over our dominion and whose efforts are expended largely in delivering eloquent and learned orations, most of which never reach the ears of those who are really in need of the teaching.

From the introductory chapter we clip the following"—"The fight against tuberculosis, to be successful, requires above all things co-operation. The nature of the disease, the manner, means and extent of its dissemination are such that it is only by the united action of government authorities, of the medical profession, of teachers and leaders of the people, and—what is more important still—of an enlightened and interested community, that the combat can be successfully waged. We call upon every reader, man, woman or child, to enlist themselves at once in the fight against the Great White Plague.

And the book proceeds to show how the fight is to be waged. It devotes a separate chapter to such phases of the subject as "Prevalence and Importance of Tuberculosis," "How Tuberculosis is Contracted," "Indirect Causes of Tuberculosis," "Correction of Predisposition to Tuberculosis," "Early Symptoms," "Precautions" etc. There is a separate chapter in Micmac, Gaelic, Italian, and French summarizing the most important facts connected with the disease and its prevention. Considerable space is given to directions for living and sleeping in the open air with illustrations, showing the latest and most approved ideas in open porches, sleeping outfits, clothing, ventilation, and numerous other matters.

The point we wish to emphasize in this reference is the practical, common sense method adopted by the combined leagues of Cape Breton in practising what they, in common with other similar leagues, preach, and to express the hope that other leagues may follow the good example.

INTERDEPENDENCE.

"The farmer feeds them all" is a favorite quotation, especially when soliciting the vote of the farmer on his subscription to a charity. And the saying is true. He feeds them all at so much per feed, and, usually, the "so much," is fairly generous. Moreover, without the opportunity of feeding them and of receiving his "so much," his position in the world would be much less enviable than it is under present conditions.

While the farmers feed them all, they all, in one way or another contribute to his upkeep and to his well-being.

Neither could live without the other and the best interests of all are served by a full and complete recognition of this fact. The world needs the feeder and the fed, provided always that the latter pays for his feed, and he generally does. !

Usually the different interests of which this complex world is composed, look askance at one another and, not infrequently, each regards the other as a rival. There should be no rivalry. The best interests of all can be served only by harmony and co-operation and on the principle of value for value.

The farmer, the merchant, the trader, the professional, the railway and steamboat companies, are independent and there would be no existence for either without all the others. All together make a complete machine, each industry, each profession, a wheel and each necessary for smooth, satisfactory and profitable working.

Sometimes, it is true, a few of the wheels get together and, by a sort of mutual understanding, so adjust their movements that the greater part of the burden falls upon the others. This, while agreeable to the combination, makes it very much harder for the rest of the machine. We have their combines in trade and where they exist there is friction and injustice. Sometimes, also, a few of the wheels build walls around themselves, as a shelter from the winds, with the result that the others are obliged to withstand not only the regular wind but the cross currents caused by the walls. This also is an injustice to those who cannot get behind the walls.

When the different interests fully appreciate the value of meum and tuum, the equal rights of all and the crime of taking an unfair advantage the old machine will run smoothly and satisfactory. To arrive at this stage will probably take time. In the meantime much can be done by each striving to do his part honestly, recognizing the rights of others and remembering that the combined efforts of all are necessary for the smooth running of the whole machine.

D. A. Wedlock, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to St. John.

A CANADIAN ANNIVERSARY

One hundred years ago, October 12th 1812, General Sir Isaac Brock led a company of two hundred Canadians Volunteers up Queenston Heights in an attempt to recapture the position which, before daylight, had been taken by invaders from the United States. The attempt failed, the enemy occupying a commanding position and being securely entrenched and hidden by crags and trees. General Brock fell, mortally wounded. They bore him from the place where he fell to a house at the foot of the hill where his comrades covered his lifeless form and then went back to the work he had left them to do. Under Lieutenant- Colonel McDonell the attempt was again made and unsuccessfully. McDonell was killed and the little band was again forced to retreat. While the Canadians were gathering up their scattered forces the Americans were joined by further reinforcements from across the river and the crest of the hill became a veritable stronghold of the enemy. General Sheaffe, who now assumed command of the Canadians recognizing the futility of attempting a charge up the hill in the face of the addition made to the enemy's force and their commanding position, made a long detour through the fields and woods behind Queenstown. He gained the heights unseen and the battle began. So sudden and fierce was the onslaught that panic seized the Americans. Scarcely waiting to fire a volley they fled by hundreds down the mountains followed by the Canadians eager to avenge the death of their General. The rout was complete. The Americans surrendered, the General sixty officers and over nine hundred were taken prisoners.

FARM HELP

The problem facing the farmers of this province today is the securing of help, male and female, and involved with the problem there are many matters for serious consideration. First of all there is the question of wages. The complaint is made, and with some justification, that labor is more liberally paid in town and city than on the farm. The difference is usually not as great as it is represented to be.

During the past few weeks when the farmers in the vicinity of Charlottetown were in the midst of their harvest and ready to employ anybody that could handle a fork or carry a sheaf of grain, and pay them a dollar a day and board, they found it absolutely impossible to procure any help. At the same time between a dozen and two dozen able bodied laborers were occupying seats on the parks in Charlottetown or loafing around the street corners waiting for some one to offer them work on the streets or shovelling coal at a dollar and fifty cents a day. The difference between a dollar a day and board, and a dollar and a half without board is very little and the unwillingness of these men to accept the farmer's offer must be looked for elsewhere. The men simply didn't want work and the fact that there were several of them idle while there was any amount of work to do has no bearing whatever on the farmer's problem. Every city has its loafers as every field has its weeds and, like the lilies of the field, "they toil not, neither do they spin."

Why cannot the farmer procure help as readily as the factory, the store, the warehouse where wages are about on an equality? This is the problem. A boy of sixteen gets into the city and takes a position in a store at four dollars a week paying three a week for board, in preference to going on a farm at eight dollars a month and board. He could save twice as much money on the farm as in the store but he prefers the latter; he is of course working for the prospect. In a year or two his wages will be increased to a point that is far beyond the limit that the farm can pay. The merchant will pay him twenty dollars a week when he becomes an expert.

Here is where the commercial life and the farming life differ. One offers permanency and expert knowledge of the business with proportionate remuneration; the other simply offers work, little inducements for expert knowledge and consequently no prospect of better wages. As farming is carried on at present hired help can only be procured from the ranks of those who have neither the education nor the qualifications for positions requiring trained expert knowledge. And thanks to our free educational systems the ranks of this class are becoming smaller and smaller every year. The ordinary laborer, content with remaining a laborer all his life, is becoming an extinct species.

The great drawback in securing farm help is the fact that there is no demand for expert labor, no hope of advancement. This may never be remedied; the work of the farm in its most advanced developments may continue to be of the kind that can be done by common laborers under one directing head, that of the owner; but it would appear to the onlooker from the outside that so great and important a calling, one with the infinite possibilities of soil and air to draw from, should have a place for brain and intellect amongst its employers as well as for hands and feet.

For this province of ours, as matters stand at present, there is little hope that the necessary hired help for the farm can be secured from our own young people. The only hope is from immigrants and as immigrants of the laboring class are not likely to come without definite pre-arrangement their coming must be arranged for by those who need them. This could easily be accomplished by a number of farmers uniting, specifying the kind and number of laborers they can employ and communicating with the Immigration Department. There are hundreds of laborers in Great Britain who could be induced to come if assured of employment and they are the class of immigrants that Prince 3Edward Island needs.

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