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FARM HELP WANTED

The effort that is being made by the local branch of the National Service League to bring the farmers and the available laborers of the province together for mutual helpfulness is one that should enlist the sympathy and the co-operation of all who realize the seriousness of the time and the imperative need of speeding up production.

The report of the sub-committee appointed by the League to assist in securing additional farm help was published in a recent issue of The Guardian. It proposes that offices be opened in Charlottetown and Summerside in which farmers requiring help shall register their names, stating, generally, what labor they require and what wages they are willing to pay, and in which also laborers can offer their services.

The sub-committee has drawn up a prospective scale of wages, not as a definite scale to be demanded or to be paid, but rather as a suggestion which may serve as a basis on which a mutual arrangement may be made. The wages suggested do not take into account board and lodging. Skilled laborers are set down at seven to ten dollars a week, unskilled at six to eight dollars a week, and boys, from 14 to 18 years of age, four to six dollars a week.

In very many cases, do doubt in the majority of cases, the laborer will be boarded and lodged by the farmer, in which case an allowance will be made as may be mutually agreed upon, and we have no doubt that little difficulty will be experienced in adjusting a scale of wages that will be satisfactory to both.

While the idea underlying this movement is a patriotic one, aimed at increasing the production of food-stuffs now so sorely needed by reason of the war, it is not expected that the laborer shall give his services for less than they are worth, or that the farmer shall begrudge a reasonable wage for reasonable service. These matters, however, will be adjusted by mutual agreement between employer and employee, and it is not expected that where labor is offering itself and where it is needed there shall be any difficulty in arranging terms.

There are many people in this city and in the towns throughout the province whose present services are not as profitable either to themselves or to the province as they would be in productive employment on the farms. There are many others who are either idle or are engaged in odd jobs which leave little to the good. There are others whose places could be filled, temporarily at least by persons who are unfitted for farm work. The volunteering of these for work on the farms would, at the present juncture, be as patriotic a service and as profitable to the province and to the Empire as enlistment in any one of the fighting units, and it is on this principle that the call is being made.

Our boys who enlisted for overseas service have made sacrifices and risked their lives for a cause which is, or ought to be, equally dear to those who have remained behind. It should not be too much to expect those of the latter who are able to do it, to make some sacrifice now in providing the food that is needed to win the war and to make living less onerous at home. The production of more foodstuffs is now a paramount issue, one of the things now needed to carry on the war to a successful ending and the need is very much greater than is generally supposed. The whole Empire is calling for food and more food as it has called for men and more men. It is up to our province to do its best in this also and the united help of all will not be too much to do what is needed. Our school boys of fourteen years and upwards are asked to offer their services; our clerks whose places can be filled by others are asked; our otherwise unemployed are asked, and we shall expect a general volunteering. The least they can do is to offer their services and, this done, if suitable arrangements cannot be made to utilize their services the fault will not be theirs.

PRINCE COUNTY PROSPECTS

Clearly the Liberals of Prince County will not have long to search for a man to accept the responsibility of representing that constituency in the next Federal Parliament, whatever trouble they may incidentally encounter in electing him. Several names have already been experimentally self-submitted, but the free and independent do not appear to be worrying much over the situation and the names have been left dangling in the air—with one notable exception.

This exception was gently broached in the Provincial Legislature the other night by Sir Charles Dalton in the course of a resume of the political situation, when he read, amidst considerable hilarity, the offer of Captain Joseph Read to sacrifice himself on the political altar of his country. The offer was made in the form of an epistle addressed to the conveners of the different polls in the Riding. A few excerpts from this interesting document will be sufficient, not only to squelch the claims of the other aspirants, Messrs. Ben. Gallant, A. E. McLean, A. C. Saunders and John Agnew, who for a brief period collectively and

individually enjoyed the distinction of being the forthcoming nominees of the party, but to prove conclusively that no other man in the province can have even a look in. The first three paragraphs will convince the most skeptical that the genial Captain—although not seeking the nomination, although religiously adhering to the time honoured belief that "the office should seek the man, not the man the office"—will accept the nomination if offered. Here they are: Summerside, P. E. Island, March 30th, 1917.

Dear Sir: When you convene the Liberal electors of your poll for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Liberal Convention, April 18th, in Summerside, please read to them this letter: (1st) My name will go to the nominating convention, and if you select me as your standard bearer, I WILL ACCEPT.

(2nd) I am not writing this soliciting your support. I have always believed that the office should seek the man, not the man the office. The following paragraphs will demonstrate the Captain's life-long modesty, a modesty which, on the solicitation of his friends he is now determined to shake off in the interests of the province particularly and of humanity generally. This he admits he is constrained to do at the behest of the local Leader, Mr. J. H. Bell, who has asked him "to take hold of the county" a "hold" which Mr. Bell has assured him he will help him to retain. His reference to his age and that of his younger possible rivals for the honour and the imperative need of his having his turn now, will appeal to the most callous delegate at the convention:

(3rd) My best friends have faulted me for not pushing my candidacy declaring that other aspirants are using undue influence, and have asked me to do this.

(4th) The local Liberal Leader, Hon. J. H. Bell, has asked me "to take hold of the County" and advised me that I would have his undivided support both as the nominee and representative of our party.

(5th) I am NOT TOO OLD to represent you, but am TOO OLD to let the present opportunity pass without notice.

(6th) The younger men who are aspirants for this honor have time on their side, and none of them have earned their spurs as yet. The next section deals with the Captain's claims upon the Liberal party. What he has done and sacrificed for the beloved party is hinted at rather than specified in detail. He has, in the course of his connection with the Liberal party, thrown everything into "the melting pot" and now he is ready to jump in too.

(7th) I have probably done more for this province for the public interest, than any other one man in it.

(8th) I have sacrificed more than any other one man for Liberalism. Money, time and friends have gone into the melting-pot in order that our dear island might get at least part of her own.

As to the certainty of his election—if nominated—there is no doubt in his mind. The only lingering doubt is as to his receiving the nomination. He has "the ear of the great men of the Liberal party"—including that of Mr. E. M. McDonald—the latter being one which the gentle Captain has so often metaphorically pulled at public meetings in connection with the transportation problems, when the claims of the Port of Pictou took precedence of those of Summerside through that gentleman's pull at Ottawa. The fact that the Captain knows more about the questions to be settled between us and the Dominion "than any other man now living" cannot but impress the convention. Here is the Captain's own unbiased and unprejudiced opinion on this matter:

(11th) I am confident that if nominated you can surely beat me since beside the solid Liberal vote I am certain of many independents.

(12th) I understand the wants of our province and am well posted on our rights.

(13th) I have the ear of the great men of the Liberal Party, especially Sir Wilfrid Laurier, E. M. McDonald, George P. Graham, Frank Oliver, A. K. McLean, Messrs. Carvell, Lemeux, McKenzie, Sinclair and many of the rest.

(14th) There are many most important questions to be settled between us and the Dominion, which demand an especially strong man to grapple with. I am convinced enough to believe that I understand these questions in the main better than any other man now living.

The political, moral and spiritual necessity of tendering Captain Read with the nomination and doing it at once, in the interest of the land "we love so well" and in which there are "no political axes to grind," is clearly set forth in the concluding paragraphs as follows:

And still further there are the great questions affecting the very lives and souls of our people—a new era is upon us. Imperial Federation of some sort is a near question in practical politics, and only a strong intelligent, patriotic grasp of the greater subjects presenting themselves would be desirable. Do not disturb the Local House nor make a nomination that will disrupt our party on account of local issues—this is a Federal matter. Finally, I have no political axe to grind other than the desire and ambition, if you like, to serve the land we love so well.

NOTES

The Ross Rifle Company, which had been making Ross rifles since 1902, was months behind in its delivery of rifles. Yet this is the factory which, according to Liberal politicians, could start turning out improved Lee-Enfield rifles over night.

Had the Government taken the advice of the Opposition a few months ago and cancelled its contract with the Ross Rifle Company, Canada would be in for a damage suit for two or three million dollars. As the Government handled the situation, it is the defaulting Company that is the loser.

THE BISHOP AND THE BIBLE

Sir,—I received your copy of the Douay Version of the Holy Bible which you so kindly sent me. Kindly accept my cordial thanks. Your endeavour to place it in Catholic homes is worthy of every commendation. I am, Sir etc. HENRY J. O'LEARY, Bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 12, 1917.

REV. F. H. LITTLEJOHNS APPRECIATES BIBLE

Sir,—Kindly accept my sincere thanks for the Red Letter Bible. You are to be congratulated upon securing such an excellent edition, comprising as it does so many helpful features. With your I agree that such an edition is calculated to promote a deeper interest and relish for the "Book of Books." I am, Sir etc. FRANK H. LITTLEJOHNS, Grace Methodist Church, Charlottetown, April 9.

CANON SIMPSON'S SATISFACTION

Sir,—In acknowledging the receipt of the Holy Bible you are now addressing, I wish to express my satisfaction as to its quality. There is nothing "cheap and nasty" about it. The binding is excellent, the type clean, the paper good, and such valuable information is contained in the appendices. The price you offer for it is so moderate that it should have a very large sale. I am, Sir etc. JAMES SIMPSON, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, April 12, 1917.

MR. LOUSON PRIZES BIBLE

Sir,—Before leaving for Montreal today, to attend the bi-annual meeting of the officers of the Canadian Bible Society, permit me to thank you very sincerely for the beautifully printed Bible which I prize very highly. Let me also congratulate the Guardian management in its present campaign of offering the best of all books to its readers, at a special price. As your paper says: "reading the Bible is bound to make for better citizenship, and Christian living." I trust your efforts may be crowned with success. While writing these lines I desire to thank the Guardian for the little corner allotted for daily selections for several years past. The gathering of these selections has proved a real pleasure and uplift to my own life, and by many letters, and conversations I know from others that they have helped, and are regularly looked for.

So few realize the influence of the press! How would this prayer book added to those in some of our churches? "That it may please Thee to bless all editors of newspapers, magazines, and authors, giving them in spiration, and courage in their great opportunity of educating and enlightening all sorts and conditions of people. We beseech Thee to hear us good Lord." What do you think of the suggestion? "God give us men, a time like this, these minds great hearts, true faith and willing hands. Men whom the lust of office does not kill. Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy. Men who possess opinions and a will. Tall men sun crowned, who live above the fog. In public duty and in private thinking."

The common people so called, need such men in church and state to lead them onward and upward to better things, perhaps none now living ever in the history of the world. Wishing you success in your efforts along these lines and thanking you for your kind remembrance. I am, Sir etc. W. S. LOUSON, President P. E. I. Branch Canadian Bible Society, Charlottetown, April 10, 1917.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison, RESSURECTION OF NATURE. "The Bulbs have done it once again. They never despair. The blessed little green noses have smelt their way up again out of the silence of the hidden earth. They are poking through everywhere. They have had no wars at all down below; and they want very much to know whether the horrid war is over. They cannot believe that it can still be at its deadly work. But, even if it is, they are not going to give in. The Spring is still the Spring. And it still hangs out all its green banners, and waves aboard all its gallant shows, and shouts, and sings, with all its lusty throats. For there is a secret of joy in the heart of Mother Earth which cannot be gainsaid. She means to laugh again some day, as merrily as ever. She has been through this business before. She has seen a lot of it in her day. And always she came out on the far side, with her ardent store of gladness unexhausted, with her youth undimmed. The horror will pass, like a wintry storm. The sun will shine again; and all the merry hearted things that dance in the sunlight will renew their primal freshness. Lambs will leap; birds will jargon; buds will open; flowers will bloom. And in their undaunted joy, our poor, torn, worn, bruised and aching hearts will receive something of their hope, and dream again of happy days in the glow and glory of Peace." HENRY SCOTT HOLLAND, In the Commonwealth.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Easter, with its joyful message has come and gone, and spring life seems to have invaded the world at large. Flowers were never more abundant or beautiful than at this Easter tide, and notwithstanding a nation at war, the spirits of all seem to rejoice and social pleasures are being resumed.

The music in the churches was carefully chosen and exceptionally well rendered, all the Easter services being largely attended. The Easter music will no doubt be largely repeated tomorrow.

Their Excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, will pay an official visit to Kingston from May 25 to 27. His Excellency will receive the honorary degree of LL.D. at the Queen's University, where a special convocation will be held.

Sir Louis Davies, who has been spending a week in Montreal, has returned to Ottawa.

Mr. Harry Bagnall, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Rodd, in Ottawa, has returned to New York.

Miss Jane Hazzard was among the visitors from Summerside, spending Easter here. She is the guest of her brother, Mr. Horace Hazzard.

The promotion of Sgt. Hugh M. Simpson to that of Lieutenant came as pleasant news this week. Lieut. Simpson will be probationary paymaster, attached to the Pay Office of the 6th Military Division at Halifax.

The young ladies who are so successfully carrying on a series of chain-teas for patriotic purposes are to be congratulated on their efforts which are proving so entertaining. The patriotic bridge in the Women's Club on Tuesday evening was another very enjoyable and successful affair to the credit of the ladies, there being over twenty-six tables filled with enthusiastic players. The hours passed all too quickly, with a dainty luncheon, admirably served, and social intercourse. Lovely prizes were awarded, the first going to Miss Newbery, and second to Mrs. Vinnicombe, while Mr. Gordon Hughes, Mr. Horn by Mrs. Clark and won by Miss Wakefield's prizes. A beautiful tray worked by Mrs. Alley and lettered by Mrs. Clark was won by Miss Wakefield, and was an exceptionally pretty article.

The afternoon Bridge Club this week was entertained on Wednesday by Mrs. Hyndman, at her pretty home on Kent street.

Mrs. W. S. Stewart spent Easter in Summerside, a guest at the Mawley House.

Miss Ross, Matron of the Prince County Hospital, is spending several days very pleasantly with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ryan, of New York, who have come to take up their residence in Charlottetown, are being warmly welcomed by their old friends. They are at present the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nicholson, Prince Street.

Mrs. Ivan Y. Rodda was among the young matrons entertaining at Bridge this week.

Mrs. J. A. McLaren was at Home to her friends on Wednesday afternoon at her pretty appointed home on Hillsboro street, quite a number of ladies calling to offer their congratulations. Mrs. McLaren was assisted in receiving by Mrs. A. Leigh, Miss Helen McLaren attending the door.

Recreation, or, A Fisherman's Luck, lost none of its attraction in its second presentation given so successfully in the People's Theatre on Thursday evening before a large attendance.

Another very enjoyable chain tea was given yesterday afternoon by Miss Beatrice McKinnon, who is a charming young hostess, her guests thoroughly enjoying their afternoon.

One note accepted this season by the leading Paris dressmakers is the very narrow hem for all skirts of any sort or description. Paquing models accentuate the girlish and simple style of gown, with Eton collar and cuffs. Some of his frocks are positively childish. Douillet introduces a novelty in the Romany draped belt.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M.P., and Mrs. Nicholson, are leaving tomorrow evening for Ottawa, for the re-opening of Parliament.

Their Excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, will commence their tour of the provinces on May 15.

Mrs. Oscar McCallum and little daughter, Marjorie, who have been spending several very pleasant months here, are leaving tomorrow night for their home in Western Canada.

Senator and Mrs. McLean left for Ottawa last night. Senator Murphy also left for the Capital, as did the Hon. John A. Macdonald, who has been summoned to attend a meeting of the Directors of National Service.

The A.O.H. had a very pleasant evening on Wednesday when Mr. F.J. Nash delivered a witty and brilliant lecture on "Some Sons of Ireland," which was appropriately supplemented by a musical program of Irish airs, splendidly rendered.

Miss Ruth Watson was hostess at an enjoyable chain tea on Thursday evening at her home on the Esplanade.

FOOD PRODUCTION PROPAGANDA

ACTIVITIES OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Federal Department of Agriculture is carrying on a vigorous campaign for an increase in food production. It is not a last minute propaganda, but a carefully worked out plan having in mind the certainty of a greater demand than ever for food supplies for the Allies.

In October, 1916, when it first became apparent that large quantities of wheat and oats that would make first class seed and that was likely to be required to produce the next year's crop would be sold and shipped out of the country, a special Commission of departmental employees was appointed to purchase and store grain for seed in the Government elevators of the West. This timely action proved to be very wise, and as a result many million dollars will be added to the value of our next harvest.

Owing to large numbers of cattle, immature and unfinished, being shipped south from Winnipeg to United States at great loss to this country, the Live Stock Branch of the Department secured the co-operation of Western bankers in support of a movement to encourage the feeding and breeding of live stock. In October, an organized endeavour was made to make this movement more effective. Farmers were advised that the Department would pay their personal expenses in going to Stock Yards in Western Canada to purchase cattle for feeding and breeding purposes, either for their own use or on co-operative order, for their neighbours. The headquarters of the officers representing the Live Stock Branch in charge of the campaign, was located at Winnipeg. The officers were also in close touch with the live stock markets at Calgary and Edmonton. Buy orders were placed with commission firms approved by the Live Stock Exchange, while the officers of the Department were available to advise with purchasers and to render any other assistance possible. At the same time, officers of the Department were supplementing the work throughout Western provinces, visiting the different localities with the view of stimulating the purchase of steers and heifers and personally meeting those who were in a position to carry over the winter, breeding females and feeding cattle. The banks actively supported the movement and encouraged farmers to purchase.

The young ladies, enthusiastic in assisting a patriotic cause, had a most delightfully arranged evening, during which dainty refreshments were served.

A belief is that skirts will be definitely narrower; all superfluous drapery will be abandoned. Medievalism will continue to run rampant. The frivolous fashions of the Pompadour Da Barry and Marie Antoinette will be as dead as the women who made them famous. Waists will be made to look as large as the sculptors would have them, and girdles of depth, rich fabrics and ornate workmanship will be wrapped around the figure.

The St. James' tea and bazaar, always an event of Easter week, was this year very successful, upwards of \$350 being realized. The booths were prettily decorated, the booths being artistically arranged, and laden with dainty gifts of fancy work, embroidery, etc. The refreshment table and candy table were the usual centres of attraction and widely patronized. The ladies are to be congratulated on the tea they served, the guests being quite waited on by a number of pretty young ladies with the richest salads, creams, cake, pastry, and other palatable dainties, as the ladies of St. James' church are famous cooks.

Mrs. James Hyndman, of Edmonton, is visiting her parents, Sir Louis and Ladies Davies, in Ottawa.

The promotion of Captain Arthur Warburton to the rank of Major, of the Royal Engineers, was among the pleasant news reaching his father, Dr. James Warburton, this week.

chase cattle by offers of credit facilities to responsible men.

The policy has proved a very popular one and has secured the attention and support of the press, of the bankers and of commission men. That it has been acceptable to the farmers is shown by the number who have taken advantage of the policy, and the numbers of cattle shipped into Western Canada. Instead of south into the United States, the work was initiated early in the month of October, and as would be expected was very effective, especially so as its operation became more generally known.

A comparative statement for 1915-16 of the Stocker and Feeder movement for October and November, out of Manitoba, shows that the loss to the country was reduced by at least one-half by the action taken.

The Live Stock Branch also has given special attention to the improvement of conditions affecting the marketing of poultry and poultry products. Notably in Prince Edward Island has developed along this line taken place.

Prince Edward Island eggs, which previously were not favourably known in the larger markets, have now a national reputation as a direct result of the activities of the Co-operative Marketing Association. Production has been greatly stimulated, and competition generally from June to August, inclusive, ranged higher this year than in any other of the producing sections of Canada. As an indication of the amount of business transacted as many as five cars were shipped some weeks during the season of high production, while for the month of September alone 4,000 cases, worth approximately \$50,000, were received, as compared with 2,500 for the same time last year. The first extensive shipments of winter eggs, amounting in all to some 1,200 cases, were also sent forward this year, at a time when none were shipped previous to the organization of the Association. The organization which is responsible for this success is now being extended as quickly as possible to the other provinces of the Dominion.

In order that farmers may be better informed regarding supply and demand on the live stock markets, and thus enabled to dispose of their stock to better advantage, the Market Intelligence Service has been established. Especially qualified representatives are now collecting information which will be distributed through the agricultural and other press of the country read by stockraisers.

Recent special efforts include:

(1) An appeal by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture to the people of Canada to increase production.

(2) A special appeal to the Mayors of the towns and cities to organize for the purpose of aiding in production by encouraging city and town residents to relieve the labour situation on farms, and to engage in vacant lot gardening and poultry raising, wherever practicable.

(3) The organization within the Department of an Information Bureau, which has already resulted in thousands of letters being received for information on various subjects relating to farming and gardening.

(4) The publication of a number of special circulars dealing with seed selection, soil cultivation, crop production, gardening.

(5) Co-operation with the National Service Board in an effort to secure the necessary labour to conduct farm work during the coming season.

(6) A series of three special advertisements in the daily weekly and agricultural press of Canada, setting forth the chief issues concerning the importance of food production at the present time.

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