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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN.**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1899.  
**THE FARMER IN PARLIAMENT.**

The election of Farmer Bain to be Speaker of the House of Commons serves to bring into notice the fact that while the farmers are by far the most numerous class in the Dominion, comparatively few of their number are elected to sit in Parliament. Lawyers make up about one third of the members of the Commons. Doctors, manufacturers, merchants, are also numerous there but the farmer legislators are comparatively few.

It is no doubt true that the professional and business men who obtain seats in Parliament are very frequently the sons of the tillers of the soil and it is common enough for these gentlemen when appealing to a rural constituency to remind the electors that they were "born on the farm." But the boy who was born on the farm and formed while there such a distaste to the calling of his father that he left the paternal roof as soon as he could get away, to enter college and became thereafter a lawyer, physician, journalist or what not, can not fairly claim in after life to be in the same full sympathy with the farm and with farmers as one of themselves would be.

It excites surprise sometimes that a rural constituency so frequently selects a professional man as its representative. But the reason is not far to seek. In many cases there are comparatively few farmers in an electoral division who have qualified themselves for a representative position, by making that close and constant study of public affairs which is a pre-requisite to such a position. The thorough knowledge of public affairs is not and cannot be acquired in a day. But knowledge alone is not sufficient. There ought to be with it a capacity for public discussion of the questions at issue in an election. The farmer who aspires to be a representative ought not only to equip himself with knowledge of public affairs but must acquire the facility of discussing them in public.

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We recall these facts in order to correct the false impression too common among the ambitious young men on the farm, or engaged in handicraft, that they cannot rise to political honor without leaving the farm or the trade and acquiring a profession. Let the young, gifted and well-educated farmer stick to his farm, and if ambitious for political preferment let

him acquire a thorough knowledge of public affairs and take part freely in the discussion of them upon the public platform. In such case he will find his calling is no bar to his promotion. He may become a Speaker or a Premier in this free country of ours and still remain a farmer, if he has the ability, knowledge and fitness for the place.

Within the past year 18,600 Doukhobors and Galicians have settled in Canada. At the same rate in six years' time we should have of these races as many people as there are in this Island.

The Manitoba Provincial election is due this year. Among the forty members of the present House there are but seven who do not support the Greenway Administration. Hon. Hugh John Macdonald has undertaken the task of leading the Conservatives to victory and apparently thinks the chances good, but in the by-elections since the present House was elected, early in 1896, the Conservatives have made no gains.

The Outlook tells the story of a 12 penny black postage stamp issued by old Canada in 1851. The stamps did not meet with favor and were soon recalled after only a few were issued. One of these stamps was sent by a Canadian to a friend in the United States. After a time it was sold to a stamp collector for \$5. He sold it for \$25. Next it was sold to a man in Hamilton, Ont., for \$1200. Then an Englishman offered \$1500 for it and became its possessor, after which it was accidentally dropped from the floor, swept up with the dust and burned.

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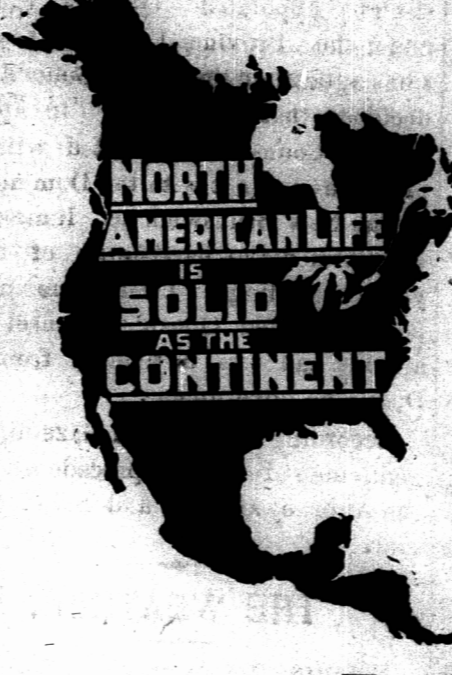
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