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CROP SHORTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Throughout the Northern States from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains great heat and drought has prevailed during six weeks or more past. The result is that there is a heavy shortage of field crops as compared with last year. The area affected is along the Canadian border and embraces the great corn, wheat and hay producing States in the Union. The decrease in crops as compared with last year as reported by the United States Department of Agriculture is in round figures as follows:

Table with crop types and quantities: Corn, bushels; Wheat, bushels; Oats, bushels; Rye, bushels; Potatoes, bushels; Tobacco, pounds; Hay, tons.

The significance of these figures for Canadian farmers lies in the fact that home consumption in the United States is increasing from year to year, so that diminished production, notably in corn, oats, wheat, and potatoes must be felt appreciably. The great shrinkage in the corn crop must affect the production and price of pork, beef and other meats. It is also to be noted that the drought has had the effect of considerably diminishing the products of the dairy in the border States.

These conditions should tend to increase the demand across the border for Canadian farm products in the border States. Unfortunately our own Province and Eastern Canada have suffered to quite a large extent from dry weather and heat, but the crops in the Northwest are reported to be in excess of any former year. Throughout Canada the average of crops is apparently better than last year, and in that regard conditions are in our favor for the opening year of reciprocity, if we are to have that home consumption in the United States.

SOLDIERS AS STATESMEN.

The Duke of Wellington, the greatest of British military commanders, entered politics after the close of his splendid career as a soldier. And in politics he was a Tory of the Tories. As such he strenuously opposed the great Reform Bill, and after having been the idol of the nation became so unpopular that the windows of his ducal residence were broken by the mob and he himself was openly hooded and pelted with missiles on the street.

And now we have Lord Roberts, the greatest British soldier of his own time, pursuing a similar course. He is so much opposed to the Veto Bill that he has joined the irreconcilables in the House of Lords and would force the Government to make a new creation of hundreds of Peers before the bill can pass. He takes this attitude in regard to the Veto Bill because of his deadly opposition to Home Rule for Ireland, although an Irishman himself, as Wellington was. The parallel is somewhat noteworthy.

There can be no question of the high sense of honor and of duty, or of the patriotism and worth of such men as the Iron Duke and Lord Roberts. But great men are not always wise, and especially is it true that great soldiers are not always great statesmen. Perhaps a military career tends rather to unfit than to qualify a man for political life. All armies are organized on a despotic basis. Absolute and unreasoning obedience is expected from the soldiers. "Their duty is to obey," is their motto. But in civil affairs the electors have minds of their own and full freedom to express them.

TO BUILD MOTOR CARS.

Kentville is a small, but progressive town in Nova Scotia, having about 2,000 inhabitants. Recently the ratepayers there had a meeting to consider the propriety of the town giving a bonus to establish the manufacture of automobiles there. The result was an overwhelming vote of 16 to 1 in favor of granting a bonus of \$5,000 to a local carriage-making company which had begun the making of automobiles. A good deal of money was being sent out of the Province for motor cars, which the people of Kentville think should be turned to the support of a local industry.

All other Provinces of Canada except our own permit the operation of

motor cars on their streets and roads. In Ontario and the west a host of farmers own motor cars and find them very useful. It can hardly be possible that they shall be forever excluded from Prince Edward Island. A point to be considered is that for the action of the Legislature in prohibiting the use of these cars there would now be a factory in operation here for making them, as there is at Kentville. It may be that at the coming provincial election the people may take a more liberal view of the motor car question than they did a few years ago. The consensus of opinion in other Provinces seems to be that our automobile law is a little behind the age.

THE VETO BILL PASSED.

The House of Lords has wisely bowed to the inevitable and passed the Parliament Bill, commonly called the Veto Bill, which limits their power to reject measures passed by the House of Commons. As pointed out in these columns, the bill cannot fairly be considered an unreasonable one. The Lords may still reject any bill except a money bill, and may do so twice. As to money bills the Lords had not for generations past down to the time of Lloyd-George's budget, attempted to reject or amend such bills.

The rejection of the budget in that instance was an encroachment by the Lords upon the recognized and exclusive right of the House of Commons and was condemned by the electorate at the general election following. The power which the Lords will still retain of twice rejecting any other than a money bill should be sufficient to afford a wholesome check upon hasty or ill-considered legislation. The Veto Bill is only intended to prevent the aristocratic Upper House from permanently blocking necessary reforms demanded by the will of a free people.

The passage of the Veto Bill ends a great parliamentary crisis, one of the most notable in the history of the nation, and in a manner that to moderate men must seem satisfactory so far as it goes. Further reform in the House of Lords will follow within a few years. The Lords themselves have admitted that hereditary succession to the Peerage must be abolished. Very probably, too, the number of Peers will be cut down one half. For the present, by the timely submission of the House of Lords to the will of the people the King is relieved from the unpleasant necessity of exercising his long unused prerogative power to create new Peers.

WHY NOT JOINT MEETINGS?

The Guardian has in the past expressed warm approval of the system of joint political meetings which has prevailed hitherto in our election campaigns and would be glad to see the same continued during the present contest. It would save the time of the electors to hear the opposing parties at the same meetings. It is also more instructive to have important public questions like recipro-

city presented from different standpoints, where arguments can be answered, and misstatements, if any, corrected on the spot. Joint meetings also seem quite fair to both parties.

It is true that a list of meetings has been announced by the Government candidates to which the Opposition candidates have been invited, while the Opposition candidates have called their own meetings. Why not reconsider all these announcements and arrange for joint meetings as heretofore? We believe the people would prefer this course, which would, as we have said, save time in a busy season, and would enable all the electors to hear what both parties have to say.

MOUNT STEWART STATION.

Sir—Kindly allow us a little space to ventilate a grievance. Some months ago our old station was burnt down and the destruction of the whole village narrowly averted. The people by a largely signed petition asked for a stone or concrete structure to replace the same and a separate cottage for the Agent's dwelling similar to those at St. Peter's, Bear River and other places. They are now at work on the foundation of a new station which, we understand, is to be similar to the old wooden one with the Agent's rooms combined. Now, this is not what we expected from our representatives who should be able, if not too intent on looking after their own personal affairs, to get a reasonable request granted. With the exception of a few party heeled and camp followers the people are disgusted and are now in the right temper to resent this slight at the very first opportunity. Let any one not interested take a look at the place that the authorities expect their Agent to spend his life and if they say that it is not a most unreasonable thing we will retract all we have said. With a railway track on each side and engines belching dirty coal smoke in clouds and with not a square foot of grass around it—the smoke filling all the rooms with the well known effect on clothes, furniture, etc., a man is asked to spend his life. How would Mr. Sharp or some of the representatives like to be offered such a residence? Is it any wonder that the last Agent left the place in disgust just because of the dwelling? The Government have millions to spend on palatial cars for officials away up, princely salaries, sawdust wharfs, Railways, etc., etc., for party purposes, obsolete man-of-wars and even "swamps," but not a cent to give a decent building to Mount Stewart. Any old ramshackle is good enough for us. We asked for concrete or stone station to prevent the repetition of the last narrowly averted calamity and an isolated Agent's cottage and both have been refused. But the end is not yet.

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MURDER MOST FOUL.

ORILLIA, Ont., Aug. 11—The dead body of Ross Ford, twenty-three years old, was found on the roadside yesterday morning with three deep stab wounds in his chest.

Last night there was a dance at the Bill Farrahhouse, four miles north of this town, and Ford and another young man named Sheridan were among the merry-makers. Ford's companion cannot be found, and the police are scouring the swamps. The theory is that there was a quarrel between the young men over a girl.

RIGHTS OF PROVINCES RECOGNIZED.

OTTAWA, Aug. 11—Word comes from Winnipeg that Premier Sifton of Alberta has announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier recognizes the rights of the Prairie Provinces to their natural resources.

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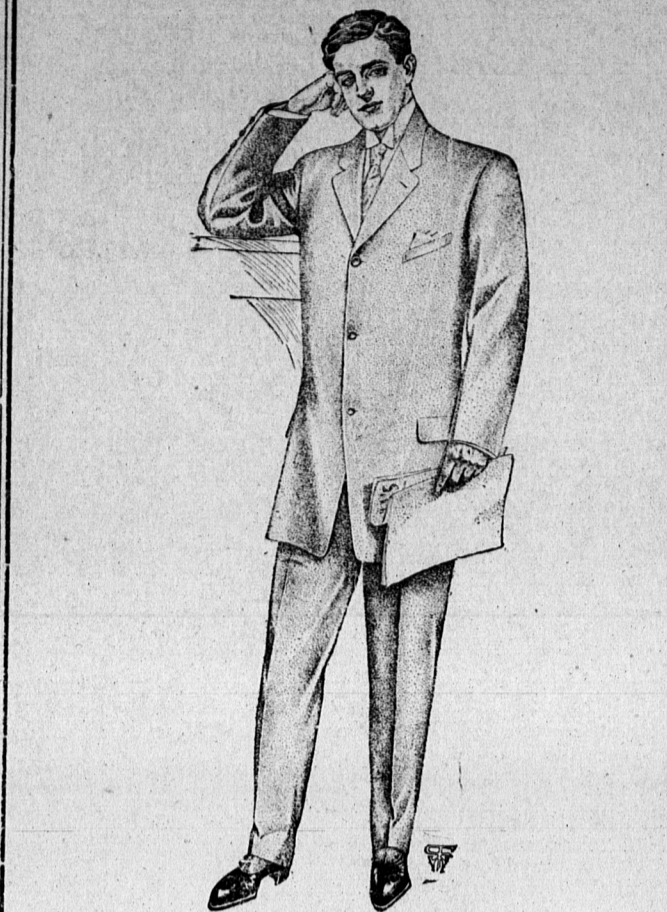
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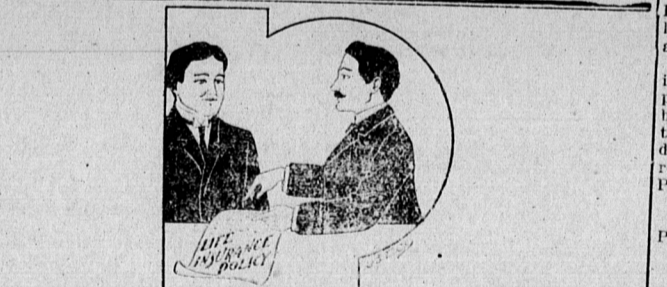


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Table with columns: Station, Fare, Train, Dpts, Train, Dpts. Lists various stations and their respective fares and train schedules.

Proportionate fares from all other stations. Tickets at one way first-class fare will be issued from all stations on August 15th and 16th, good to return up to and on August 17th, 1911. These tickets must be certified on the back by the Secretary of the Club for passage on the return journey.

Returning from Charlottetown train for Cape Traverse will leave at 6.00 p. m., for Souris and Georgetown at 6.20 p. m., train for Murray Harbor at 6.45 p. m., train for Tignish at 4.00 p. m., and for Summerside at 4.00 p. m., and 6.30 p. m. 8-12d2ir1

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Cavendish, Hunter River, Rustico and route offices and at the office of the Post Office Inspector. JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector, Charlottetown, 2nd Aug. 1911. 52A-1,000-3-7-07 8-situ3w.

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Second District of Queen's A convention of the Liberal Conservative delegates of the Second District of Queen's County, will be held in the Liberal Conservative Committee Rooms, 165 Queen St., Charlottetown, on Tuesday, August 22nd, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating a Councillor and Assemblyman to represent the District in the interest of the Liberal Conservative Party. Each poll will send five delegates. ALBERT TRIMMERE, Convener. 8-12d2ir1

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