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CONTENT IN THE COUNTRY.

The farm journals tell the country youths and maidens to stay at home, stay on the farm, and the addresses delivered at our agricultural meetings very frequently inculcate the same lesson. Yet the words often fall upon unresponsive soil. There has been and is a constant drift, an exodus of great volume, from the farms to the cities, from the agricultural calling to various other vocations in life. The farmer's son may, in fact by taste and inclination be better fitted for some other calling than that which his parents followed. He may prefer a mechanical pursuit; to be a joiner, a carriage maker, a smith, a house builder; or if educated, his taste may lead him to the study of law, or divinity, or of medicine, or engineering. And we must always remember that the growing youth has as much right to choose his own calling in life as had his father before him.

This fact is too much forgotten by parents. The effort to compel a boy to stay on the farm may be carried too far, and lead to sad results. Those who yield to parental pressure in such matters sometimes feel all their lives after that they have been unduly controlled, and shut up to pursue a calling that is contrary to their tastes and inclinations. Such a life can never be of the happiest type. Distasteful labor is a sort of slavery while possibly less remunerative toll, in a line with the worker's natural feeling is a pleasure. And we must not forget how many of our most successful teachers, professors, professional men, merchants, engineers, contractors and manufacturers have come from the farm. Our cities owe their vigor, energy and enterprise in many conspicuous instances to the vitality of the new blood infused from the country districts. Very probably much of the prevalent discontent in the country arises from the undue restraints imposed upon young men who preferred some other calling and were yet in some sort compelled to remain farmers as their fathers were before them. Daniel Webster was a farmer's son, and it is related that he was set to mowing

grass with the scythe after the manner of those days. His father had fixed the scythe for him, but Daniel protested that "it did not hang to suit him." Finally his father told him "to hang it to suit himself," whereupon the youthful jurist and statesman proceeded to hang up the scythe in a tree. It would have been a loss to the legal profession and to statesmanship had Webster's great intellect been repressed by compulsory manual labor. But in the end, when fame and wealth had come, he lived of choice in the country, surrounded of choice with herds and flocks and growing crops such as he had run away from in his youth. It thus often happens that the most genuine lover of the country for the country's sake is he who has had a thorough acquaintance with both city and country. There are many who have left the country for a city life in their youth who as they grow older are most anxious to reach that time when they can afford to live in the country again.

But that the average man who goes to the city is better off than he might be in the country we cannot believe, for there are too many sad failures, and the worst of it all is that failure in the city seldom gives a man courage to get back to the country and start again. He stays in the city and manages to exist somehow. For many leave the farm because they have not succeeded very well, or not so well as their neighbors, and change their calling without considering that the fault is in themselves. Lack of industry, economy and prudence are at the bottom of their failures and such persons will not succeed anywhere, in any calling. And genuine downright laziness is yet all too common. The young man who tires of the farm only because he sighs for an easier life had better pause before turning his back upon the old homestead. He will find that the life in cities is not less strenuous than in the country, but more so. There are possibilities of attaining greater wealth, but these are few and far between. The great masses of the dwellers in cities have more care to make ends meet and are vastly less independent than the farming population. And the average of wealth in the rural districts of Prince Edward Island is greater than it is in Charlottetown.

A fair consideration of these conditions may serve to make the discontented country youth more content with his lot. And he will do well when he reads now and again of the successful Islander abroad, to reflect how many others there are who have failed miserably and whose lives are one long regret for ever having left their Island homes. It ought also to be observed that country life today is much in advance of what it was in a past generation. Farm machinery has done away with much of its drudgery. The butter and cheese factories have relieved the stress of toll indoors. There is more of comfort and refinement in the home, and there are social advantages that were formerly unknown. More frequent mail service, the advent of the telephone, newspapers, magazines, books and other agencies tend to dissipate the loneliness of the farm house. A little reflection ought to teach that there are few situations in life that afford more of health, comfort and solid enjoyment from year to year than life on a farm in these days. And reflection of this sort ought to be cultivated, for its product is wisdom, and contentment.

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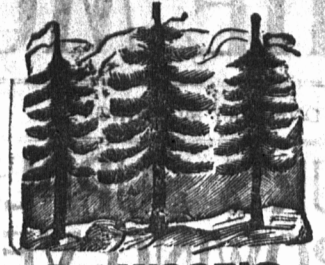
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