

The United States Department of Agriculture recently conducted a survey of conditions in the farm homes throughout the country. Replies were received from ten thousand homes. From these replies the Department arrived at a percentage of homes in which labor saving devices and modern, ordinary necessary conveniences were provided. The percentage of such homes was small and the figures would probably be of little interest to our readers. The question that concerns us here is how are our own country homes equipped? What steps are being taken to make our farm homes such that the women will have as good a living chance as the men and that the children may not wish to leave them for the city or elsewhere.

On practically every farm in this province there is machinery of all kinds to lighten the work of the farmer and his help. How is the home in this respect? Has the wife any more machinery to help her in her work than she had before the mower, the binder, the gasoline engine, the hay pitching devices were invented? Is dishwashing, churning, sweeping, baking made any easier than before the modern machinery was installed in the barn? Is there a supply of water in the house for bathroom and for household uses generally? Is there a supply of books and newspapers to read when the work is done and rest is needed?

The great majority of farm homes in this province could afford all these or most of them; they have all the modern machinery and labor saving devices in the barn or elsewhere on the farm; why not in the home?

It is generally conceded, and with good reason, that the woman on the farm has the hardest end of the load to carry; that she works longer hours, has fewer holidays and generally a harder time all round than her husband has. Possibly man's inherent selfishness and woman's inherent patience are jointly responsible for the difference. In any case the condition is not wholesome, is not conducive to the health or happiness of the home nor to the keeping at home of the children.

If the boys and girls are going to remain on the farm, their home must be made dearer to them than any other place. This dearness must include the mother and her comfort, her enjoyment, her pleasures and a large sympathetic share in her trials. Are we doing as much for the comfort of the home as for labor saving in the barn?

THE CHALLENGERS

The Patriot quotes an alleged challenge issued behind the sheltering defences of a Liberal convention at O'Leary, by Mr. A. C. Saunders and Hon. Benjamin Gallant, to Conservatives generally and the Guardian particularly "to an open discussion on the legislation passed at the last session." To this the Patriot adds its own personal challenge in the classic words "Bah! we too challenge the Guardian" (The "Bah" is probably intended as the roar of a lion—but voice and skin betray the species.)

But to the challenge. A discussion on a public platform would no doubt suit these gentlemen and the Patriot much better than a discussion in permanent black and white. In the former they would have the privilege of saying things which they could afterwards deny—as has so frequently happened during and since the last election campaign. This is why the Patriot has declined the perpetual challenge of the Guardian to come down to facts on paper.

To begin at the beginning then probably the most damaging charge made against the Bell government, not only by the Guardian but by the people throughout the province, is that it came into power on false pretences; that is, it made promises to the electors which deceived them into giving it their support. If this is not the most damaging charge it is, at least fundamental, as truth and honesty and good government cannot be built upon a foundation of falsehood. We have repeatedly challenged the Patriot to disprove this; we repeat the challenge to itself, Mr. Saunders and Hon. Benjamin Gallant, collectively and individually to discuss it in cold print which may be kept for future reference, not in platform oratory which may be repudiated after its echoes have died away.

As a starter in this "discussion" which we trust will be historic, let us begin with this statement from Mr. Bell's manifesto published in the Patriot of July 18, 1919:—

"With proper economy out of their additional revenue of approximately \$2,000,000 this government should have been able to apply considerably more than \$30,000 towards the increase of teachers' salaries."

The people want to know what Mr. Bell meant by this. Did he mean that the then revenue was sufficient or did it convey any intimation that, if elected, he would take means to increase the revenue?

To save time and circumlocution a brief reply will be sufficient, as we have other pre-election and post-election utterances to discuss. We admit in advance that the P. E. Island sky is beautifully blue, that the flowers and the grass and the trees are superb in their summer loveliness, that the dog days are about due and that no superfluous energy should be expended in unnecessary or frivolous meanderings in the realm of oratory or romance. A simple, direct expression of opinion as to whether Mr. Bell and his candidates deliberately deceived the electors, will suffice from the Patriot or its belligerent western champions.

CURRENT COMMENT

In these strenuous days, when everybody is striving to the utmost to reach the highest point of efficiency in all departments of human activity, have you given thought to the important part played by the daily newspaper in the business and the home? If not, then one fortnight's stoppage of the press, without a paper coming to hand, would open your eyes, and convince you of how unbearable it would be to be shut off from the news of what is doing, outside of your own locality. You review your past life and can converse with a reasonable intelligence upon the leading events in the history of many years. Why are you able to do this? Because during those years you have been reading the papers of the day, and the information concerning world events has been impressed upon your memory. What would you know, and how could you think or talk, if the newspaper had never informed you?

It has also helped you in your business. A single issue may at times have been uninteresting, but have you taken stock of the countless little or big helps you have received from the three hundred and twelve issues of the year? The market prices, which have enabled you to go where you could get the best prices for your products, and where to buy the cheapest; the advertising which has unfolded to you some new idea of business, or enabled you to get at a bargain price something which you urgently needed, or the general information columns wherein the discoveries and experiences of others have given you invaluable information, which you have turned to profitable account in the cultivation of your land, the care and treatment of your stock, and the proper handling of the commercial end of your transaction seriously consider this matter and decide whether you could have succeeded without your daily paper.

Is it your duty to your family and children to educate them in current history, to inform them of what is doing in the world, and to qualify them, even better than you have been qualified, to contend with the more strenuous conditions than those with which their fathers contended? It is, and emphatically you are unjust to them if you withhold this cheapest, yet most important feature of their education. Of course every one can not afford to take all the papers. They don't need to. In these days of news transmission two or three good papers will contain practically the news of all the remainder, and at least all that is of greatest importance. And because your greatest interest is in home and home concerns, the home newspaper is the one you need most, and the one you should encourage.

The Guardian is admittedly one

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THE GARDEN OF LIFE

Life after all is but a Garden space
Where you and I may plant such things of grace
That ours and others' ways may richly bloom
With buds and blossoms fair to lighten gloom.
And make the path that all of us must tread
A way of loveliness with flowers spread.
Wherefore the task for you and me to heed
Lies in the proper choosing of the seed.
That when we reach the blossom-time,
'Twill prove
A worthy pathway to the Gate of Love.

MY DUTY

Just to be faithful in things that are small,
Just to walk steady where others may fall,
Just to be willing if Jesus should call;
This is my duty to Him.
Just to be friendly to those I dislike,
Just to act kindly when others would strike,
Just to keep busy with things that are right;
This is my duty to Him.
Just to drive somebody's darkness away,
Just to make brighter the world of today,
Just to strew flowers along life's pathway;
This is my duty to Him.
Just to let Jesus have perfect control,
Just to know daily his grace makes me whole,
Just to have heavenly peace in my soul;
This is my duty to Him.
—Ernest Lee Thompson, in N. W. Christian Advocate

of the best edited and complete news giving dailies in the maritime provinces. It now enters nearly half the homes in the province. It should be in every household, and in every club where there is a reader. No expense is spared in making it the best, the newest and most instructive paper of its size in eastern Canada. And our aim is to make it still better, and still more worthy of your support. In many ways you can help us to do this. If anything of importance takes place in your locality you can promptly let us know about it. If your neighbor is trying to get along without one, your kindly advice might induce him to subscribe. By so doing you confer on him a great benefit as well as upon us. Our desire is to have the Guardian in almost every home in the province. To this end we are conducting the most significant subscription contest ever held on the island. The prizes in value and quality exceed anything of the past, added to which we are giving a better paper than ever before. This paper is yours to help and to encourage, it is one of the creditable institutions of the province in which every resident should be interested. Will you do your part and assist us to attain our object in placing the best, the most up-to-date and newest paper in every home in the province?

Complaints about the roads throughout the province are many. The pre-election activities of the Bell combination seems to have exhausted all their vitality, and a deep slumber set in, from which there has been occasional and temporary awakenings, for such purposes as increasing their salaries, and of imposing big taxes. In consequence of this there was no work done on the public roads last fall or during this spring. Under pressure from the Guardian and its correspondents they awakened, for a brief period, in mid-summer, just long enough to turn up the roads, at the wrong season, to their destruction. Had the road machines and split log drags been used in the spring when the clay was moist and pliable, it would have been firmed down by rains and spring traffic, and the roads would have been fitted for any kind of traffic. Instead, it was left over till summer, the dry sands were turned and piled up, and teams and autos have now to plough their way through loose sand hills. It is the same experience as in all other departments, incompetence and unfitness for the job.

Paper is claimed to be scarce and in short supply and prices have been soaring. Boots and shoes have been keeping pace with paper, if not in scarcity at least in expensiveness. Hides which during the war reached very high figures in cost have dropped to rock bottom price. They are quoted at 10 cents for hides and 15 cents for calf skins. The simple statement of these facts should suggest an excellent and doubly economical remedy. But to avoid obscurity, our proposition would be to eliminate the paper from the boots and shoes, and allow it to be used for much more useful purposes, and that they put the now cheapened leather substitute into the footwear. It would be economy both ways, and our opinion is that the public are not so wedded to the paper foot-coverings as to raise any serious objections to leather being used instead.

Mr. J. H. Burnham was elected in 1917 as a supporter of Union Government. He was one of the strong members of parliament, faithful alike to his party and his constituency up to the close of last session. When the change of premierships took place together with a change in the party name, he deemed it the proper course to

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Her Majesty Queen Mary has consented to be patroness of the V.A. D. Ladies' Club which was opened last month in London, and Princess Mary, who is commandant of a voluntary Aid Detachment, has become an honorary member of the club. Already more than twenty five hundred members have joined, and the club membership list contains almost every well known name connected with V. A. D. work since the beginning of the war.

His Excellency the Governor-General and party are enjoying exceptional good luck in their fishing in Newfoundland. The Governor-General has landed some unusually large fish. His Excellency and party will reach Louisbourg on the schooner yacht on Saturday and will be welcomed by the county officials.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and party are expected back in the Capital from their trip down the Gulf about the third of August. Lord Charles Cavendish who has been at Eton, is sailing next week by the Empress of France to spend the holidays with his parents.

During the absence of His Excellency the Governor General, the administrator of the government is the Rt. Hon. Sir Louis Henry Davies, Chief Justice of Canada, formerly Premier of Prince Edward Island, and a member of the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Louis has issued a proclamation announcing the appointment. Sir Louis Davies and family are now at their summer residence in this city.

Sir Charles Dalton arrived in Charlottetown Thursday evening from Boston. He intends spending the shooting season principally at Tignish. Sir Charles has been travelling all over the United States and Canada during the last six months, and with his family made a motor tour from Boston to Toronto and back. With regard to the contemplated handling back by the Hospital Commission, of the Dalton Sanatorium to the local Government, Sir Charles said he had no remarks to make until a meeting of the Sanatorium commission be held.

Among the latest arrivals to occupy one of the Charlottetown Summer Resort cottages at Holland Cove, is Mr. H. T. Cunliffe, with Mrs. Cunliffe and their son and daughter from Montreal. Mr. Cunliffe is on the staff of the Montreal Gazette and his son has just passed very successfully matriculation examinations for his Arts course at McGill University. They are delighted with the appearance of things in Prince Edward Island, but experienced like most other recent arrivals, the horrors of getting here, and the fearful and antiquated train equipment provided by the railway management between Moncton and Charlottetown.

Mr. Louis DesBrisay of the Stock Exchange, Montreal, formerly of Charlottetown, is expected next week with Mrs. DesBrisay and child to spend the month of August at Holland Cove. And

return to his district the trust they reposed in him, and he has accordingly tendered his resignation. It was his conscientious conviction that the purpose for which he especially appealed to them for their confidence had been completed, and that it was his duty to consult them in the constitutional way. Whether this is called for or not it is the quintessence of genuine statesmanship. He is not out of accord with the party, nor tired of public life, for he is going to run the same district again, (West Peterboro), as a supporter of Premier Melghen's government. It is the principle of responsible government, and observance of his promises to his supporters that he is standing for. This is surely an object lesson for Premier Bell and his associates in our provincial Government. But with this vast difference that West Peterboro has not asked Mr. Burnham to resign, while Mr. Bell's constituents, and the whole province added, are persistently clamouring for their resignations and the dissolution of the legislature.

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S. A. McDONALD


at Winter River. The new management made this, the first picnic since the war, one to be long remembered.

Among the visitors expected here in the near future is Miss Cosh, who is coming from Scotland to visit her brother, Mr. Allan Cosh and Mrs. Cosh.

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"The Haberdashery"

Latest in Men's Hats



We are showing some very new shapes in "Borsalino" "Stetson" and the well-known "Freed" hats. Our hat stock has never been in better shape than at present. We have hats to suit the most particular and would like you to step in and see them.

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PANAMAS.

Just a few Panamas left, which we are selling at \$5. Come and get one.

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Men's white sport shirts, just right for warm days, \$2.00. Striped and white reversible soft collar shirts, sizes 14 to 16 1-2, \$2.00. Grey outing flannel shirts, soft collars, \$2.50 and \$2.75.

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We are showing the newest ideas in leather, flexide and live rubber belts, either regular or wide nickle clasp buckle. Prices \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2.00.

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