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MEN WHO WOULD SAVE THE COUNTRY.

There are a surprising number of persons in the Mother Country, in Canada and elsewhere who are to their own satisfaction earnestly engaged in the patriotic work of saving the country. They would have us believe that the Empire will go to smash if imperial federation and preferential trade are not immediately adopted; that the United Kingdom will speedily become reduced to a second rate position among the nations if the policy of free trade is not abandoned forthwith and a protective system adopted in its place.

Here in Canada we have many ardent politicians and editorial writers engaged in like fashion in the arduous task of saving Canada in general and each particular Province in detail. Mainly it comes to this: These saviors of the country would save Canada from the Liberal Government and the policy of reciprocity. They would in like manner save Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta from the particular Governments and policies under which their affairs are being now conducted.

Another equally zealous and patriotic body are equally earnest in their desires and efforts to save New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia from the blighting effect of Tory rule. Now, most of all these good people are honest and sincere in their beliefs that from one cause or another the Empire, the United Kingdom, the Dominion and the several Provinces respectively are in mortal peril unless their own particular remedies are applied. But the sober, common sense of thoughtful persons must conclude that these would-be saviors of this distracted country might greatly moderate their zeal and their concern without danger or loss to the dear country.

The Empire has grown, expanded and prospered under mixed trade policies, the United Kingdom under free trade and the over-sea Dominions under moderate protection. Canada itself has gone on prospering and to prosper under a succession of Governments, Conservative and Liberal. Almost any one of the older

Provinces has changed the party at its head three or four times, and a survey of the whole field from the Atlantic to the Pacific, past and present would make it a very difficult task to tell under which party any particular section of the whole down to ten years ago had made most rapid and substantial progress. More recently progress has been more marked than before, while the Provinces are so evenly divided between parties. This one fact is apparent that most of the changes have been for the better.

But it is not mainly by party nor by a change from one party to another that the country is to be saved or built up. The country at large and each individual Province and section are in fact quite safe, as we doubt not the United Kingdom and the Empire are also. The real saviors of the country are not the blatant politicians, or the partisan editorial writers, but the noble army of honest workers in field and mine and factory, in the counting room, the shipping and business office, the men who plan and manage our great industries, railways, collieries, steamship lines, the teachers, preachers, and professional men who are doing their best to promote the welfare and social order of the land we live in.

These busy workers are, in most cases more anxious to make an honest living and put by something for a rainy day for themselves and their families, than they are to save the country, but they are after all its real saviors. It is by the honest industry of the many that our natural resources are developed, our trade expanded, the wilderness redeemed to the plow and the national wealth increased. It is by honest work under the blessing of Heaven that Canada is becoming great, and her future is assured. A little more or less of free trade cannot harm this great Dominion. It is no longer an infant but a strong and stalwart nation. Canada is safe enough to smile at those would-be saviors of the nation who conjure up purely imaginary ills and dangers.

PARCELS POST.

A great need in Canada is that of a parcels post system. In most other respects our postal system is modern and excellent. We have cheap letter postage not only within the Dominion but to all parts of the British Empire and the United States, and cheap newspaper postage within the Dominion. Post offices and mail routes have been multiplied and a beginning has been made in establishing rural free delivery. But the Mother Country is thirty years ahead of both Canada and the United States in the matter of parcels post. In the British Isles parcels up to eleven pounds weight are carried by post at moderate rates.

Here in Canada the parcels post is so restricted that it is of little use and the same is true of the United States. The same reasons exist on both sides of the line—five reasons in the States, three in Canada. These reasons are the five express companies south of the border and the three north of the border. They have monetary power and influence enough with the Governments and Parliaments to hold back this greatly needed reform. Now that the Canadian Government enjoys a large annual surplus in the postal department, the country should be given a parcels post system. Some day the Government will be forced to choose between the greed of the express companies and the needs of the people.

THE COST OF THE NAVY.

The cost of the British navy has grown from \$155,000,000 in 1901 to \$221,000,000 for the current year, an increase of almost 50 per cent within a decade. On April 1, a few days hence, there will be thirteen large armored ships under construction for the British navy, excluding the two armored cruisers building for Australia and New Zealand. Of these it is expected that eight will be completed by the end of March 1912. That will leave five to be completed and in the meantime five more will be laid down as provided for in the new program.

"We shall have thirty Dreadnoughts complete in 1914," says the Westminster. "By the end of 1913 or early in 1914 our German competitors will have twenty-one of these ships in a condition available for war. What the public, therefore, has to consider in regard to this constructive program is whether a superiority of thirty to twenty-one in European waters is enough or too much. It is, we hope and believe, enough and not too much—enough to

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make us secure, but not so much as to force the pace or lead our competitors to believe that we have aggressive designs which must be met by further efforts on their part."

Such is the pace set by the great naval powers. It is but a few years since Britain launched the first of those tremendous moving sea-fortresses known as Dreadnoughts and now there is little account taken of anything less formidable than Dreadnoughts.

Yesterday turned out to be an unfavorable day for the Earl Grey to open the way to Charlottetown harbor. The strong southerly gale had massed the ice on this side of the Straits. Within a few days under more favorable conditions it may be hoped that the direct route may be opened.

Probably there is no coal beneath Prince Edward Island near enough to the surface to be mined with profit, but the tests made were not quite as thorough as could have been desired. And it seems a rather small business that the cost of clearing up the debris and repairing damages to the private lands where the borings were made should have been charged to the Province. The Dominion is spending large money yearly on the geological survey and in fairness to this Province, which had hitherto received nothing in that line, the Dominion might have paid the full cost and not charged \$430 against the Province.

The result of the revised land valuations is said to be an increase of about four million dollars to the assessed value of farm lands and about \$8,000 a year to the revenue from lands. This is less than was expected. The valuers seem to have done this necessary work with moderation and good judgment in the main. The six adjusters received \$250 each for their work, which was not an excessive amount. No one likes to have his taxes raised, but we think the general opinion will be that the valuation is now more equal and just than it has been for years past, and that some readjustment was imperatively called for. It is not likely that any one will propose to restore the old valuation.

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MACDONALD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL—LETTER FROM EX-PRINCIPAL JONES.

Dear Editor:—It was observed by you in an editorial in reference to the Consolidated School, that it had matriculated since 1906, in 5 years—20 pupils, while only one had been matriculated in the previous five years from the Hillsboro district former schools.

The matriculants to P. W. College from the Consolidated School must now be in the vicinity of 50 instead of 20. There were 15 in the first two years alone.

But if the success of this school is to be judged wholly by quoting the number of matriculants to P. W. College, I, as one former principal, object to that common judgment. It has never been the aim at the Consolidated School to "see how many they could get 'past the Board,'" it has rather been to see how much we could influence the lives of our pupils—their characters—with a course of study which we believe to be adapted to rural lives. That is the aim of Manual Training, Domestic Science, and the School Gardens in the school course—to influence lives in the usual walks of life on the farm in the workshop, in the home. We have not aimed so much at making pupils into mechanics, domestics, and farmers and gardeners, as in interesting them in the subjects and the possibilities of making these trades and everyday duties into scientific, honorable work. The real graduates of the Consolidated School are those pupils who have gone through the grades and returned to the farms or gone to the workshops thus inspired,—these are now numbered by the score.

We had some who wanted to study "the branches"—Latin, French, Algebra, Botany and the rest—these we have accommodated, and successfully, as you observe.

But the success of the Consolidated School is not to be measured by matriculants to P. W. C. That was not the aim of the founder. The number of matriculants may be a measure of the value of consolidation with the course of study as now laid down by the Board of Education. That course of study if adhered to at Hillsboro would mar the result, as it would drive so much of the school when they arrive at about the 7th grade or get through the fourth reader. They may linger on a year or two in a back seat working arithmetic and taking the English branches and geography, but there is not much credit in store for them. All honor is for the few who go on and matriculate to P. W. C.

If the school course of study led to an agricultural high school course in an agricultural high school at Charlottetown or elsewhere, there would be three times as many matriculants from Hillsboro and only those desiring to teach or go into medicine, law, or the ministry would attend P. W. C. The mechanics and farmers and women of the country could get an education that would really give culture—for it would cultivate an interest in the home, the farm and the shop.

Already I have gone beyond what I wanted to say to you at first, but I can add, perhaps, that here in the United States the agricultural high schools are rapidly becoming institutions of great good to rural dwellers. I do not find Latin on the course of study even in the high schools. But Geometry, Algebra, Chemistry, Physics, Botany, English, French, History and much agriculture are there. The whole high school work is now carefully outlined by Boards of Education, and fitted in with agricultural college work, so that the pupil can go farther into the profession of agriculture and teach if necessary. Teachers of agriculture are few yet and the demand for them makes their salaries high, but that condition will change when more go into the profession.

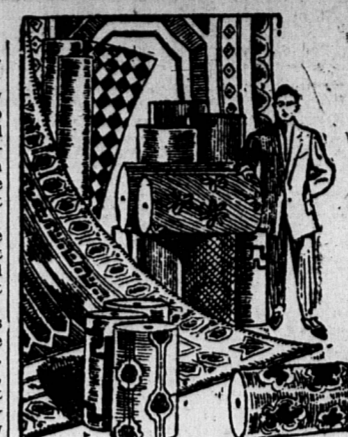
It has seemed to me that Prince Edward Island should have at least one Agricultural High School to which ambitious pupils in the public schools might aspire to attend. Only (Continued on page 6.)

Face Sores and Eruptions

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The approach of spring finds many people with unsightly face sores, eruptions, boils, etc. In this connection Zam-Buk is invaluable. An illustration of the way in which it cures even the most serious and chronic cases of eruptions, sores and ulcers, is provided by Mr. R.H. Barker, of Glencairn, Ont. He says: "My former troubles have been that any remedy could cure so quickly and at the same time so effectively as Zam-Buk cured me. My face began to be covered with a kind of rash, which itched and irritated. This rash then turned to sores, which discharged freely and began to spread. I first tried one thing and then another, but nothing seemed to do me much good, and the eruption grew worse and worse until my face was just covered with running sores. 'Apart from the pain (which was very bad), my face was such a terrible sight that I was not fit to go out. This was my state when someone advised me to try Zam-Buk. I got a supply, and within a week I could see that the sores were rapidly healing. A little longer and Zam-Buk had healed them completely, and my skin was as clear as if I had never had a sore. We shall never again be without Zam-Buk in the house."

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