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RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

Last night's large and enthusiastic meeting augurs well for the success of the remaining meetings of the Rural Life Conference. Prince of Wales College Hall was crowded with ladies and gentlemen, including a very large percentage of teachers and clergymen, all seemingly eager to benefit from the Conference. The speeches were inspiring and were listened to with rapt attention. The keynote of each of the speakers seemed to be the same, namely, the need of greater appreciation of the problems of rural life and the advantages of co-operation in their solution.

Dr. Creelman pointed out that there was a long way for Canada to travel agriculturally before she could compete with the productivity of European countries. In Denmark they produced forty-two bushels of wheat to the acre, in England thirty-two bushels, while in the United States they produced nineteen and in Canada fourteen bushels. This speaker, Rev. Mr. Riddell, Hon. Mr. Pierce, the Premier and Rev. Dr. Gauthier all insisted upon the absolute necessity of the teachers and clergy to co-operate with the farmer in an endeavour to improve agriculture and agricultural life.

All the speakers commented upon the excellent opportunities presenting themselves here for agricultural development and pleaded for improved school premises and appointments. If the teachers who attend the Summer School were to give the best returns for the instruction given them it was necessary they should have suitable school accommodation for the purpose. The people in the various school districts only required to have the matter presented to them in its true light to co-operate in providing as satisfactory school premises as they now provide model cheese factories and creameries.

This inaugural meeting will long be remembered as another important milestone in the agricultural uplift of the province.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

To most Canadians the biggest thing in sight today is the fact that between two and three hundred thousand of our people are fighting on European battle fields or are on their way there; that some thousands of them have already laid down their lives in order that civilization and Christianity might live; that more thousands yet may be sacrificed before the liberty for which they are fighting is firmly established. To most Canadians, we repeat, this is the biggest thing in sight today; the biggest thing Canada or the Empire has ever seen or perhaps ever shall see. It is a thing so momentous, and there is so much at stake, that the ordinary troubles and struggles and sorrows sink into insignificance by comparison.

And yet, amid the thunder of the guns, intermingled with the telegrams announcing the successes and reverses of our armies and our daily casualties, we hear the raucous voice of the office hunter, of the political hanger-on, to whom the biggest thing is—not that the Empire shall live, not that our men are dying on the battlefields and that thousands of Canadian homes are already in mourning and other thousands likely to be—but that they, the office seekers, shall receive recognition, that they shall succeed in blackening the reputation of their political opponents.

We have had, during the past year or more, enough of this smallness to make a Canadian blush for his country, witness the Kyte and Carvell charges

just exploded by Royal Commission, witness the hounding of General Sir Sam Hughes, witness the little dust storms raised in our own province about our different contributions of men, money and grain to the Imperial Army. In the midst of the noises that are rending nations these little noises for political preferment seem lamentably, pitifully discordant and out of place.

A gentleman disgusted with this disloyal and unworthy warfare recently wrote a letter to one of the chief of sinners in this respect, the **Toronto Globe**, the recognized leading Liberal paper in Canada, which that paper published without comment. A few extracts will show what this Canadian, typical of nine tenths of all Canadians, thinks of the matter. These for example: "Supposing you are against him (Sir Sam Hughes) politically, is that any reason for the **Globe** being continually knocking a man who is doing all he can to send soldiers to France. It makes no difference how it is carried out, the General gets the work done and is entitled to all the honours the people of Canada can give him. . . . Every man makes mistakes but I do not think **The Globe** can name another man in Canada who could do the work Sam Hughes has done and make so few mistakes. Your editorial in Friday's **Globe** was very raw and if there is anything that will make Canada look small with outside countries it is just such stuff as that written at a time when you should be helping recruiting instead of using your hammer on the Minister of Militia because he happens to be a Conservative."

And more of the same kind. It would be well if other papers and other makers of discordant noises of the same variety would take the broad hint handed out to **The Globe**. There are bigger things in the air today than the blackening of a political opponents reputation. Let us first finish the job in Europe, let us establish our Empire though it cost the blood of our sons, but in Heaven's name let us in the meantime stop the muckraking and the faultfinding and the hounding of those who are doing the biggest things ever done in Canada. In our little province we have big things to do; let us do them and when peace returns we may more fittingly play at politics and office seeking, but, for the present, let us put first things first.

THE PASSING SUMMER

Already the days are perceptibly shortening; already the summer for which, through the dragging winter and spring, we longed, is merging into autumn. The early summer flowers have faded, the early summer fruits are gone and the Autumn fruits, are coming in. Summer is passing. What use have we made of it? What stores of energy have we laid up against the shut-in days that will soon be upon us. There have been some excursions to the country, some rambles along the shore, but when we look upon them through an autumn rainstorm or a winter snowstorm there will be self accusations and useless complainings that we had not made more use of our summer while it lasted.

The next few weeks will see a large number of visitors in the City in connection with the Rural Life Conference and the Summer School for Teachers. It is hoped that any neglect in the past in taking advantage of our glorious summer weather will be fully compensated for and that, in company with our visitors, our citizens shall have the opportunity not only of enjoying what is left of the summer but of showing our visitors what a magnificent country and climate we live in.

It is hoped that when the several hundred teachers of the province and the other visitors attending the Summer School are here such arrangements will be made as will make possible a number of joint excursions to the country, to the woods, to the shore—anywhere away from the monotony of the daily grind. The last summer school held here was devoted almost exclusively to hard work and study. There should be intervals of rest and we trust those in charge this year will see to it that provision is made for some recreation and pleasant outings.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE FOR CITY

Sir,—In reading the report of the Annual Convention of the Women's Institutes in yesterday's paper, it struck me very forcibly, and not for the first time either, that while so much is done for the women-folk and their daughters in the country districts, nothing apparently is done for the city wives and daughters in the matter of Domestic Science courses, either in the public schools or through classes at the P. of W. C. other than those for the college students, who are also mostly girls from the country. The boys have an instructor in manual training; where is that equivalent for the girls?

The question is: Why is this so? The parents in the City pay rates for education and teachers' salaries; and yet their daughters are at a great disadvantage compared with the facilities afforded to the women and girls of the country districts, and evident by the enormous number of operations for appendicitis, etc., in this town which are primarily caused by badly and insufficiently cooked food, and the excessive use of canned goods; the city mothers are no more able to teach their daughters how to cook properly or the relative values of food than are the mothers in the country. If they could cook fresh meat and fish to make it appetising and digestible there would not be so much canned stuff eaten.

Take again sewing and dressmaking. How can the mothers teach their girls things they never learnt and cannot do satisfactorily themselves; and in most cases where can the majority find time to undertake the task with all their other duties?

I have several daughters myself, some at school and others left school and last year I applied for one or both to attend the Domestic Science courses and never received a reply; therefore I made enquiries, and was told they were only for the country girls, who over and above these privileges had their expenses paid. Now I appeal to other mothers and ask is this fair? And is it fully appreciated by the country people and is it entirely satisfactory to the city people?

Domestic Science should be on the curriculum of the public schools for girls in their teens. If this is entirely impossible on account of the pupils being obliged to cram with heaps of things which will never be of any practical use to the majority of them, then the Board of Education should make other provision for the city daughters in the form of night schools or continuation classes, so that they may be on a level if not allowed to be in advance of their country sisters.

FAIR PLAY.

STUDENT'S GIFT FUND.

(For 2nd Field Kitchen.)

LIST NO. 30.

Previously acknowledged	\$1038.78
From 10 pupils Ruskin School per Miss Bessie Ennis, teacher	1.10
From St. Ignatius School, per Zachariah Buote, teacher: Individual contribution from pupils	.90
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Amount to date	\$1041.87
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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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DON'T FORGET TO SING.

Don't let the song go out of your life; Though it chance sometimes to flow
In a minor strain; it will blend again With the major tone, you know.

What though shadows rise to obscure life's skies, And hide for a time the sun, The sooner they'll lift and reveal the rift, If you let the melody run.

Don't let the song go out of your life; Though your voice may have lost its trill, Though the tremulous note may die in your throat, Let it sing in your spirit still.

Don't let the song go out of your life; Let it ring in the soul white here; And when you go hence, 'twill follow you thence, And live on in another sphere.

Paton's Prices at their Furniture Clearance Sale

Will save you 40 p. c. to 50 p. c. on to-day's prices. This is a fine time to buy furniture. Following is a list of what is left, we must have the room by the second week in August. Nothing reserved we want a clean sweep. The ground floor is wanted for early Fall Millinery.

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- 2 China Cabinets, Oak and Mahogany at \$26.00 and \$33.00.
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- 1 Dixie No Tuft mattresses 3 ft. at \$12.00.
- 1 Hall Rack, Quarter cut Oak at \$27.00.
- 4 Kitchen tables 6 ft., with drawers at \$4.00 each.
- 1 Kitchen Cabinet, natural finish, \$10.50.
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- 1 Enamel Medicine Cabinet, with mirror in door.
- 1 Baby carriage (Wicker) at \$18.00.
- 8 Baby carriages (Folding) at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$1.75, \$15 and \$20.
- 4 Go Carts at \$2.35. 3 do at \$2.60.
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- 5 Pedestals at \$1.60, \$3.10 and \$3.35.
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- 4 Verandah Chairs at \$1.75.
- 5 Canvass lawn chairs at \$1.40.
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- 2 Elm Typewriter desks at \$12.00.
- 1 Oak Typewriter desk at \$14.50.
- 2 Children's Bass nets at \$2.65.
- 2 Mahogany Parlor tables, \$8.50 and \$13.00.
- 1 drop leaf Mahogany table at \$13.00.
- 5 Roll top desks at \$40.00, \$27.50, \$32.00 and \$23.00.
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- Gent's Chiffoners. Qt. Cut Oak with 6 drawers at \$28.50.
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So Breeders mate your Good Mares with the Great Sire. He can be seen till further notice at his own stables Montague. Mr. Ellis the latter part of March refused a handsome price from parties in N. S. for this horse but as he is an admirer of good stock would rather keep him here for the benefit of the public. Terms \$15. for Season guaranteed return privilege.

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