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WHAT WE MUST DO

It is not now so much a question of what we may do but what we must do to increase production and conserve what we have already got.

We as producers will be expected to produce and export as much as is actually possible.

Recent articles in the press drew forth spirited replies from owners of cats.

Magazine I refer to gives some facts of interest to cat lovers.

MISCHIEVOUS CRITICISM

Some of the armchair critics, who cannot be happy unless they are miserable, are bitterly complaining about the censorship on the war news.

Such complainings are mischievous in the extreme; they do nothing to help the war; they arouse discontent and uneasiness in the minds of those who do not know any better.

We must not forget that the war is being engineered from a centre, that those in that centre know all there is to know about it and, if there is anything they do not know, we who know nothing about it cannot help them and should not attempt to dictate to them.

slackers, is to help, not hinder. The firm, unshaken faith of our people in the righteousness of the cause for which they are giving or have given of their flesh and blood, and confidence in those who are directing the war are essential factors in the winning of the victory that we are so anxiously looking forward to.

ATTRACTING BIRDS

Mr. H. B. Ryan, Mr. Donald Nicholson's brother-in-law, who has recently taken up residence here, draws attention in our contemporary, to the advisability of encouraging the robin here, and mentions the growth of cherry trees in public places for this purpose.

In a recent issue of an American magazine the statement is made that thirty-one million birds are annually killed by cats.

Societies for the protection of birds should exist not only in every province but in every city and village in Canada.

The inconsistency of protecting birds in Florida and allowing them to be destroyed in Canada will at once appeal to thinking people.

Laws do not protect birds, but education and publicity will.

Those who wantonly destroy birds do so because of ignorance and lack of knowledge.

The efficiency of the cat as a "mouser" and "ratter" is greatly overestimated.

A great deal more could be written on this subject, and we hope to give some prominence to it in the near future.

MR. FISHER'S CONFESSION

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is fond of posing as the farmer's friend. One of the most oft-repeated tales in Liberal mythology is the claim that the late Government was the benefactor of agriculture, that under it farmers flourished, and, that if there is at present a falling off in production in Canada it is directly traceable to Conservatives lethargy when the interests of the farmers are concerned.

Some interesting, not to say amusing, light was shed upon these claims the other day by no less a personage than the Hon. Sydney Fisher.

"Canada is said to be an agricultural country, but we have progressed less in agriculture than in any other country. A study of the census figures between 1901 and 1911 revealed some startling facts.

Here we have in the bluntest possible language the confession from Laurier's own Minister of Agriculture that the late Government, this "friend of the farmer" administration, adopted such an attitude toward agriculture between 1901 and 1911 that it was "gradually being crushed."

"In 1901 the rural population of Canada was 62 per cent of the whole, and the remaining 38 per cent was an urban population, but in 1911 the rural population had decreased to 55 per cent while the urban population had increased to 45 per cent."

It will be well to fyle away Mr. Fisher's confession of the plain truth about the Laurier Administration and the farmer. It may come in handy at the next election when counterfeit reformers will again be flouting about Sir Wilfrid as the "farmer's friend."

NOTES FROM THE P.E.I. HEAVY BATTERY STATIONED AT HALIFAX

Major C. L. McKay has been promoted to "Fire Commander" of Halifax harbor, and commenced his duties on Tuesday, April 17th.

Captain J. A. S. Bayer replaces Major McKay as O.C. of the P.E.I. H. B. No doubt, Captain Bayer will make a good commanding officer.

Sergt. T. McNeil has been promoted to Sergt-Major of this Battery, replacing B.S.M. Higgins, who has been discharged from the service as medically unfit.

Bdr. F.P. Duffy and Bdr. D.J. McArthur, are at present taking a course in Coast Defence and Garrison Artillery at the Royal School of Artillery.

Gunnery Devereux, White, Darrach and McKay are taking a course in signalling at the Citadel Hill.

Gr. L. McKinnon has been promoted to the rank of bombardier.

A baseball team, with Corp. Lavery as coach, has been formed and are busy at work in training for the Military League which is to be opened soon.

Tpr. B. G. Acorn has been transferred to the P. C. post, Fort Sandwich, to take up the duties as office clerk to Major McKay.

The Battery under Captain Bayer are busily engaged in Gun Drill instructions, preparing for the annual shooting contest this summer.

Bdr. L. McKinnon met with a painful accident last week. While jumping from one log to another at the shore of McNab's Island, he stepped on a spike which put a very nasty cut in his foot.

Taft's Views on Voluntary Service

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 24.—William Howard Taft, at the People's Presbyterian Church, stated that all talk about the raising of a volunteer army was "mere wasted eloquence."

"The only way to raise an army of two million," said Mr. Taft, "is to make every man of serviceable age understand that he owes an obligation to render service."

ENGLAND SOON ON BREAD RATIONS

LONDON, April 28.—England will soon be placed on bread rations, it is understood. It is generally conceded that the bread problem is the crux of the whole food situation.

It is maintained that the middle class and the rich can easily find some substitutes, but that the munitions employees whose labor is so necessary to the conduct of the war must be provided with bread, and, in order to accomplish this, restrictions must be placed upon its use.

BERNHARDT IMPROVING

NEW YORK, April 28.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is gaining strength but is still in danger, according to the bulletin issued today by physicians attending her at Mount Sinai Hospital.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison

GIVE NATURE A CHANCE

Some one has said that he who makes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before is a benefactor.

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ROSTAND PRAISES AMERICA IN "SONG OF THE STARS"

PARIS, April 28.—Edmond Rostand, of the French Academy, has entirely rewritten his famous "The Song of the Stars" which he published in 1915, recasting it to pay tribute to the American nation.

The translation of the poem follows:

"The stars sang out from their field in the beautiful flux. We are the symbols of progress, its glorious glow. Born of the stars your frigate of old wore in the wounds of its sails, Rochambeau.

"Slashing," they sang: "Lincoln should never have died. While there is a canker of slavery left on the earth; Whitman, at thought of a star standing neutral in war Would be shaken with hot indignation and mirth.

"Edison for France And the heart of Great Franklin shine on. There stands the beast with its chops dripping gore. There the vast throng at which Roosevelt would hurl. His battalions of fighters to share in the glories of war.

"Five were the swords that great Washington held. That he welded to save an ideal that shall never grow dim; Joffre, on the Marne, with his Foch, Mamoney, Sarraih, D'Esprey and D'angle had five also like him.

"One star came to the edge of the union and sang. We are all here in this corner of blue. All save one, touched by God, shining and new. The star and the genius of Wilson."

EMPIRE DAY SET APART FOR APPEAL

LONDON, April 28.—Baron Deonport, the food controller, has selected Empire Day, May 24, as the time for a nationwide renewal of the appeal to the people against wastefulness of food.

As a part of the campaign great masses of propagandist literature will be spread throughout the country, special demonstrations are being arranged and exercises will be held in all the schools to impress upon the minds of the young the necessity for the conservation of food of all kinds.

SUNDAY SHELL WORK ABOLISHED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 28.—Sunday labor is to be abolished as far as possible in a large majority of munition works. Only in establishments in which the process work is of necessity continuous or where contracts of great urgency are being filled will exceptions be made.

A GIGANTIC ACHIEVEMENT

The immensity of Canada's achievements in supplying the Empire with munitions, and the fine part played by the Dominion Government in financing the business are strikingly shown in a statement just issued to the press by Mr. J. W. Flavell, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board.

Mr. J. W. Flavell, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, has furnished the Minister of Finance with a statement showing the extent of the business in munitions which has been built up in Canada with the financial assistance of the Dominion Government.

The total value of orders received by the Board is \$850,000,000 which is equal to the entire international trade of Canada (imports and exports) of 1915.

Canada has a right to feel proud of her share in this war; and not the least of her achievements has been the splendid part played by the Dominion Government in making possible the great production of munitions which are so vital a factor in securing a victorious peace.

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Towards the financing of this immense business which means so much to the Empire and the standpoint of the successful prosecution of the war and to our troops at the front as well as to the prosperity of Canada, the Dominion Government has contributed \$200,000,000 as a loan to the Imperial Treasury and arranged with the Canadian banks for advances aggregating \$100,000,000.

Of the co-operation of the Finance Department in

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