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THE FARMERS' MEETINGS.

JUDGING by the numbers in attendance at the Farmers' Meetings held this week, and the great interest taken in the matters discussed, agriculture in all the branches important to this province will receive a great impetus in the coming years.

That decided improvements have recently been introduced is already apparent in the prizes won and the prices obtained by our leading farmers. But not fully satisfied with the lead they have obtained the farmers of this province have evidently determined to go on still further towards perfection in the culture of the land, the production of potatoes and other roots and vegetables, and the breeding and feeding of live stock. Work and care on the part of individual farmers have accomplished much in the improvement of these products; work and care on the part of individual farmers will have to be continued if success is to be maintained. But to these essentials there is now added the important element of co-operation.

It has been discovered that by working prudently and diligently in co-operation along definite lines, better results are obtained by each farmer as well as by the whole community. At the meetings held this week, there has been discussed the operations in which the farmers of this province have engaged co-operatively. The Dairy-men's Association, with the farmers' clubs founded to promote the improvement of the best breeds of dairy cattle, the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, the Swine Breeders' Association, the Sheep Breeders' Association, the Poultry Association and Egg Circles, have all discussed the conditions which exist and the action that must be taken if the desired improvement is to be promoted and obtained. We have no doubt that the "coming together" of our farmers, and their comparison of notes and experiences, will result in the carrying out of still better arrangements in co-operation, and get greater success than has been achieved. "Excelsior" is the word.

CULTURE.

IN this busy, hurrying, scurrying age, when the main quest is either money or amusement, we are too prone to forget what we owe to each other and to ourselves in the way of cultured civility. The "smart set," particularly in American cities, are becoming increasingly numerous in our own Canadian cities, consider it not unbecoming to be rude and uncourteous; indeed, in extreme cases they think it smart and up-to-date. Bad manners in men or women, in boys or girls, will always be repulsive to all but to those who, like themselves, are rude and unmannerly. Bad manners go with the loud raucous voice and the "loud laugh that speaks the vacant mind." Culture includes good manners, courtesy to all, whether rich or poor, educated or uneducated. It includes gentleness of speech, "a low, sweet voice is an excellent thing in woman," says the poet. A well modulated and controlled voice in man or boy is equally excellent. We do not look for, nor do we want, a simpering tone or a listless mouthing from a man; but from man and woman, from boy and girl, we have a right to see the extremes of loudness and lowness avoided both in conversation

and laughter. Laugh by all means, heartily too, laugh till the tears come and the laugh becomes a scream, but even the screaming laughter should not devolve into braying. Everyone, even the rude, respects courtesy. Everyone loves to be waited upon in store or office by a cultured clerk, whether man or woman, and the cultured, mannerly, courteous clerk is an asset that no store or office can afford to be without, nor can they afford to keep one who is not. Let us not forget in our haste and hurry that we owe civility and respect to each other and self-respect demands it of us. Our schools, in city and country, would do well to pay more attention to this branch of education. It has been said of a certain school that its pupils are known on the street and at their play by their decent and courteous conduct. It is a splendid tribute to the school.

A GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.

THE Protestant Orphanage is an institution which ought to be maintained, for it gathers within its hospitable walls a large and interesting number of the waifs and strays of our community. In itself the Orphanage is worthy of support by the public. But when, in connection with it, there is supplied an entertainment such as that which is to be given in the Prince Edward Theatre on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday next, all who are charitably disposed, and all who enjoy a really good entertainment, will be present to add to the fund from which it is maintained. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Orphanage, and the receipts will be devoted wholly to the maintenance and current expenses of the institution. "Sunshine" is the play to be performed, and the performers have been carefully chosen from among our most talented amateur actors and musicians, all of whom have volunteered and give their services freely. We hope to see a full house on each evening.

A GOOD ROTATION.

MANY P. E. Island farmers know that a good rotation to maintain in potato culture is to have the potatoes follow sod, and preferably clover sod. Succeeding the potato crop, oats had better be sown—seeded down with clover—so providing a three year rotation of oats, clover, hay and potatoes.

The experts of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa state that "it is not regarded as good practice to plant potatoes on old sod that has been in hay or pasture for several years on account of the danger from white grubs and wire worms." On such land it is regarded as advisable to first grow another crop, such as oats, and plant potatoes the next year. This is the practice and the experience of many of our own best farmers.

It is stated, too, that if the soil is so acid that red clover will not root well in it, alsike clover will be successfully substituted, or the potatoes may follow grass. The advisability of applying lime to acid soils in order to grow a good crop of clover is doubtful; for the lime in the soil is apt to make the potatoes scabby. But if the potatoes are grown not oftener than every four years lime may be applied three years before with less danger of scab.

Notes by the Way

Miss MacPhail, M. P., doesn't love the Maritimes as she ought, we are sorry to say. Speaking of Maritime claims and the Duncan Report, she told the Edmonton Bulletin—

"It is nothing but a political solution for an economic problem. I think I can speak for both parties when I say we have very little sympathy for the way they are going about the solution of their troubles. Why don't they house-clean their own minds first, wake up and apply scientific methods to their government, their agriculture and industry, instead of asking for special rights, such as subsidies, freight rates and higher protection—that will place a heavier burden on the country as a whole?"

Miss MacPhail went further, declaring that the mental atmosphere down here was "too depressing for words," and was confident that the renaissance of the three Eastern Provinces could be brought about by uniting into one, nationalising the coal mines and having trade reciprocity with the United States. Mere parrot talk! She had no doubt heard somebody say that before and repeated it like a parrot. She proposes three impossible remedies for our "purely imaginary" ills: Nationalisation of coal mines, trade reciprocity with the States, to neither of which Canada would consent and union of the three Maritimes, to which Prince Edward Island would not consent, nor would New Brunswick, without the Island.

If she is so strongly for union, why doesn't Miss MacPhail get married? If thus united to some good man she would be a far better representative of Canadian womanhood than she is now. Why don't Rhode Island and Delaware, or some other little State unite? Because they have a history and traditions, and prefer to manage their own affairs for themselves. It is that way with Prince Edward Island. It was a Province and enjoyed self-government before Ontario or any of the four provinces west of it were dreamed of.

The question of Maritime Union is one for the Maritimes to settle for themselves, and not for Quebec, Ontario or Western newspapers or politicians to meddle with. Few people in the Maritimes are so very much enamored with the Union into which we entered sixty years ago as to be very desirous to surrender the few remaining rights of self-government we now possess by going into another union. Some politicians and newspapers in Nova Scotia favor it because by her larger population that Province would have absolute control of both the Government and Legislature of the new Union. We have learned the real meaning of majority rule from outside. Confederation taught us that.

How is Canada faring in getting British immigrants. During 1926, according to a statement made in the British Parliament by Sir Ormsby Gore, 46,000 of them went to Australia and New Zealand and 31,000 went to Canada. Great Britain assists in paying the passage of emigrants going to any of the British Dominions over sea.

The Government press are no longer boasting of the balance of trade in favor of Canada as they formerly did. The total trade of the Dominion in 1926 was greater by eight millions in 1926 than in 1925, but the excess of exports over the imports fell off from \$14,932,000 in 1925 to \$5,289,000 in 1926.

Between December 1 and January 1, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of hands on the pay-rolls of 5,851 industrial firms in Canada, other than agriculture and fishing, fell off from 838,638 to 781,551 a decrease of 57,087.

The first two days of March were real "pet days," as a delegate to the Farmers' Parliament observed. Mary's little lamb was not gentler or milder, but the third day was different, with a north-east gale and snowstorm which went on through the night. Well, it makes more work for the snow shovelers with whom work was rather slack during the first half of the winter.

No modern myth is more widely believed, says a western paper, than the story that the great fire in Chicago in 1871 was caused by Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over a lantern. But the story originated in the imagination of a newspaper reporter. That reporter, named Michael Ahern, has confessed it. He died last week, at the age of 77. Of course it was well that he confessed his fault before he died, if "embroider the facts" occasionally.

WEIGHT, AGE AND PHYSIQUE

The Army Medical Service get a real opportunity of sizing up the physiques of thousands of apparently able bodied men. The height and weight are the first two measurements taken, and the proportion to the height. However we have come to recognize different types of physiques. There is the long body and the short legs, the short body and the long legs, and the body and legs that are nearly equal.

However the height of the body sitting is now being used with which to compare the weight, and this gives a better idea of the relationship of weight to height. These army doctors, and the doctors of the insurance companies, agree that in young folks it is better to find five to ten pounds overweight, than five to ten pounds underweight. This extra poundage in young folks is a good sign, showing that here is a little "reserve" in weight for sickness or other emergency.

However in older persons, this extra weight is not an asset but a liability, as statistics show that the overweight older folks are poorer risks, both in the army, or as policy holders in the insurance companies. In fact a few pounds underweight, if this underweight is not due to disease or indigestion, is an advantage.

These examiners are a little afraid of the individual with a large abdomen. If his abdomen is as large as the chest at rest, then he is not considered a good risk. They say that in general, "the longer the belt the shorter the life."

I have heard of a book called "irth control," and although I haven't read it, I would judge that the author is hitting out at this great mistake civilization is making, in permitting oneself to get many pounds overweight. So take a look at yourself, and after finding out your type of physique, that is long body and short legs, a short body and long legs, or something either of these types, compare your height and weight with the insurance tables, and get your weight right.

Remember if young, a few pounds overweight is an asset. If old, a few pounds overweight is a liability.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

Saturday, March 5th.

At fifteen, my mind was bent on learning; at thirty, I stood firm. At forty I was free from delusions. At fifty I understood the laws of Providence. At sixty my ears were attentive to the truth. At seventy I could follow the promptings of my heart without overstepping the mean.—Confucius.

MENDING WALL.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall, That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it, And spills the upper boulders in the sun; And makes gaps even two can pass abreast. The work of hunters is another thing: I have come after them and made repair Where they have left one stone, But they would have the rabbit out of hiding, To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean, No one has seen them made or heard them made, But at spring mending-time we find them there. I let my neighbor know beyond the hill; And on a day we meet to walk the line, And set the wall between us once again. We keep the wall between us as we go. To each the boulders that have fallen to each. And some are leaves and some are soles, nearly bald. We have to use a spell to make them balance: "Stay where you are until our backs are turned!" We wear our fingers rough with handling them. Oh, just another kind of out-door game, One on a side. It comes to little more: There where it is we do not need the wall: He is all pine and I am apple orchard. My apple trees will never get across; And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him. He only says, "Good fences make good neighbors." Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder If I could put a notion in his head: "Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it only as a warning to more modern reporters who might be tempted to

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That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

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Happenings of The Week

A laugh is just like music It freshens up the day. It tips the peaks of life with light. And drives the clouds away. The soul grows glad that hears it And feels its courage strong. A laugh is just like sunshine For cheering folks along.

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The Public Forum

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UNNECESSARY INTERFERENCE

Sir,—I was a little amused and somewhat disgusted by the Patriot's strenuous and ridiculous effort to put the Guardian in the wrong concerning Mr. Boulter's interference with the Tariff Advisory Board. The Guardian stated that P. E. Island does not import potatoes and has nothing to lose through any duty that may be imposed for the protection of Canadian farmers;—that is admitted. The Guardian stated too, that the United States raises its duties for the protection of its farmers without reference to Canada;—that fact is not denied and was proved to be true when the Fordney duties were imposed. In view of these facts there was neither need nor sense in the petition alleged to have been sent by our Potato Growers' Association—that the Advisory Board should not do what the interests of Canada as a whole demanded because there might be retaliation by the United States, which would hurt P. E. Island's potato trade. P. E. Island's potato trade was in no danger, except from the McNary-Haugen Bill; and that, fortunately, has been killed by President Coolidge.

No doubt, Mr. Boulter acted in what he believed to be the interests of this Province. But in view of all the well known facts stated by the Guardian, it is evident that he acted precipitately and mistakingly.

PUBLIC OPINION

I am, Sir, etc.

SHOULD WE WITHDRAW?

Sir,—In reading our local papers lately two items attracted my attention. The first was a report of a statement recently made in the House of Commons, at Ottawa, being a reply to a question, and the statement was made that the B. N. A. Act made provision for Newfoundland to enter Confederation. The second item was a short editorial regarding encouragement of our industries. The thought went through my mind—how fortunate Prince Edward Island would be if we had never gone into Confederation and how helpful our natural industries would be to

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THE LORD EXALTED.—Be Thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength; so will we sing and praise thy power. Psalm 21:13.

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A GREAT DECLARATION.—I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. Psalm 22:22.

THE SIN OF OMISSION

In our bustling, stirring life, is there no danger lest the "still, small voice" prompting to tender, thoughtful acts and words, should be unnoticed? Often in hurrying on to do what seems to us imperative, we miss God's purpose for the moment.

It isn't the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun. The tender word forgotten, The letter you did not write, The flower you might have sent, dear, Are your hunting ghosts to-night.

The stone you might have lifted Out of the brother's way, The bit of heartsome counsel You were hurried too much to say; The loving touch of the hand, dear, The gentle and winsome tone, That you had no time or thought for, With troubles enough of your own.

The little acts of kindness, So easily out of mind; Those chances to be angels Which every one may find; They come in night and silence—Each chill, reproachful wraith—When hope is faint and flagging, And a blight has dropped on faith.

For life is all too short, dear, And sorrow is all too great, To suffer our slow compassion That tarries until too late, And it's not the thing you do, dear, It's the thing you leave undone, Which gives you the bit of heartache At the setting of the sun.

Where there are cows? But here there are no cows. Before I built a wall I'd ask to know What I was walling in or walling out, And to whom it was like to give offense. Something there is that doesn't love a wall, That wants it down. I could say "Elves" to him, But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather He said it for himself. I see him there Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top, In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed. He moves in darkness as it seems to me, Not of woods only and the shade of trees. He will not go behind his father's saying, And he likes having thought of it so well, He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors."

—Robert Frost.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, DIABETES, STOMACH DYSPEPSIA, OBESITY, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, COLIC, CONSTIPATION, URIC ACID, URIC ACID, URIC ACID.

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keep our population happy at home with profitable employment. I was born in the year Prince Edward Island became slaves and just forty years ago I passed my examination for qualification to attend Prince of Wales College. In a few years, owing to the death of my father, I became personally interested in the manufacture of Furniture, Agricultural Implements, Soap, Potato Starch and Island Tweeds and at that time there were throughout the Province additional industries, such as Tanneries, Foundries, Boot Factory, &c. &c. If we were free today, as we should be, there could be a profitable field for all the industries enumerated above and many additional ones on a small profitable nature. Under the sixty years of partnership with the other Provinces, however we have lost nearly all our industries and are compelled to purchase our goods in Upper Canada from people who ignore our equality as partners and make fun of us when we seek redress. As I see the matter to-day and speaking with an imperfect knowledge of the history of Confederation or the Duncan Award, it would seem to me that the time is ripe to point out to the powers that be that as a partner in the Dominion of Canada we have been misled in that we ever entered the partnership, that we have not received anything like fair treatment, that the implementing in full of the Duncan Award would not begin to repay us for our misdeeds, and that inasmuch as our share in Canada's prosperity has been switched from us and not paid to us, we now ask for a dissolution of the partnership and an accounting. As it appears to me, any continuation of the partnership will only increase our dissatisfaction. (Continued on page 5)

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