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EXPER'L STATION REPORT

We have received the report of the Superintendent of the Experimental Station, Mr. J. A. Clark, B. S. A., for the year ending March 31, 1921, issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

WINTER'S WAY

Everything else being agreeable we should have our coldest winter weather on and around December 22nd but it is only when the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen.

MARITIME UNION

Maritime union has been discussed with more or less interest for some time and the arguments for and against it are familiar to most of our readers.

Besides the usual meteorological records for the year the report gives the date of sowing, the date of ripening and the yield per acre of all the varieties of grains, roots and vegetables.

Others' View Points

The Immortal Burns (London Advertiser)

As the 25th of January, is approaching, and is to be celebrated by a Scottish concert, it is worth recalling the meeting of Burns and Scott, Scotland's greatest men, as it is described in a book by W. S. Crockett, "Footsteps of Scott."

"It was about this time, too, he had his memorable interview with Burns at Seleanes Hill House (Edinburgh). I saw him one day (he writes) at the late Venerable Professor Ferguson's house, where there were several gentlemen of literary reputation, among whom I remember the venerable Dugald Stewart. Of course we youngsters (young Adam Ferguson, his bosom friend, was the other) sat silent and listened. The only thing I remember which was remarkable in Burns' manner was the effect produced on him by a print of Bunbury's representing a soldier lying dead on the snow, his dog sitting in misery on one side, and the other his widow, with a child in her arms. These lines were written beneath:

"Cold on Canadian hills or Min- den's plain, Perhaps the parent wept her soldier slain, Bent o'er her babe, her eyes dim, solvent in dew. The big drops mingling with the milk her drop; Sad presage of his future years, The child of misery baptised in tears."

Burns seemed much affected by the print, or rather the idea which it suggested to his mind. He actually shed tears. He asked whose lines were, and it chanced that nobody but myself remembered that they occur in a half-forgotten poem of Longfellow's, called by the unimpeachable title "The Justice of the Peace."

It is stated that the "word" which Scott suppressed was "You'll be a man yet, sir."

women are made or unmade in our schools, and in the environment. Are we teaching too much or too little? After we have taught them too much or too little as the case may be are we giving them a chance to remain with us to help build up our own country, or are we each pursuing our own individual way, chasing our own dollar regardless of our fellows or of our province?

That we are progressing in many ways will not be denied. We have better farms and more prosperous farmers than ever before; we have larger stores and more prosperous merchants than ever before; but our population is steadily declining, our legislature has become a joke and we have acquired an enviable reputation for lawlessness. Is it not time to examine ourselves and ascertain what the trouble is?

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the collection of the late Mr. W. S. Louson

SURPRISE

O little bulb, uncouth, Ragged and rusty brown, Have you some dew of youth? Have you a crimson gown? Plant me and see What I shall be, God's true surprise Before your eyes! O fuzzy ugliness, Poor, helpless, crawling worm, Can any loveliness Be in that sluggish form? Hide me and see What I shall be, God's bright surprise Before your eyes! A body wearing out, A crumbling house of clay, O agony of doubt And darkness and dismay! Trust God and see What I shall be, His best surprise Before your eyes!

BABCOCK

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

PROHIBITION PROFITS

Sir, I was surprised to read in your editorial columns yesterday that the profits from the Vendorships of 1921 have fallen about 50 per cent. Is this actually so? And what explanation is offered? Have the medical doctors been prescribing fewer bottles of rum and whiskey has the Commission reduced the number of prescriptions? Or have the unfortunate patients felt the cost of Commission liquor too expensive and given preference to the bootlegger brand now available? There is another alternative. Has the cost of administering the Prohibition Act increased, and is this the true explanation of the drop in the profits? I am, Sir, etc.

INTERESTED.

Notes By The Way

(From The Examiner.)

It was, during the prolonged period of Liberal rule in Prince Edward Island that the potato bug came upon our farmers, to eat up their substance, cause endless toil, much expense and greatly increased cost of production. The bug came originally from Colorado, U. S. A.

It was quite in accordance with Liberal principles, practice and professions that the bug came to us. As we understand it true Liberal principles favor reciprocity in natural products and in farm products and in having all possible trade with the Yankees. The bug is a natural product and also a farm product. So there was an open invitation to the bug to come.

At once the bug set out on his long journey of thousands of miles toward the rising sun, the older ones "aphoristic by indefatigable wings" and the younger ones crawling along on the ground as best they could and leaving colonies of their tribe and roving in the green potato fields which they found and devastated along the way. They travelled only in the sweet summer time, and so did not have to pull themselves by straps over the icebound Straits in winter.

These Liberal bugs paid no customs duties, no head tax, land tax, poll tax, income tax or anything like that, such as mere native human creatures are obliged to pay to the Bell Government. Not they! As natives of the United States and as natural products alike, they had right of track. They had been invited and they came. Talk about immigration! Why, by the time the Liberal Government went out in 1911 the bug population had increased to about 101,450,000, without counting the Bequete district, where no census was taken.

Well, the Liberal potato bug is still with us, notwithstanding the tons of paris green and other mixture that have been sprayed and sprinkled on the potato leaves to spoil his relish. At present the bug is asleep, but only to get up a better appetite for the toothsome leaves and vines of the farmers' planting, come next June. We can imagine the Head Beetle of all the Bugs adopting the language of the late lamented Israel Tarte and saying in his interesting "family": "Wait till you see us next year!"

Following the Liberal Potato Bug has come the Liberal Crime Wave, which is a much more serious matter, far too serious to be the subject of a joke. It has come to other lands as well as Canada. Then why call it Liberal? Just because crime waves, like potato bugs, do not come without invitation, do not develop except under favorable conditions. And here the invitation was extended and the conditions were favorable.

How was the invitation extended? How were the conditions favorable? These are fair questions and should be fairly answered. Lax administration of the law, such as we have had during the past two years is an open invitation to crime. Jails so insecurely kept that they are burglarized without and from which prisoners escape from time to time with apparent ease are direct invitations to crime. Leave a province without a Commission to enforce the liquor law for weeks at a time when such Commission is the sole agency for enforcement, and it is a direct invitation to drunkenness and crime.

Egyptian Agitators Deported by Allenby

Zaghlool Jasha, with a gang of his followers, has been deported from Egypt by Lord Allenby and may expect to spend the next few years in Ceylon. It is probable that Egypt has seen the last of this extremist, who was a second Arab Pasha, and that hereafter the Egyptian will choose men of more moderate views to represent them. Frederick Cunliffe Owen, C.B.E., who is particularly well informed upon Egyptian affairs, estimates that it will be another forty years before Great Britain is ready to renew the offer of autonomy which was made at Lord Milner's suggestion, and which he considers to have been most unwise. For that length of time he predicts Britain will remain in control in Egypt as a guarantee of safety of all foreign life and property. Confidence has to a great extent been restored in the permanency of the present conditions, and as a result there has been an advance in the value of Egyptian Government bonds and of industrial and commercial stock.

Egypt's Prosperity

It depends largely upon the Egyptian people if the course of events from now on parallel the course of events following the collapse of the so-called Nationalist movement in 1881-2. There followed then four decades of prosperity and security such as Egypt had hardly enjoyed since the famous seven fat years at the time of Joseph. The Government was expropriated from the pit of bankruptcy and the yoke of the oppressor was lifted from the peasant. The latter was confirmed in his holdings and was relieved of the necessity of paying his taxes two, or perhaps three times, under threats from the corrupt tax collectors. As Mr. Owen says, up to the time of the deterioration of Khedive Ismail in 1879, the rebellion had been treated as boasts of burden. They had no standing in the courts of law, and, by virtue of the corrupt or forced labor, they were reduced to a condition of virtual slavery.

The Arabi Revolt

Then, under the reign of Tewfik, Britain in association with France, attempted to inaugurate a Nationalist Government in Egypt, and to endow the people with constitutional forms such as prevailed in Western Europe. The experiment was premature, for the Nationalist thus awakened, soon got beyond control and threatened not only the prosperity of Egypt, but the lives and the property of all foreigners there. The Nationalists were not satisfied with the large instalment of self-government which was offered them, but declared for complete freedom from all outside control or even advice. When the Khedive finally tried to stand beside the foreign Governments, to which he owed his throne, the Nationalists rebelled and finally embarked on a crusade, which had as its avowed object the driving of every foreigner into the sea, and the repudiation of the whole Egyptian debt of \$500,000,000, which was all owed abroad. Tel-el-Kebr.

There were massacres of Europeans in several parts of the country, and the rebels, led by Arabi Pasha, made a prisoner of the Khedive and interned him in one of the Royal palaces. The port of Alexandria was seized and pillaged, and there was another massacre of Europeans. The next attempt of the Nationalists was to take possession of the Suez Canal. This was the last straw, so far as British patience was concerned, and, after trying to induce France to join her, Britain sent a squadron against Alexandria, which was bombarded. It was in this action that Lord Charles Beresford distinguished himself. This was followed by the landing of an army, under the late Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, on the banks of the Suez Canal, and the battle with the rebels at Tel-el-Kebr, which finally destroyed the movement.

Chance for Moderates.

The crushing of the insurrection and the deportation of Arabi and other leaders to Ceylon had the immediate effect of sending up the value of Egyptian Government bonds from 28 or 30 to par, and was the beginning of the great revival. Otherwise the conditions were favorable to the spread of crime. Were not Liberal Governments in Canada always lax in the administration of the criminal law? And had we not when the crime wave burst upon us Liberal Governments in power, from Sydney to the Rocky Mountains? To ask these questions is to answer them.

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