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SIDE LINES ON THE FARM

"This one thing I do," said an old authority, and every reader of the Guardian knows where to find proof that he did the thing well, whatever it was. The man who prosecutes any calling successfully must stick to that one calling. Farming is a science, different from all other sciences and therefore will not mix with other callings. In our sister provinces many follow the dual calling of farming and lumbering; others farming and fishing. Those people, as a rule, live in the poorest sections. Their farms are ill-kept and whatever they make by lumbering or fishing, goes to help maintain the farm. The result in the great majority of cases is hard work and poverty. Farming and lumbering and fishing are, each in itself, profitable callings but they cannot be carried on successfully together. Farming is a science in a class by itself and the farmer who succeeds is the one who devotes his whole attention to it.

There are sidelines however which are closely connected with farming and give opportunities for the profitable disposal of many farm products which otherwise would be largely wasted. One of the most profitable of these is poultry raising. Few realize the immense possibilities of the poultry industry. In the matter of eggs alone the market is simply unlimited. Great Britain alone imports two hundred million dozen eggs a year and of this Canada, so far, supplies only two or three million dozen, the rest being largely consumed by our home markets. The British market alone will for many years to come take care of all the eggs Canada can raise and many more. (Before the war Great Britain bought eggs from fifty-five different countries, many of them low-grade eggs from Russia and some of the smaller European countries). Besides the British market we have our home market which is a very large one, and the United States which also for many years to come will require all we can supply.

Egg production has within the past few years received a great impetus in Canada because of the propaganda for better quality. The reputation of Canadian eggs today will carry them into the best markets in the world and we have only to "follow our hand" in order to make the poultry business one of the most, if not the most, profitable sideline on the farm. Our best farmers have already found this out and are profiting immensely by it. Others can do likewise and it will be found that the once despised and troublesome hen is one of the most profitable animals on the farm.

WEATHERWISE

With the cold weather creeping on apace and ever the assurance that "the worst is yet to come," the predictions of the "oldest inhabitant" as to the character of the coming winter make cheerful reading. In his judgment wild animals are endowed with an instinctive pre-vision of what the coming winter is to be and are therefore enabled to lay in stores large or small to meet the requirements. In recent issues we reproduced opinions from goosebone and wild animal experts who proved conclusively to those who believed them that the coming winter is to be an exceptionally mild one. The goose bone is unusually dark, indicating that there shall be little snow; the squirrels have laid by but a small supply of enough for foraging but a short one as well. Moreover, the squirrel, the wolf and such other wild animals as have been examined, are thinly furred indicating that there was no need of extra clothing on account of the mildness of the coming winter.

So prognosticate the prophets, and so they have reasoned from time immemorial and the winters come, mild or otherwise, the prognostications to the contrary notwithstanding.

The scientists laugh all those forecasts to scorn. With all their appliances, all their knowledge of the forces that really have to do with the weather, they profess to be able to forecast the weather for not more than forty-eight hours at the most, with an occasional guess at a possible disturbance because of the conjunction of certain planets adding their little pull to that of the sun and moon and so enticing the earthly elements away from their accustomed courses. The dark and the light goose bone they attribute to the physical condition before death of the goose or fowl; the small store of nuts they attribute to the scarcity of nuts and the thinness or thickness of fur to the time of capture. As to any instinctive provision on the part of animal or man they, very properly, refuse to recognize it.

Many attempts have been made by scientists to account for the variation in the seasons but so far made no more progress than the man who pins his faith to the goose bone and the winter store of the provident denizen of the wilds. The cycle theory held the front stage for some years and proof was adduced to show that every seventh year produced comparatively the same brand of weather. All the seventh years however did not keep faith with the discoveries and the theory was abandoned. A thirty-three year cycle met with the same result and today, with all our scientific lore, we have nothing more reliable than the goosebone and the squirrel to indicate to us how much coal we should store or how much extra clothing we should provide ourselves with on the approach of winter.

Others View Point

Let's Go.

Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Put one hundred men on an island where fish is a staple article of sustenance. Twenty-five of the men catch fish. Twenty-five hunt fruit and vegetables. The entire company eats what thus is gathered and prepared. So long as everybody works there is plenty. All hands are happy.

Ten of the allotted fish catchers stop catching fish. Ten more dry and hide part of the fish they catch.

Five continue to catch fish, but work only part of the day at it.

Fewer fish go into the community kitchen.

But the same number of men insist upon having the same amount of fish to eat as they had before.

The fifty men who formerly cleaned and cooked the fish have less to do owing to the undersupply of fish. But they continue to demand food.

Gradually greater burdens are laid upon the fruit and vegetable hunters. These insist upon a larger share of fish in return for their larger efforts in gathering fruit and vegetables. It is denied them and soon twenty of the twenty-five quit gathering fruit and vegetables.

But the entire one hundred men continue to insist upon their right to eat.

The daily food supply gradually sinks. The man with two fish demands three bananas in exchange for one of them. The man with two bananas refuses to part with one for fewer than three fish.

Finally the ten men remaining at work quit in disgust. Everybody continues to eat. The hidden fish are brought to light and consumed. Comes a day when there is no food of any kind. Everybody on the island blames everybody else.

What would seem to be the solution? Exactly! We thought you would guess it.

For we repeat that you can't eat, buy, sell, steel, give away, hoard, wear, use, play with or gamble with WHAT ISN'T.

The French Election.

Mail and Empire.

The whole world will feel cheered at the rout of the French "reds" in the general elections. The returns give assurance of increased political power for the solid older parties. The extreme Socialists have been badly beaten. There are a dozen distinct groups in the Chamber, and to define the differences in their platforms and general ideas would require some space. But the larger part of these groups, including the Conservatives, the Nationalists, the Republicans and Modernates, are all for the firm maintenance of the best traditions of Republican France. They have nothing in common with the extreme Socialist, who hampered France during the war, and sometimes actually strove to bring out French submission to Germans. The condition of France today leaves much to be desired, socially and economically. It is, indeed, in a material sense not much better than that of a defeated nation. But in spite of this, the French people have refused to endorse revolutionary agitators, and are determined on working out the national problem on sound lines. France wants more credits for materials and foodstuffs, and now that the election has shown that the people generally are still staunch to their old conservative ideas, bankers of other nations

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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I WILL NOT DOUBT

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return unanswered from the still, white snow above. I will believe it is an all-wise love which has refused these things for which I yearn; And though at times I cannot keep from grieving, Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain, And troubles swarm like bees about a hive; I will believe the heights for which I strive Are only reached by anguish and by pain; And though I groan and writhe beneath my crosses, Yet shall see through my severest losses, The greater gain.

I will not doubt, Well anchored is this faith, Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale; So strong is its courage that it will not quail To breast the mighty unknown sea of death. Oh, may I cry, though body, parts with spirit; "I do not doubt," so listening words may hear it, with my last breath.

will be more willing to give these credits.

A Word for the C. P. R.

Ottawa Journal.

Hon. T. A. Cramer, at Moose Jaw, said that Government ownership of railways would not be more costly than private ownership had been, adding that the Canadian Pacific Railway had received many millions as a gift. Under the conditions that prevailed when the C. P. R. was undertaken, the company which faced the undoubted risks deserved something, and public men, we think, should not be eternally "rubbing it in" that the first transcontinental is the creation of a charity bazaar. If this country helped the C. P. R. that great organization has given in return all that it could in loyalty and service. Its efficiency and business success has been Canada's greatest advertisement throughout the world.

Capital Essential to Labor.

Montreal Star.

Nothing could be more satisfactory than the first statement of Mr. Mills, Labor representative of Fort William, who has become Minister of Mines in the Ontario Government. He declares that his interest is in the rapid development of the mineral resources of the province, and that "in order to bring that about we must have capital." It is comforting to find a political leader turning from destruction to construction. The country has been almost deafened by soapbox shouting. Mr. Mills' blunt assertion that capital is necessary to development may help other people to recover their sanity. He probably also knows that capital will not work unless it can get a return, and will work only where it can get a return. Fortunately, as a member of a Farmer-Labor Government, he will not be suspected of any unholy alliance with "the interests."

The Convalescent Hospital.

Charlottetown Examiner.

While it is true that orders have not yet been received to close the Convalescent Hospital in this City, it is not at all unlikely that the hospital will be closed in the near future. The number of patients there have been reduced to about twenty, and about half of these are cured. On the other hand the cost of maintaining the hospital is, of course, very heavy.

What's to be done with the Convalescent Hospital building? will be the next question. As a hotel for summer visitors, its site would be unequaled, and not much additional expense would be required to effect the necessary changes.

Women's Institutes for England.

London Daily Mail.

The many wise, unselfish and energetic women who have combined in a great enterprise to make life more merry and useful in British villages have just severed their connection with the Board of Agriculture. The Women's Institutes, which sprang up everywhere during the war, are henceforth to stand on a peace footing, but will for some years receive a Treasury grant. This is to grow "small by degrees and beautifully less." But the movement is to grow bigger and beautifully more. The idea came from Canada, a fertile home of ideas, and is already international. Every British village ought to possess its Women's Institute; and in every village where none exists some patriotic woman should at once take the burden of leadership and get into touch with the central organization. A more fruitful form of village reconstruction is not today in being.

Justice to France.

London Times.

The flow of tourists to the battle fields of France and Belgium has decreased, with the decline of the year, but from one or another who has just returned fierce language is still heard. The longer the tour the stronger the words used to describe it. Often these private reports conclude with a wish that every Englishman could go and see for himself the wanton destruction wrought by the German soldiers. It is, of course, an old story now, but sympathizers with France can be excused for thinking

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National Dairy Council

Sir.—The Secretary of the National Dairy Council—Mr. D'Arcy Scott, of Central Chambers, Ottawa, has written to each factory manufacturing milk, and to milk vendors, condensers, ice-cream manufacturers, and shippers, asking their support under the plan determined on by the Council. It is to be hoped that each and every one will respond as promptly as possible and thus foster and promote the good work already begun by the National Dairy Council. It is important to maintain the work and to extend it, for, if through lack of support, the work of the Council cannot proceed, every milk producer and manufacturer would be touched in a vital spot; viz. his pocket-book.

The Council was organized at the time of the Dominion Dairy Conference last year and has just struck its stride having accomplished a good deal for the dairy industry during the past season. To date it has been greatly hampered for lack of funds, a condition which is being remedied by the tax plan and to which a hearty response is being made in every province in Canada. It is hoped that Prince Edward Island will respond promptly and thus keep up her influence in the management of the Council. (Already they have a member on the Executive, which is composed of only 9 members, all of whom serve without pay and at inconvenience to their own work.)

The National Dairy Council is composed of bona fide dairymen. Half of the members are milk producers. No salaried government official can become a member. It is an organization solely to promote the dairymen's interests.

Its platform, has already been heartily endorsed, publicly, by Honorable Walter Lea, the Commissioner of Agriculture.

It is hoped that every factory will take action immediately and withhold the small fee from each producer's cheque in the final payment. The milk vendors, condensers and shippers should also support the move for organization. If they cannot see how such and all will be benefited they could write to Mr. D'Arcy Scott, Ottawa, for information, or better, attend the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Dairy Association in January and ask questions.

I am Sir, etc., WALTER JONES, Bunbury Farm, Charlottetown.

KENTUCKY VOTES ITSELF DRY

FRANKFORT, K. Y., Nov. 25.—Kentucky voted itself dry at the state election by a majority of 10,717, according to the official count complete here today, of the vote cast on prohibition amendment.

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