

Farm Problems

The Central Guardian

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vey made by the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture in co-operation with farmers' organizations, and come to some satisfactory conclusion as to the best methods to be adopted to render the assistance that is essential and justified, in helping to re-establish our farming industry on a sound and profitable basis. Not only as a business man, in touch with all classes of industry throughout the Province, but in having a keen interest in agriculture for many years, it has given me an opportunity to become familiar with problems of the farmer. In addition to this, I have taken an active interest in our transportation problems, for the past thirty years, both individually and through the Boards of Trade. It held the office of President of the Associated Boards of Trade of Prince Edward Island for four years, from 1923 to 1927, through the period of great dissatisfaction in the Maritime Provinces in conjunction with the Province Government in the year 1926 in preparing and presenting the Island's case before the Duncan Commission on Farming Industry, representative of the Province and the Transportation Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade for many years. I merely refer to these past experiences to show that I am not a stranger to the problems that I have had very special opportunities to gain a valuable insight into many of our transportation difficulties and the severe discriminations that work against our farming and fishing industries, as well as business generally, and have endeavored to do much to the improvement of our people.

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Salvation Army Drive IS LAUNCHED Seek \$8,000 Objective For War Work Purposes. The opening gun in the Salvation Army's drive, Island division to raise their objective of \$8,000 for Home Services and War Work, was fired in the Citadel last night when chairman, divisional commander and workers gathered at a delightful banquet at which the following enthusiastic speeches were heard from various speakers. With the campaign hardly under way it was learned last night that already the Special Names Committee had raised \$1166.30 of their objective of \$2000.00, a good omen of the success that will attend the drive.