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THANKSGIVING DAY

By order of the federal government and in accordance with a time honoured custom, this day has been set apart as a public holiday and a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for a bountiful harvest and other blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year. It may be worth mentioning in passing that Thanksgiving Day is a heritage from our Puritan forefathers who made their home in America in what is now the New England States, and the observance of the day is limited to the United States and Canada.

That we in Canada have much to be thankful for requires no elaboration. As a distinguished visitor among us said recently, "If we could get a glimpse at conditions in other countries that participated in the war we would go down on our knees every hour of the day and thank God that it is as well with us as it is."

We have emerged from a war which shook the world and left a trail of ruin behind it; we won out it is true at a terrible cost, but we saved our soul and our country, a country which yields bountifully for our sowing, a country which affords us not only a living but comfort, prosperity and happiness; a land of peaceful homes, of a broadening civilization, of resources for material, moral and spiritual development. For all these we have a right and it is our privilege to give heartfelt thanks to Almighty God.

We are more prone to voice our grievances than our blessings; we are not as grateful as we ought to be and this is largely habit. Too often we cultivate our grievances, magnify our wants and our hardships forgetting that our blessings outweigh our sorrows and that our sunny days far outnumber our days of cloud and rain and storm.

There is no spot in Canada, or for that matter in the world, that has more cause for profound thankfulness than our own province of Prince Edward Island. Geographically we are sheltered from such storms as have recently devastated our sister countries; we have never experienced a devastating storm. Industrially and commercially we are sheltered from the storms of unemployment and want that prevail elsewhere. For these great blessings we have cause for thankfulness.

We thank God for a bountiful harvest. What a wealth of meaning is contained in that word "harvest." The harvest is the result of our sowing and cultivation and care. It is not confined to our field crops alone. We are constantly sowing; we are constantly reaping and as we sow so shall we also reap. If we sow the seeds of a discontent, of unrest, of falsehood, of self interest, of class and race and creed consciousness, we shall

reap an abundant harvest of trouble and sorrow.

In thanking Almighty God for our bountiful material harvest let us not forget our sowing for other harvests for there is a threat as well as a promise in the eternal law. "Whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

THE IRONY OF FATE

It was in accordance with the "irony of fate" that the initial movement for the launching of the farmers' party in this county upon a political career could not be carried out without the assistance of a lawyer, the elimination of whom was a class war of the original purposes of the organization.

In this province we are practically all farmers; our lawyers, our preachers, our doctors, our merchants are almost all either sons of farmers or are so interwoven with farmers that class distinction is not only impossible but absurd.

Many of the sons and the daughters of the country are moving into the city and, through he colleges and universities, through the law and business offices, are becoming incorporated into the life of the community, be it city or country. Under such conditions class distinctions are absurd. The lawyer is a specialist, a necessary evil if you will, but we cannot afford to do without him any more than we can without the doctor or the preacher, or the tailor or the shoemaker. No business man, be he merchant or farmer, will undertake to attend to the transfer of property or to the details of a corporation, if he has not the legal knowledge and he is perforce compelled to employ a lawyer just as the President and Secretary of the United Farmers on Friday last were obliged to call in a lawyer to determine whether the necessary campaign funds could be legally collected.

To many of the farmers present this necessity came as a shock and it set them thinking. We have no room and no necessity for class distinctions in this province. What we need is honest representation of all classes, we are one people, our interests are identical and so interwoven that no one class can prosper without the other. We have hitherto worked on this principle; we have chosen our representatives regardless of what calling or profession they belonged to; we aimed at selecting the best man; we may have made our mistakes but we have never made a greater mistake than we shall make if we select our representatives for the sole purpose of representing any one of the classes which constitute our population. We are one and if we are to prosper we must remain one. The ideal representative is he who will serve the interests of our people as a whole and with an eye single to the prosperity of the whole province.

Current Comment

The blank cheque, or blank form, must be for some reason, and idea has become an indispensable favourite of Liberalism. It is primarily used by those who either do not know their own minds, or who for some reason, sinister or otherwise do not want to let others know what their intentions are. It is not business and generally speaking it is very dangerous. Who amongst our farmers or business men having a bank account would give to another a blank cheque duly signed, and trust him to fill in whatever figures he decided upon in the body of the paper? No one but a business imbecile would take such a risk, and yet this is exactly what Mackenzie King and the Liberal Party are asking the voters of this country to do for them. Mr. King either has some intentions as to public policy hidden within his breast, or else he has none. If he has any, and the approval of this little dominion refuses to disclose them, then it

On the other hand perhaps he does not know his own mind, and that being the case he cannot enlighten others as to his intentions. In fact he rather claims this and has declared that if we elect him to power he will call a few of his autocratic friends together and in voters of this country to do for them. Mr. King either has some intentions as to public policy hidden within his breast, or else he has none. If he has any, and the approval of this little dominion refuses to disclose them, then it

the electors of Canada to give to him and his party a signed blank cheque the body of which he will fill in at his leisure with whatever he and his few parlour friends consider will best suit their purposes. Did ever politician make such a ridiculous proposition to a people before? If in all his many conferences with his party autocrats he has up to the present failed to formulate a policy and a platform of sufficient virtue to risk laying it before the people, A POLICY IN WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS CONFIDENCE, what grounds have we for expecting any thing better if we give him this blank cheque that he is asking for, and taking our chances of what he puts into it. At best it would be an exceedingly dangerous and undoubtedly unbusiness-like experi-

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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.

Mr. Lea and Mr. Wheatley

Sir:— It is beginning to dawn upon Mr. George Wheatley that for some time he has been barking up the wrong tree; that his information was after all not from the "inside," but decidedly from the outside. In fact, he has no information now at all about the ownership of Falconwood cattle. This is what we know an along, else he would hardly be foolish enough to put himself in the ridiculous position of threatening to expose me and when challenged to do so back down.

He makes the statement that the ten pure bred cattle bought in Ontario were grades, and then condescendingly agrees to accept his own statement as correct. He thinks I may make what he calls a clean breast of this transaction and tell the whole story. Clean is right, I certainly can, and he will learn how little there is in all the newspaper criticisms and cowardly insinuations the "WE" he refers to, who are writing these letters, are making. If it had not been that insinuations of this character had been appearing in the press from time to time I would not bother noticing this contemptible campaign, but I will not let Mr. Wheatley cover his retreat by mingling behind another set of insinuations, such as "The date of shipment; to whom originally consigned; to whom the first payment was made; at what point or farm in the Province were the first located, and what date the transfers were made."

Mr. Wheatley can get this information at the Railway Department, (Charlottetown); that is, the date of shipment from Ontario, and the date of arrival here, from whence they were taken directly to Falconwood. He can get further information, if he will not look up the transfers in the office, from Mr. W. A. Clemons, Sec'y., Holstein Friesian Association, Brantford, Ontario. The first and all payments were made by Departmental cheques. This information he can verify by riting to the addresses of the breeders if he wishes. The difference between the 23,000 paid to men in Ontario and the 23,2150 appearing on page 9 of the Agricultural Report is made up of freight and expenses that he saw beside these figures but withheld for a purpose. I considered pure bred cattle of this character good value at an average of \$250, as I had at the same time sold from my own herd one of their age for \$300, to Mr. D. R. Nicholson, one of the best breeders and dairymen in Sydney N. S.

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We plough the fields and scatter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered By God's Almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker Of all things near and far; He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star; The winds and waves obey Him, By Him the birds are fed; Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee then, O Father, For all things bright and good, The seed-time and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food; Accept the gifts we offer

For all Thy love imparts, And, what Thou most desirest, Our humble, thankful hearts. All good gifts around us, Are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all His love, Amen.

John Montgomery Campbell

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