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IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Another important conference takes place this week in Charlottetown. Beginning tomorrow, Tuesday and continuing until Friday afternoon the two chief officials of the Fisheries Department, Mr. W. A. Found, Assistant Deputy Minister and Mr. Ward Fisher, Chief Inspector for the Maritime Provinces, will confer with all the local inspectors and overseers of these three provinces with a view to instructing the new inspectors and overseers particularly as to how their duties may be best discharged.

Another object of the conference is to consider what amendments, if any, should be made in existing laws and regulations so that, if possible, the interests of fishermen, fish merchants and the general public may be conserved and adjusted.

Growing out of the proposal to hold this conference a conference of packers has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon and a joint meeting of all interested on Wednesday evening.

As every one knows the pack of last year unfortunately turned out to be somewhat of a failure, chiefly on account of the bluing and blackening of the meat. Packers found themselves, partly on account of this discoloration, partly on account of the condition of the English market, unable to sell their goods and prices slumped very seriously. This Spring therefore they were faced with the problem of turning out a better quality of pack than they have done in the past. It was not merely the bluing and blackening of the meat that they had to combat; there was other discoloration; meat with shades of brown, shades of grey and dull shades of red had to be rectified as well. It is safe to say that all this discoloration is due to defective methods of canning.

It will be remembered that the government during the past two summers has had experts at work among the canners, particularly of P. E. Island, and to some extent in New Brunswick as well. The government proposes to continue this work and the purpose of this conference is to consider ways and means as to how to make the best use of scientific instructions thus placed at the disposal of the packers and fishermen.

The importance of the conference is clear and it is hoped that all the canners and packers of the province who can possibly do so will attend.

MAKING THEM FARMERS.

The general interest that is being taken in the school fairs now being held throughout the province is gratifying. Much good both to the rising generation and to the older folk may be expected from these annual competitions and social gatherings.

We must not, however, too hastily conclude that all the boys and girls who take part in these fairs either successfully or unsuccessfully will become farmers. The influence and direction of the fair and of the preparation for it, undoubtedly tend towards an agricultural career but will not necessarily reach that goal. The farming profession, like that of medicine, the church, the bar, mechanics and other callings, is, or ought to be, a matter of inclination and natural aptitude and those who have succeeded in each of these callings are those who were drawn into them by their own inclinations rather than those who were pushed or driven into them by the inclination of others.

There are men and women who can never become successful farmers as there are men and women who can never become successful preachers or lawyers or doctors

and there are failures in all of these, failures resulting not from want of intelligence or good judgment, but from inherent unfitness were driven by the ill-guided advice of the calling into which they were speaking. The so-called "learned professions" are more generally supplied with failures than are agricultural and the trades for the simple reason that the young have been forced into them by the misguided ambition of parents or others under the mistaken idea that the "learned professions" are more respectable than the manual trades. Nothing can be more erroneous than this; a failure is a failure in any calling and the more prominent the calling is the more conspicuous is the failure; a success also is a success in any calling, and the successful laborer, whatever he may be engaged in, is a much bigger and more honorable man than the failure in a profession be it ever so highly exalted.

In this province where agriculture is the basic business it is in every way desirable that the majority of our people should become farmers and in any case the great majority of them will. Natural and justifiable ambition will carry many of them to the higher levels of the agricultural profession and the fact should ever be kept before them that there is more room at the top of the agricultural profession than in any other. Our Agricultural colleges and our Departments of Agriculture are continually calling for agriculturally educated men and as a profession it is as honorable and as lucrative as any of those hitherto exclusively classified as "learned." Practical farming itself also is equally honorable and lucrative with the additional inducement that it is the most independent of all callings. Keeping these facts continually before the children, emphasizing the greatness and dignity of labor but especially the labor that is productive and not parasitically dependent upon the labor of others, will undoubtedly turn many to farming who would otherwise drift into other callings. Agriculture is our principal calling and all the energies of our schools and our homes should be directed towards turning the minds and the thoughts of our children to the farm. It is only by kindly and judicious influence that this can be accomplished, only by the willful adoption of farming as a profession that it can be made a success.

POLITICAL CONTROVERSY

We note that the Patriot has, even at this early stage, descended to the level usually reached by it at later stages of political campaigns. We regret this. There are questions of vital interest to the province and to Canada to be discussed and, if we mistake not, the Patriot's readers would prefer such discussion to a falsification of the attitude of its political opponents. The Patriot's readers will, we have no doubt, judge for themselves as to whether its interpretation of The Guardian's opinions is inspired by ignorance of the English language or by a deliberate intention to mislead or to obscure the real issues. We have no intention of following the Patriot into the mire and will confidently leave the interpretation of our editorial and other comments to our readers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is no reason to fear and no sense in fearing hard times ahead. The times are largely what we make them. In this province, the crops, with the possible exception of hay, are good, grain is far and away better than last year and the prospect of fair prices, although not war prices, are good.

Current Comment

Urging, coaxing, begging, praying. These are the press announcements and intimations of the rallying cries of Liberalism in their perplexing predicament. It is not long ago that their tone was different. Then they were denouncing the government and their policy of protection, declaring that they were holding on to power against the will of the people and were propounding all kinds of free trade and industry destroying policies graded and framed to meet the fancies of the particular audience they were speaking to. But now that they are up against the reality of an election, their hedging and dodging and squealing and appealing is really pitiable. It is not that they didn't mean all that they said before. Many of them have the gall, after clamoring for an election till the country was tired listening to the noise, to denounce the government for dissolving the House without giving redistribution. Then their cry was that the Liberals were prepared for battle and were going to melt the very firmament with their progress; now they find their party at sixes and sevens; their best men in the rank and file declaring for the Meighen fiscal policy, not half a dozen of their own leading men expounding the same doctrines and with the "catch as catch can" program, every one running to save his own skin and let the devil catch the hindmost.

Their first coaxing and pleading was with the western farmers and Grain Growers. "Come over and help us," was the Macedonian cry. "If you don't that nasty and hated Meighen government will be sustained by those people whom we said were craving the chance to put them out and WE, both Liberals and Grain Growers, WILL BE OUT IN THE COLD FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS." Only by our UNITED EFFORT, said MacKenzie King, "can we defeat the Meighen government. Our policy is exceedingly elastic and can be made to fit into yours; our aims, our hopes, our ambitions are one; our worries and our fears. You Grain Growers were once with us our home will be familiar to you and after all it will only be a grand family reunion. Together we conquer, divided we fall and we are waiting with open arms to receive you again into our bosoms. Will you come; will you come?" But their plaintive cry was unheeded, the siren voice of their leader failed to attract and the Progressives determined to run the thorny path alone, unwilling to risk so treacherous a companionship, preferring to fall by the wayside alone rather than be found dead in such company.

And it was because the Grain Growers party were once in the Liberal camp, and knew their character and their methods, that they determined to shy clear of them. They saw clearly and they were not backward in declaring it, the Grit leopard had not changed its spots, that it was still the same old combination that made promises to get in on, and once they reached the pinnacles of office, all their past promises of economy and policy would be scattered to the winds and with a high hand, of which our Bell government is a living example, they would squander and tax the country without mercy. More over they knew the Liberal leader MacKenzie King altogether too well. So well in fact that they decided to drive him from public life. To this end they nominated their Ontario president, Mr. R. W. E. Burnaby, to clean him out of North York, and now that he is showing the white weather disposition to get out before he is bounced and

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FRIENDS THAT COUNT

The friends that love us always, In the good times and the bad; The friends that love us always, Are the friends that keep us glad. The friends that cling in tempest As they do in calm are those That have made the paths of hardship. From the paths of song and rose. The friends that love us always, When we go their way or not, Are the friends our hearts remember When the others are forgot.

The friends that stick the closest When trouble grows the worst; The friends that love us always Just the way they did at first They are the crowning jewels. Of the coronets we weave In the dream of tender moments When the troubles start to leave; We revere their names forever, And we see their faces clear. The friends that love us always, Whether sun or shadow's near. —Anonymous.

Others' View Points

THE RIGHT WAY

(Lawyer and Banker)

A negro lad had been brought into a Virginia Police Court for the fifth time charged with stealing chickens. The Magistrate determined to appeal to the boy's father.

"See here," said his Honor, "this boy of yours has been in this court so many times charged with chicken-stealing that I'm quite tired of seeing him here.

"Deed your Honor, an' I'm jest as tired of seein' him here as you is."

"Then, why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way and he won't be coming here."

"I has showed him de right way," said the father, "but he jest don't seem to have no talent for learnin' how, jedge; he always gets caught."

BEAVERS SAVING FISH AND WOODS

Bangor Commercial

A very interesting fact in relation to the beavers of Maine has been brought out by the recent forest fires, being disclosed in the weekly report of Special Warden D. L. Cummings of Houlton and from a section about which complaints have been made to the department of Island Fisheries and Game relative to the alleged depredations of the beavers.

"On Wednesday, June 29th, the fire I visited on the centre line of township 7, range 4, is around a beaver pond of about three acres, giving them plenty of water," says Warden Cummings in his report. "The brook the beaver pond is on is dry about and below the pond continues the report.

"Lots of little trout died in these small brooks that are so nearly dried up and some quite so.

"The big fire on Township 7, range 3, on the northwest side of the railroad, the first of June was also checked by a string of beaver ponds a mile long on Township 7, range 4, in an alder swamp. It gave the fire fighters a chance to get it under control. It is on the same ground about which complaints have been made about the beavers and some wanted it opened to trapping. The beavers were doing no harm whatever.

"The beavers on those wild lands should never be exterminated. If there is a certain section where they are doing a little damage, clean that portion out—but our water supply is growing less every year as the forests are cut away. There are many cases where the beaver yards save the trout as well as our forests."

A SOMEWHAT BARE SEPTEMBER

(Chicago Evening Post)

We wonder if Whitler looked up the weather reports when he was writing the story of Barbara Frietche, "Clear in the cool September morn." It may have been cool in Maryland on that September day of a year gone by but if so the weather man forced the village of Frederick to become unreasonably benignant. September may be cool, but summer trudges through the month for twenty-one days and more than occasionally trudges with fevered feet.

is coquetting with our own Prince County in his quest for a refuge, they are preparing to put up a farmer candidate to shut off his aspirations and protect this province from the humiliation of being any longer (mis) represented by him.

With these black clouds hovering over their political destinies the Liberal press and the Liberal leaders are working over time on their up hill fight to keep the remnants of the party from crumbling to pieces. "Urges Liberals to present united front," is their press headings for their "front" at the present is far from "united and so by these frantic appeals, made to their following in St. Polycarpe Quebec, they are trying to put courage into their only remaining support, in the final effort to retain this their last and now weakening stronghold. And all this time, while they are striving to their very utmost to hold what is left of their party together in that province, they are sending out their "canned" goods reports all over Canada, claiming more seats than they ever got in their most prosperous days, to try and stimulate a false courage and hope in the other provinces. It is however, in vain that they strive to rise. The anticonscription prejudice, which they were reviving there for all it was worth, it is hoped will give them a few seats, but their use of it in that province is only damning them the more visibly in the other portions of the Dominion.



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The Opening Book of Autumn Displays Charming Pictures All Over Our Store

The New Season is advancing rapidly now. Summer has had its full fling. Perhaps we enjoyed it to the full, and yet most of us are eager to see the crisp days of Autumn—to put away Summer things, with the heated days, and put on the New Apparel.

Today much of the new fashions are of the sort that may be enjoyed even while the warm days stay with us! The New Blouses are a real delight—in Autumn tones, in new effects; yet in sheer or light weights that may be worn at once. What a delight to change to the definitely new models.

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It is in this month that we find not mean a downward revision on summer and autumn as field companions. August flowers still give color to the meadows and roadsides, while with them in unselfish rivalry are the flowers that are autumn's. It is the month that the migratory birds begin to feel the journeying impulse and some of the less hardy ones start southward in fear of early frost.

September is supposed to tumble the fruits of the earth into the lap of need, and always it does it unless May frost has nipped its opportunity to play the part of Lady Bountiful. This year in many parts of the land May undid September. We hear stories of apple trees bare of fruit and of grape vines clusterless because of a graceless spring.

POLITICAL IMMORALITY.

Liberal newspapers and Liberal politicians are hedging uneasily on the tariff question. They tell us blandly that the plank in the Liberal platform that calls for a revision of the tariff downward does

not mean a downward revision on all articles but that the revision will be so adjusted as to benefit the Canadian farmer and consumer.

Those special pleaders have no authority to make any such statement. The Liberal platform was agreed to at a general convention of the party; the party is committed to it and the delegates at the convention pledged themselves to implement the platform at the first session after they have secured the reins of government. Every Liberal representative will be obliged either to vote for his party and his platform or leave the party.

Our Prince Edward Island Liberal candidates will contest the election on the platform laid down for them and no interpretation they can put upon it for the purpose of misleading the electors can alter the situation. They will vote with their party on tariff revision downward and on the removal of tar-

iffs on a prepared list. We published the respective platforms of the three parties in the Guardian of Wednesday the 14th instant. By these platforms the parties will stand and any modifications or loose interpretations that may be put upon them by designing politicians means only deception and fraud. What they have written they have written and whatever the private opinions of our Liberal candidates may be as to the effect such a policy will have upon our markets they will stand by their party and their platform. The implementing of the Liberal tariff platform would place our markets at the mercy of our larger American competitors and put us out of business in short time. These are the matters which concern the electors in the coming election, the matters upon which they must demand a full explanation before casting their ballots.

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