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BACK TO THE LAND

There is a strong "back to the land" movement in Western Canada. Many of the cities have been somewhat overdone and the profitability of farming is now appealing to many.

As a matter of fact, it is to no restricted class that the plain certainty that farming is going to be unprecedently profitable for a considerable number of years to come is making a strong and effective appeal.

Among those who in large numbers are realizing the possibilities of the situation are men who have been working as small contractors, with some capital, with experience and ability in handling men, and with horses.

More money will be made on the land in the coming years than will be made in the city by men who have in the past been devoting brains and energy to businesses not actually based upon and linked up with the agricultural industry.

There are vacant farms in this province, there are half worked and less than half-worked farms which would yield profitable returns if energetically and intelligently taken hold of.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

A booklet has recently been issued by the Canadian Government Railways and placed in the hands of all railway employees, giving suggestions for the prevention of accidents.

The suggestions calculated to prevent accidents on railways would be found equally effective in every walk of life. This for instance: "It will be the duty of members of the Safety Committees, as they go about their regular work, to note unsafe conditions and practices and to correct, or take up the same for correction."

This is true of most accidents, even the apparently simple ones. A horse runs away because some part of the harness or gear has broken, which should have been attended to. A man falls from a staging because it had not been securely erected and something gave way.

Here is another quotation, a little advice which will suggest many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness: "You may prevent serious injury by throwing aside from a travelled way a board with projecting nails, by replacing a cover over a catch basin" &c.

VOICE FROM HOLLAND

Holland is neutral in the present war but one of her newspapers recently had the courage to express itself thus on the greatness of Great Britain:—

The British Empire these days is a noble sight to behold; never in the days of its long history has it presented a prouder spectacle. The Motherland marches to war; and lo! from all the seven seas daughter peoples and the countries under her domination hasten with offers of their sons and possessions.

the side of those who for long years have been their rulers. While Ireland in the hour of the common struggle forgets its ancient feud, Hindostan so lately still a hot-bed of rebellion, comes with the tidings that she will fight along for the cause of the British Raj.

Proud monarchs, whose ancient lineage dates back till far beyond the Christian Era, hastily snatch the sword in order to fight in France, by the side of the white troops, who, since the memory of man, have been synonymous in their sunny land, with a vengeful domination.

It is a grand sight; and it has but one possible explanation. It can take root in nothing less than acknowledgment of the intrinsic justice of the fundamental value of British government.

GALICIA NOW RUSSIAN

The Russians claim that the Austrian province of Galicia is completely freed of Austrian troops and that it is now virtually a part of the Russian Empire. The Czar has appointed Count Bobrinsky governor-general of the annexed territory and has declared that all Russia rejoices with him in the union brought about as a result of the war.

GERMAN INDUSTRIES

Factories in Germany that depend on imported raw material to keep their wheels turning are reported to be at a standstill because of the shutting off of the necessary supplies. This condition has brought suffering to thousands of people and an attempt is being made by the authorities to meet the difficulties by turning the tide of the unemployed into channels that have been artificially benefited for the time being.

"We are," said Mr. Nicholson, "recommending that the estimates for this year be the same as last." He enumerated the sums asked for the various objects, then stating that if this were adopted the committee would recommend that the allocation for the presbyteries be the same as last year.

NOTES

"Christianity—and this is its highest merit—has in some degree softened, but it could not destroy, that brutal German joy of battle. When once the taming talisman, the Cross, breaks in two, the savagery of the old fighters, the senseless, veresker fury of which the northern poets sing and say so much, will gush up anew.

So wrote Heine 80 years ago, and he foretold that at the head of the new barbarians would be found the disciples of Kant, of Fichte, and of Hegel, who, by a regular logical and historical process, which he traces back to the beginnings of German thought, had thorn the "talisman" of its power.

THE AUGMENTATION OF WEAK CONGREGATIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Synod Has a Busy Day in Disposing of Augmentation, Foreign Mission, Sunday School and Other Reports of Church Activity

HALIFAX, Oct. 10.—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces resumed its business at ten o'clock on Thursday morning. Augmentation was the first business taken up. The Committee reported that they regretted not to be able to speak with optimism. This fund is in a critical state.

A stipend of \$1,160 was equal to one of \$750 twenty years ago, and the increase in the minimum was by no means adequate to meet the conditions of these times.

Assistance has been promised this year to fifty ministers. The Committee, which met yesterday, stated that it was decided if at all possible to increase the minimum from \$900 to \$1,000 in March next. The total revenue last year was \$11,279, of which \$10,059 came from the congregations and \$688 from interest, donations, etc.

MEMORIAL FROM THE W. F. M. S. He read a memorial from the Women's Foreign Missionary society asking that, in the event of amalgamation of the funds, the society's constitution and status shall be preserved.

Judge Forbes presented the report on the church and manse building fund. The report of the committees on standing committees followed, after which Mr. Hamilton proceeded with his address on the value of leadership, which he was delivering in the morning when the time for adjournment came.

Mr. Spencer, on behalf of the committee, recommended that the synod urge upon presbyteries and presbyteries upon congregations the importance and the duty of contributing to this fund a due proportion as to the schemes of the church under the budget.

That presbyteries exercise great care in entertaining new applications. That the synod overture the General Assembly to take expedient steps along the lines of the report and in the matter of the moving expenses of ministers called to self-sustaining stipend.

The recommendations brought forth a vigorous speech in their support by Rev. J. L. A. Anderson, of the St. John presbytery, who explained very fully why the payment of moving expenses was only just. Mr. Anderson described a special case in his presbytery which the recommendation would meet—a typical case.

THE GIVING OF THE CHURCH AT LARGE "Systematic giving" was the next business taken up. Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, of Dartmouth, presenting the report. The giving last year were only \$90,000—over \$138,000 are being asked for this year, "and," said Mr. Nicholson, "I have no idea whatever that we will get it."

THE REASON FOR INACTION ALWAYS READY. There is, said the speaker, always someone to give a reason for inaction. The necessary thing is to give men a vision. A great missionary campaign is needed, not only in the maritime synod, but throughout the church.

Mr. Hamilton's fine address was enthusiastically received. The report on Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies was next in order, being presented by Rev. C. B. Crowdis, of the Grove church.

Mr. Crowdis urged that the time must come when this work will be regarded as the vitality important work of the church. If "the splendid machinery of the church fails," then the General Assembly committee will also fail.

Referring to the prevalence of war, a calamity no language could adequately describe, "a challenge to the church," and he had been disappointed to hear it suggested that they should "go slow."

THE AFTERNOON SESSION. At half-past two o'clock the synod entered upon the business of the fifth day, "foreign mission business"

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