

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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FARM HELP IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

In the illuminating debate on Mr. Rhode's motion in regard to the neglect of the Eastern section of Canada in the matter of immigration expenditure, to which we referred the other day, Mr. McLean, M. P., for Queen's County made special reference to the need of more help for the cultivation of our farms. The need is indeed great at certain seasons of the year, but the problem is beset with very considerable difficulties.

The farm laborer from the British Isles, or from continental Europe is not accustomed to our methods of farming, and consequently his summer labor during the first year, or until he has acquired the necessary knowledge and skill, is worth much less than that of the average Canadian worker. That is one strong reason why farm laborers do not come to us, or if they do come they do not stay. Another strong reason is the long hours of labor during the spring, summer and autumn seasons to which our farmers are accustomed. The immigrant is shocked with the practice of working more than ten hours a day.

Then there is the lack of winter employment at fair wages. With a little care and forethought a good deal of winter employment might be furnished that would be fairly profitable or at least would pay expenses, but the average immigrant is not an axeman and in his first year at least can be of but little use in either cutting or preparing fire-

wood or fencing. So there is little going on in the rural districts in the winter at which the immigrant can earn more than board wages.

These are some of the difficulties to be overcome and which our farmers must solve for themselves as best they may. Gradually a solution will no doubt be found under which immigrant farm laborers can be assured of all-year employment, without which they cannot be expected to remain as permanent residents of the Province.

On the whole we think the one most hopeful prospect of securing immigrants lies along the lines of inducing skilled tenant farmers with moderate acapital to come and purchase farms and manage them for their own liking. This class, whether from the British Isles or from Germany, Denmark or other parts of Northern Europe, would do as well here and would serve by their example in closer and more intensive cultivation to stimulate our native farmers to like efforts and methods.

There is still another class whom we need and who could do well here. We ought to have a colony of at least 10,000 fishermen to take up and prosecute the fisheries which surround our shores and are now left to languish. With more farmers and fishermen thus established in the Province their natural increase in stalwart sons and daughters might in time go far to supply the present need of farm help of both sexes.

THE DOUKHOBORS AGAIN.

The Doukhobors, who now number over 8,000 in Saskatchewan, want to move on, not this time in a pilgrimage of nudity such as some of them have been wont to indulge in, but to move to what they think is a better country. In a word, they want to sell their lands, said to be worth some millions of dollars, and go on to British Columbia, where the climate is milder and set themselves up in fruit farming.

Peter Yvirgin, their leader, who cannot yet speak English, is in Ottawa with an interpreter, to try and get the Government interested to help them dispose of their present lands. This ought not to be difficult, as the lands are in the main fertile and the Doukhobors are industrious and thrifty cultivators. Unfortunately the past season was a late one and much of the threshing could not be done till after the snow and cold weather came on, and a news item mentions that the Doukhobors have now half a million bushels of wheat in one pile covered with snow in the open field.

In this regard they are no worse off than many other grain-growers in the Northwest, whom the winter caught with their grain in the fields while the elevators are full and cars cannot be had to move the grain to market. Some 2,000 of the Doukhobors have already moved to British Columbia, where they have bought 12,000 acres near Nelson, and have already planted 100,000 fruit trees. The enterprise promises so well, we are told that the 8,000 Doukhobors still in the Northwest want to move to the Pacific Province and engage in fruit-raising and canning.

Good features of the movement is that these strange people are industrious and honest, and prefer to live in Canada rather than migrate to the States. Verigin denies the report that they had intended to remove to California. He says they are satisfied with Canada and simply want to change their location and occupation. More Doukhobors are coming from Europe to join them. It would seem that in this sensible proposal to change their location and improve their condition they should be encouraged, rather than hindered.

A CANADIAN JUBILEE.

C. R. McCullough in the Canadian Courier proposes a grand jubilee celebration in Ottawa and a special celebration of Dominion Day throughout Canada on 1st July 1917, at which time the country will have completed fifty years of federal history. The proposal is of the more interest from the fact that Mr. McCullough was the organizer of the first Canadian Club, which was instituted in Hamilton, Ont. The proposal for a Canadian jubilee strikes us as a good one, and we have little doubt that it will be taken up and carried through.

Mr. McCullough proposes that any survivors from among the fathers of Confederation and all the Senators and Members of the Commons who have sat in Parliament since 1867, together with the surviving Governors General should meet in Ottawa to celebrate the jubilee, and should form the nucleus of a gathering to welcome King George and Queen Mary, with such British and overseas statesmen of the Empire as could be induced to come. Thus the proposed celebration looms up as a coming event of great importance and significance, and also a splendid advertisement of the progress and prosperity of the Dominion. There will be five years in which to prepare for it, and the scheme when fully developed promises to be one that may astonish and instruct the world.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.

In view of the great importance of the vote now being taken on the proposed basis of union between the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, The Guardian has some inquiries as to the proportional strength of the adherents of the three bodies which it is proposed to unite. We have not yet received the official figures of the census of 1911, but it may be mentioned that according to the census of 1901 the numerical strength of the three bodies in Canada was set down as follows: Methodists..... 316,862 Presbyterians..... 842,301 Congregationalists..... 28,283 It will be seen from the above figures that ten years ago the Methodist body was more numerous than both the Presbyterians and Congregationalists combined. In the years 1891-1901 the Congregational body had remained practically stationary, while the Presbyterians had gained in round numbers about 87,000 and the Methodists about 69,000. How far this proportionate rate of increase has been maintained during the past ten years we do not know. It would seem that if all the members and adherents of the three bodies take part in the voting some things approaching two millions of ballots may be cast, which will considerably exceed the number who record their votes in a general election to the Parliament of Canada.

Passengers to and from this Province cannot be expected to work their passage by the ice-boats at the Capes. They will go and come by the steamers between Georgetown and Pictou, which is a round about route and subject to many delays. The desire for a special train to connect with the steamers on their arrival and departure seems to be, under the circumstances, a reasonable one and should be granted.

The Mayor has called a public meeting to be held in the market Hall on Thursday evening next for the discussion of civic affairs by the candidates and others. No doubt there will be a very large attendance of electors.

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Thus the new outlets for Canadian wheat might develop. The proposal is that the Government erect an elevator of 2,000 bushels capacity so built as to be capable of addition as the need arises.

FINE CHURCH BURNED NEAR CAMPBELLTON, N. B.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Feb. 5—The beautiful Roman Catholic Church constructed of stone at St. Anne Des Peristouche, opposite here, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. An attempt was made to take a fire engine over from the town, but was found impossible. A good view of the blaze could be had from this side, and it was watched the magnificent edifice reduced to a shapeless mass of smouldering ruins.

The destruction of their church is a hard blow to the Fathers who labored among the Indians on the Reserve. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have started from an overheated furnace.

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