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THE FARMER AND THE SALARIES HE PAYS.

The farmers get lots of good advice in the end to pay all the vice from the newspapers as to how they should pay their school teachers. As salaries go in general, and especially in federal affairs, teachers are very poorly paid. But the farmer has his own way of looking at these things. The majority of the teachers are farmers' sons and daughters, whom the parents have educated at a good deal of cost, and in some cases at the cost of actual privation. Compared with the rewards that come from equal time and labor spent in farm work our teachers are not so badly paid. The great army of workers who toil early and late, and have in the end to pay all the salaries big and little, ought also to be considered. They must contribute the price of a farm yearly to pay one representative at Ottawa, and the price of three or four farms each to a host of Cabinet Ministers, Judges, Railway Commissioners and others, each drawing from \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year. Farmers and workers have to practice economies that are quite unknown to these people rolling in luxury, who live at the cost of the toiling masses. It is no doubt a false economy to scrimp the school-teacher's salary, but the reason why it is done is not far to seek.

EPITOMISED WISDOM OF SEVEN WISE MEN.

Seven men of ancient Greece were so renowned for wisdom that popular opinion credited them with the title of the Seven Sages. They lived and taught in seven different cities, and each of them crystallized the sum of his teachings into a single brief motto of two to five words. There is much condensed worldly wisdom in these mottoes of the Seven Sages, and although quite as much may be found in the Proverbs of Solomon, which not all young men read, it may be worth while here to repeat the words of these reputed wise men of Greece. Here they are: 1 Solon of Athens—"Know thyself." 2 Chilo of Sparta—"Consider the end." 3 Thales of Miletus—"Who hateth surfeit is sure." 4 Bias of Priene—"Most men are mad." 5 Cleobulus of Lindos—"Avoid extremes." 6 Pittacus of Mitylene—"Seize time by the forelock." 7 Periander of Corinth—"Nothing is impossible to industry." Generally these mottoes are counsels of self-knowledge, forethought, business prudence, moderation, enterprise and industry. The fourth motto in the order as above quoted, is the most open to question of any. It is that of Bias of Priene, from whose name we get the word bias, with its meaning of prejudice. All men in our country and time are not bad, but wise old Bias lived in another age when no doubt the majority were bad enough.

REV. DR. PRINGLE AGAIN ON THE WARPATH.

Rev. Dr. Pringle, sometime of Dawson City and now of Sydney, has been called the stormy petrel of the Presbyterian Church. His fame as a denouncer of social vice and political corruption was widespread before the present meeting of the General Assembly and he has added thereto by his slashing arraignment of public wrongdoing in high and low places in his address before that body at its present meeting. Whether his zeal is according to knowledge and without prejudice or not we leave for others to judge. He evidently has the courage of his convictions and must expect the vials of wrath to be poured out upon him by a section of the party press. His charge that the name of Sir Frederick Borden is a synonym for lust, coupled with a challenge to the Minister of Militia to bring an action against him if he dares, will no doubt receive early attention at Sir Frederick's hands. It can hardly be passed over. Whether Hon. Dr. Fuglesy and Governor Tweedie will resent Dr. Pringle's pointed imputations remains to be seen.

The average salaries of Governors in the United States \$5,000 a year and the average term of office three years. The Governors over there have to run costly elections to secure their official position. In Canada we have a five years term of office and we pay our Governors seven to ten thousand dollars a year, the average being \$9,000. These offices are bestowed, like most other high-salaried positions, as the rewards of party service. In Canada the office is twice as well paid as in the United States. Can we afford to do this? Three fifths of the Canadian people live by farming and the average production per farm in Canada according to the Government Year Book is only \$750 and in Prince Edward Island \$564. Out of that the farmer and his family must live and pay taxes. There are too many big salaries in Canada.

While the party organs are disputing about whether Liberal or Tory Governments have done most for this Province the fact remains that after an equal term under each party the Province has not had money enough for decent housekeeping and the added deficits of thirty-five years amount to more than a million dollars. Neither party has much to boast of where such conditions exist. Parties and party men spend the strength in fighting each other which should be devoted to the service of the country.

If the people had all along been getting their school books, at reasonable cost, such as are paid in Ontario or New Brunswick they could have added a handsome yearly supplement to the pay of the teachers and been none the poorer.

The revenue of Canada has gained a million and three quarters in three months as compared with the like period last year. But the provincial revenue shows no such buoyancy. It runs along at the same old insufficient level. And one of the sixteen Ottawa ministers pockets twice the salary of our entire Provincial Government, and one member of Parliament gets more than twelve local representatives. Is this right?

The month of June is proving to be a dry season throughout Canada from the Rocky Mountains to the sea. New Brunswick is suffering seriously from forest fires which have got beyond control and there is great anxiety for an early fall of rain. An unusual number of fires in town and country of late have been caused by smoker's pipes or burning cigar or cigarette ends. The smokers have much to answer for in this way.

The Saint John Tourist Association reports a deluge of inquiries and fears a lack of hotel accommodation for the thousands of summer tourists who are expected. Many of the tourists who visit the sister Province of Eastern Canada also cross to this Island and prospects seem good for a large influx here during July and August.

Back Strained By Heavy Lifting Lay Helpless in Bed for Four Days, Crippled, Suffering Agony and Torture.

"While engaged with a large construction company," writes Amos F. Wilbur, from Concord, "I wrenched my back while lifting a steel beam. I realized at once that I was hurt, but finished the day out. I was so lame when I reached home that my wife insisted on my going to bed. I applied poultices, hot water bags and other remedies, but at the end of the fifth day my suffering was more intense than at first. A fellow workman brought me a bottle of NERVILINE, and rubbed my back twice during the evening. This gave me relief. Rubbing with NERVILINE was continued the next day, and by night I was much improved. NERVILINE must have penetrated right into the muscles that were sore, because it took out the stiffness, cured the pain, and had me well in four days' time. Of course, to strengthen my back, I put on a Nerviline Porous Plaster to find it a wonderful help to a working man." No treatment on earth today that compares in pain-subduing, healing and curing power with NERVILINE. Fifty years' record has established its unusual merit. Look out for the substitutor, insist on "Nerviline" only. Large 25c. bottles at all dealers.

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