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LABOR DAY

Throughout Canada and the United States this, the first Monday in September, is by statute a public holiday. It was primarily adopted for the purpose of giving the laborer a special holiday of his own; it has developed into a general holiday for all classes and conditions of men and women.

What do we mean by the word laborer? It is often misapplied, often misused, often so used as to cause an invidious distinction. There are those who labor and those who do not. Once upon a time, particularly in the older countries of Europe, there was a species of snobbery which implied, indirectly at least, that the man or the woman who was obliged to work for a living, belonged to a class inferior to that to which so-called "ladies" and "gentlemen" belonged.

This idea has long since been exploded; there are now as always, those who labor and those who do not; those who labor with hand or brain and those who work with neither. The former, whether toiling in shirtsleeves and overalls, whether at the head of a factory, a coal mine, a counting house or a corporation, whether in jeans or in tweeds, are the world's benefactors, the men and the women who feed the world; the others may be tramps or parasites living on the charity they beg from door to door or on incomes inherited from honest laborers or from parasites. The term "laborer" is a distinctive title to be borne only by those who honestly seek to carry on the world's work whether with hand or brain.

It is fitting that a day should be set apart in honor of labor, in honor of work, in honor of hard work; a Sabbath Day of rest and recreation after a year of hard honest work. Let us fittingly celebrate the day, fittingly rest, fittingly play, proud of the fact that we are laborers, that we are doing our honest share of the world's work.

FEDERAL ELECTION TALK

Well informed correspondents at Ottawa discuss the probability of a federal election in the near future. The impression created is that an election will come either before or immediately after the next session. Some go so far as to predict an appeal to the people before the session but this opinion is discounted by the fact that redistribution is likely to come first. On the other hand it is claimed that the present representation is not equitable according to the population and that this fact alone is a sufficient excuse to call the election before parliament meets.

There is only one reason which will decide the holding of a general election and when it shall be held, that is, expediency. If the Liberal party, now in a minority in the House, can persuade itself that there is a possibility of enacting a sufficient number of Progressives to join their ranks in a new parliament the election will be called. This is the hope of the Liberal party, the aim for which it is striving. When Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King was forming his cabinet he made overtures to the Progressives to come in with him; their leader, Hon. T. A. Cre-

rar, was willing but the rank and file of the party were unwilling and Mr. Crear was obliged to remain where he was. Since then there has been much doing in Progressivism. In Ontario the party is split into irreconcilable factions. In the west there is a strong division of opinion on the question of "close communion," some wishing to confine the political benefits of Progressiveness to the farmers, while others claim that the farmers alone are not sufficiently strong to form a political party. This latter group want to call in all who choose to come in and take pot luck with the farmers.

In the East the Progressive Samaritans have no dealings with the Western Jews and the two Progressive wings, East and West, are as far apart as the Jews and Samaritans of old with little hope of political evangelism that will finally unite them. Their respective aspirations are as far apart as the poles and will always remain so, so far as political group advantage is concerned. The falling back into their respective original parties, therefore, is a probability that is being nurtured by the Liberals from whose ranks they originally sprung. Whether the causes which drove the Progressives out of the Liberal party are removed or not, the Progressives themselves will be the best judges and we may rest assured that the Liberals will leave no stone unturned to persuade them that they are.

One difficulty stands in the way of reconciliation: the Liberal party at a great convention adopted the platform of the Progressives for the sole purpose of securing Progressive support. The platform was thrown to the winds as soon as the Liberal party got down to work; the Progressives got nothing they had asked for. The Liberals did nothing they had promised to do and before this Red Sea is crossed by the Progressives there must be some explanations and some compromises.

While the opinion in Ottawa generally favors the idea of an early election it will be generally admitted that an election at this time or in the immediate future holds out but little promise for the Liberal party. The prospects are rather that parliament will meet as usual and that another year will be wasted, as last year was, in doing nothing but keeping alive.

CO-OPERATION

Is it possible for the farmers of Canada to form a union which will be as effective as any one of the trades unions? What would a Farmers' Union mean? If united they could set a price on their produce as the carpenter or the miner or the brick-layer does. If all were united under one leadership, united in provincial units and operating under one head they could sell their goods when and at what price they chose. If they could not get their price they could by common consent stop production and that would mean the end not only for themselves but for every one else. The cities would be deserted, factories, stores, churches, schools would be closed. Nothing could survive a general strike of the farmers. They themselves could subsist for a year or two, as long as their old clothes and boots would last, as long as they could procure wood enough, as there would be no coal. The very immensity of the possibilities in a farmers strike prevent its ever occurring.

Yet between co-operation and a definite strike there is a wide margin. Co-operation is not only legitimate, it is an absolute nec-

What About Our Mental Defectives?

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An extraordinary case has been reported from Digby, Nova Scotia. A murder has been committed there by a boy of eighteen, whose brother was hanged for a like offence at about the same age, eleven years ago, and whose uncle too—some time before, extended his life on the gallows. Is there such a thing as "family taint" either of disease or of crime? Our medical and moral guides have been telling us of late that the notion of heredity is over-pressed and that more is due to environment or to training. Let us hope that they are right, for then it would be easier to combat our social scourge. At the same time, cases like that in Digby give one—as the French say—"turquously to think."

There is no doubt about the boy's guilt, for not only has he confessed, but his story is corroborated by a companion who was an eyewitness. The motive was so trivial and so stupid as to suggest feeble-mindedness at once. The boy had been stealing sheep, was caught by the farmer who owned the animals, and to escape being brought to account, blew out the brains of his accuser. It did not occur to him that in silencing the witness to his theft he was bringing on himself an almost certain conviction for murder. All he had in mind was that for the moment he would avoid arrest for stealing sheep. He says "I guess I must have been crazy." He guessed right. And this raises a very grave social problem. Was it the sort of "craziness" that will be held a plea against capital punishment, as in the recent Ronald True case in England and the Delorme case in Quebec? What note will be taken of his youth? Those are questions for the court, and I have no thought of expressing an opinion on a matter that has still to be tried. But there is another aspect of the tragedy that may call for a few words.

It seems plain that there is something abnormal in the stock to which this boy belongs. Perhaps it is not something biologically inherited, but something that has arisen from the family life and surroundings. Whatever its origin, it is there, and our question is whether it could not have been detected and dealt with before it issued in the loss of three innocent lives. The boy's thought about his crime was such as one might have expected, not in a youth of eighteen, but in a child of ten. That there are in every district both boys and girls of such stunted or arrested mental development, with a mind six or eight years younger than their physical age, is quite certain. There are far more of them than most of us think. And it is also certain that recent scientific advance has given us the means of detecting such defective children far better than they could have been detected in the past. Schools can be examined with a view to picking out those whose intelligence is average and normal and distinguishing them from those that are below average and abnormal. The thing can be measured with some approach to accuracy with which bodies are weighed and heights can be compared. Why is this not done? Is not the community itself "mentally defective" so long as it fails to use available science for so urgent a purpose? What is the good of increasing knowledge if we fail to profit by it?

We have in our more advanced cities a public officer of health, who ascertains what children have decayed teeth, or eyes and ears that need the surgeon, or chests that ought to be in the sanitarium. These children are a danger to others. But they are essentially and the farmers are the only class who can profit by legitimate co-operation. Manufacturers, miners, merchants can co-operate only to control prices, to control output, to feed the market without glutting it. The farmer has no means of controlling prices except in the few cases in which an individual farmer finds he owns all the seed grain, all the seed potatoes, all the hay or other products; then he may sell his customer to the limit of his conscience.

Farmers can co-operate in producing and marketing only the best quality. They can co-operate to the extent of even black-balling a careless or dishonest producer can co-operate in sowing and planting only the best varieties and thus secure for themselves individually and collectively the best prices the markets afford. With such co-operation the farmers can gain access to the world's best markets and when they, by co-operation, secure a monopoly of the best product in the market, they can control the price. This is the kind of co-operation which our farmers must aim at to save themselves. The world's best markets are open to the world's best products and those who furnish these may demand the highest price.

perhaps not more dangerous than those whose mental defectiveness is like that of the Nova Scotia boy who chanced a trial for murder—with an eyewitness to testify against him, rather than a trial for theft which no one had actually seen him commit. In the public interest we want segregation and special treatment for such feeble-minded folk while they are still children and to a great extent cured. Our American neighbors call them "morons." They are of all shades from the merely "dull" to the "imbecile, and if they were accurately counted we should find their management would be what the Americans call a "man's job." We have to find out who our morons are, and where they are. Mental clinics in the schools, conducted by trained investigators, will tell us much. A complete census of feeble-minded children, grouped and graded according to their degrees and qualities of low intelligence, must be the basis of effective action. The action should be thorough. Where the home environment is bad, they should be taken out of it, and the "parents right" should be handled with the same kindly sternness that we show in cases of physical contagion. Training appropriate to their state, and restraint in whatever form the case may require, are the only methods by which we can cope with this public peril.

In short, the situation is one for "preventive medicine." The body must be kept well by anticipating disease, and so must the mind. This is both more effectual and more humane. Some years ago it was estimated that in the United States the annual expenditure on "fighting crime" was five hundred million dollars greater than on all the works of charity, education and religion combined. Most of our crime, like most of our sickness, is preventable. Why not prevent it? To fall back upon an Irish bull, it must be stopped before it begins, for—too often, once it begins it has "got ahead of you." These disasters will always be ahead of those who act by rule of thumb, who weep pathetically over spilled milk, who talk about a scientific progress which they refuse to turn to account. Always just a little "too late" with the remedy that might have saved!

The Public Forum

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Credit to Our Former Champions

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper reference was made to the splendid record made by Dinora 4th, a Holstein cow owned at Craig-A-Lee Farm, Central Nova Scotia. Mr. Agnew is to be congratulated on his success in developing this cow. It is an achievement which every farmer may well be proud of, regardless of his own inclinations toward any particular breed. Yet we should not forget to give due credit to our former champions. In quoting the record of Milkmaid 7th it is an injustice to her to mention only her two-year-old record as her performance as a mature cow is much more creditable. The following are her official figures: 16,696 lbs. milk, 911 lbs. butter, 17,985 lbs. milk, 948 lbs. butter. Thanking you for space, I am, Sir, etc., AYRSHIRE BREEDER.

Notes By The Way

Ottawa dispatches to the Liberal press tell that fusion with the Progressives of the Western Provinces with the forces under Premier King is making steady and quiet progress, while the United Farmer movement in all parts of Canada is flattening out. It has apparently passed its zenith. Many who at first were desirous of seeing a government of the farmers by the farmers and for the farmers established in Canada have already abandoned their early hopes.

Premier King along with Crear in the west and Drury in Ontario, all former Liberals, are strongly in favor of fusion. The split between Drury and Morrison in Ontario is so serious that it is greatly dampening the hopes that were aroused last year of agrarian dominance and it is believed among many leading conservatives as well as Liberals that there is a reaction in favor of the old two-party system. It is said the first step will be to admit the Progressives to the Liberal caucus while retaining their party identity and name with freedom to retain their own caucuses on minor matters.



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This is expected to be followed by freer and larger support of the King Government and when this result is achieved, representation in the cabinet will be given to the extent of say three portfolios. Premier Drury in a speech at Collingwood some weeks ago frankly admitted that group government has failed and that a return to some modified form of party government is imperative. No doubt the irreparable breach between the Drury Government and the Morrison following in Ontario led him to this sapient conclusion. A similar split among the Progressives of Alberta is now in evidence.

We trust there were many interested readers of Mr. W. C. Milner's letter on Public Libraries, which appeared in The Guardian of Saturday last. The President of the Maritime Library Association knows the facts of the case and while the facts do not make very cheerful reading, it is

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INDIAN SUMMER

These are the days when the birds come back. A very few a bird or two. To take a backward look.

These are the days when the skies put on The old, old sophistries of June—A blue and gold mistake.

Oh fraud that cannot cheat the bee. Almost thy plausibility, Induces my belief.

Till ranks of seeds their witness bear. And softly through the altered air Hurries a timid leaf.

Oh sacrament of summer days, Oh, last communion in the haze, Permit a child to join.

The sacred emblems to partake, Thy consecrated bread to break Taste thine immortal wine. Emily Dickinson

desirable that they should be restored to par value in the American market after being at a discount there for some years. Those whose memories extend back to the sixties of last century will easily remember the time when the United States dollar was worth only 40 cents in Canada. That was during and after the War of the Rebellion. Canada was in the tenfold greater war of 1914-18 from start to finish, quite as long and our dollar was always good as gold at home and never fell below 90 cents across the border. We soon recovered face value much sooner than Uncle Sam, although he had then about four times as

The Canadian dollar has been (Continued on Page 6).

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