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OUR POULTRY BUSINESS

Probably no other line of live stock in this province has had such a rapid and satisfactory development as has the poultry business. With the possible exception of the silver fox business. While the latter has grown in fifty years from nothing to an industry producing annually a revenue of from three to five million dollars, the modest hen has in the same time risen from the "mud-sills" of society to a permanent and exalted status in the respectable world of Live Stock, from the despised nuisance that was being stoned and shooed out of the garden and the grain fields to the biggest and most profitable animal on the farm. At the beginning of her career, in fact before her career began, she, at the most, provided a proportion of the "pin money" which tradition had assigned to the "woman" as her moral right to the joint proceeds of the collectively worked farm. Through processes of selection and weeding and housing, with which the majority of our readers are well acquainted, she rose gradually to the proud position she occupies today, the pin money has disappeared and the Poultry Account holds an honoured place in the farm ledger. Whether the pin money is now a direct charge on the general revenue or is as generous as of yore, is not relevant to the subject.

The hen properly bred, properly fed and properly cared for, is admittedly one of the most profitable animals on the farm. Of a good laying strain, housed comfortably and cared for as the friend of the human family, she will lay all winter, with the exception of a few days in February, and keep it up all summer. Many of our farmers have had this experience. All others who keep hens could have similar experience if they gave the subject the thought and the study it deserves.

The hen is, in many respects, like her human brother or sister. First she must be fed properly, not overfed, for like a man she will eat too much if she gets food to her taste. Hens that do not lay all winter are overfed and, like overfed men, become lazy. They should be fed sparingly, a warm mash morning and evening and a little grain at noon. Raw mangels, raw turnips, cabbage heads to jump at and pick- plenty cold water which they can get at will, those provide a wholesome ration and will ensure a bountiful quantity of eggs. The hen, it must not be forgotten, was like her human brother, made to work for her living. When man or hen becomes too proud to work their usefulness is over. The grain should be scattered among straw to compel the hen to scratch for it; the cabbage heads and the mangels should be hung just a little too high for her to reach it easily; let her jump for it and she will do it willingly, just as a man will for anything he wants sufficiently to induce him to jump.

Grit, ordinary clay, crushed oyster shells & must always be available. The poultry house should be warm, easily ventilated, perfectly dry. To provide against moisture through seasonal changes the windows should be half cotton and half glass.

Many other suggestions might be given but there are now so many successful poultry men and poultry women that necessary information may be had at any time for the asking. As already said, there are so many points of similarity between a man and a hen that any woman who can manage the former and bring him up to a life of usefulness and respectability may, without hesitation, take charge of a moderately sized flock of hens and make them earn their living.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Let's go fishin'

Our first real holiday.

And don't forget to hoist your flag.

A game of Progressive Bridge would be in order tonight.

Let the man who went out fishing this morning tell one now.

"The 24th of May is the Queen's birthday; if we don't get a holiday we'll all run away". So sang the school children of a past generation. Probably it is because of this aged threat that the 24th of May has been faithfully observed as a holiday ever since.

Sixty-five of the world's leading countries have within the past five years, increased their tariff against foreign competition and all of these have prospered. Only one country in the world has in that time reduced its tariff against outside competition and that country has not only not prospered but has gone in the hole. That one country is Canada. What is the inference?

Summer called early at the Charlottetown Experimental Station this season and it was not a formal call either: it is making a prolonged visit. The farm has never looked more flourishing nor its magnificent flower beds more beautiful than they are at present. If it be true that "flowers grow only for those who love them" Mr. Brown, the expert florist, must have a veritable passion for flowers.

Our Liberal friends profess to be mortally afraid of "high protection" and this is their argument against the Conservative fiscal policy. The fiscal policy of the Conservatives is not "high protection" but adequate protection. This has been preached and practised by the Conservative party since it became a party. Under present conditions at home and abroad Canada cannot successfully compete with foreign countries and particularly with its neighbor, the United States. The latter has barred us out with a tariff of 60 percent; we admit United States industrial and agricultural products under an average tariff of 20 per cent. Does any sane man in Canada believe we can built up Canada under such a system. Either we must do our own work and employ our own people or leave the country. Hundreds of thousands of us have already left. What are the rest of us going to do about it?

Owing to what he terms the "instability of tariff in Canada," says "Saturday Night," the mill of the Canadian Linen Company of Guelph, Ontario, is being moved to Salem, Ore. according to an announcement made by W. D. Sanson, president of the company, in Vancouver recently. "Under present conditions in Canada, industry such as ours cannot exist," said Mr. Sanson. "We cannot possibly compete with cheap European produced linen. I am a good Canadian, but there is something wrong, and it is not the country. When I established in Guelph in 1912 we had a protective tariff of from 12 1/2 to 17 1/2 per cent. Today this duty, which was placed against the cheaper manufactured article from Europe, is 7 1/2 to 20 1/2 per cent, and there is no stability about it. "On the other hand, in the United States the protective duty on the finer grade of linen is 40 per cent, and on the class of goods which we manufacture the duty is 55 per cent. I do not want to convey the impression that I am sour. That is not the case. This is a great country, but I am compelled to move. "My organization had two linen plants in Guelph, and one in Tilbury, Ont.; about six months ago one of these was moved to Lockport, N. Y."

Notes By The Way

Mr. A. J. Doucett, M. P. for Kent, N.B., has troubled the King Government a good deal since he captured that county two years ago for the Conservative party. He has been a formidable opponent then and since both in and out of Parliament as shown by his able speeches and pertinent questions in the House and by taking an active part in the Northumberland and Moncton by-elections. When he first set out to find out how many men were employed on the Canadian National Railways at salaries of \$10,000 and upward he was rather curtly informed that it would not be in the public interest to supply the information.

Mr. Doucett waited for some months and then inquired how many of the C. N. R. officials were in receipt of \$15,000 and upwards yearly? This was a very unwelcome question to the Minister of Railways, but the answer was given reluctantly that there are 17 in this class. Their names were not supplied. That did not satisfy the inquiring mind of Mr. Doucett. If, by withholding the names, the Government could make public the number of \$15,000 men engaged on the C. N. R. it must follow logically that the number of those in receipt of \$10,000 and upward could also be made public.

Wherefore a few days ago Mr. Doucett shaped another question intended to bring forth the desired information. It did not prove effective this time. "It is detrimental to the interests and the operation of the Canadian National Railways to make such details public," Hon. Mr. Graham said. He also recalled the answer he had before given as to the number of officials receiving \$15,000 and upwards. He had persuaded the management of the C. N. R. to answer that question on the understanding that it would not be taken as "opening the doors to a flood of similar questions." So many people want to know!

This answer, such as it is, is perplexing. It creates a new complex. How can it be that it is safe to let the people know how many officials there are on the C. N. R. with salaries of \$15,000 and upwards, but unsafe and "detrimental" to let the people know their names? And again, how can it be more "detrimental" to let the people know how many of these are in the "\$10,000 and upwards" class than to tell them how many are in the "\$15,000 and upwards" class? Furthermore, how can it be "detrimental" to the operation of the C. N. R. to make such details public? Government Railways have been operated before by each of the Maritime Provinces and later by the Dominion and these details of the names and salaries of all the principal officials were published as a matter of course and what harm came of it?

It is only since salaries have doubled and trebled and people are crying out against it that the padlock of secrecy has been put upon the salary list. Some day that padlock will have to be removed, or an indignant people will rise and break it. We do not blame Mr. Graham personally. He is regarded down here by the sea as about the best man in the Cabinet bunch and is only carrying out a policy of secrecy and huffer-mugger agreed upon by his Cabinet colleagues. What is objected to is that either he or they shall set a limit as to how much the people shall be permitted to know about their own business.

The multiplication of big salaries followed by a dangerous and plotted secrecy has become a growing and rapidly increasing evil in the land. It has within the past few years attained the proportions of a dangerous public menace. A pampered oligarchy of officials is not only eating up the people's substance but is steadily invading and encroaching upon the liberties they once enjoyed. The man is blind who cannot see it. And quite unworthy of British liberty is the man who sees and knows and does not resent it.

And what has been and is the attitude and action of our elected representatives toward this arbitrary action of the King Government? Has it not been that of tame followers, mere dociles, voting with and for the Government every time and all the time regardless of the wishes of the people who elect them and clinging to the skirts of the Government, eager and cringing supplicants for something for themselves? It looks like that to many electors of Prince Edward Island. Let our Liberal friends look the situation over and answer to themselves whether these are the kind of men they want to represent them at Ottawa for another term.

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He never had time to cherish a grudge, Such things soon sickened and pined, There never was room for weeds to grow In the soil of his crowded mind. He never had time to think of himself, And so he never will find, The shrine that memory dedicates, To the fellow who'd time to be kind. —Doris Canham in B. O. P. Minard's Lintment Fine for the Hair.

The Charlottetown Fox Breeders Protective Association. The following ranches are members of the above Association, which includes in its protective measures one pair of man tracking blood hounds, which will arrive in Charlottetown May 20th. The members are also protected by one of the best detective agencies in Canada. All members pledge the resources subscribed for the purpose of effecting the arrest and prosecution of any party or parties who attempt to enter, or do enter or steal or molest the property of the ranches. The list of ranches protected are as follows:—"Unionvale," MacLure and MacKinnon, Union Road, P. E. I. "Vimy," Prowse and MacKinnon, Norwood Road, P. E. I. "International Foxes and Furs," W. Chester S. MacLure, Marshfield, P. E. I. "Bovyer Ranch," Franklin Bovyer, Bunbury, P. E. I. "North River Ranch," W. K. Rogers, North River, P. E. I. "Dalton Ranch," W. K. Rogers, Southport, P. E. I. "Bellevue Ranch," W. K. Rogers, Tea Hill, P. E. I. "Flood Ranch," W. K. Rogers, Southport, P. E. I. "Smallwood Ranch," W. K. Rogers, Southport, P. E. I. "Farquharson Fox and Fur Farms," P. A. Farquharson, East Royalty, P. E. I. "Lawndale Ranch," C. L. MacKay, St. Peters Road, P. E. I. "MacDonald Ranch," J. A. MacDonald, Southport, P. E. I. "Silver Sheen Ranch," Walter S. Grant, Marshfield, P. E. I. "Brow Ranch," E. R. Brow, East Royalty, P. E. I. "Newstead Ranch," Ed Saunders, Winsloe, P. E. I. "General Fur Farms Ltd., Mount Edward Road, P. E. I. "Charlottetown Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd., Mount Edward Road, P. E. I. "Hopeton Ranch," W. A. Muir, Southport, P. E. I. "Jenkins Ranch," J. D. Jenkins, Ch'Town Royalty, "Green Acres Ranch," Ray Clark, Union Road. It is the intention to mark all the ranches with official placards of the Association. This will be done as soon as placards are made.

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