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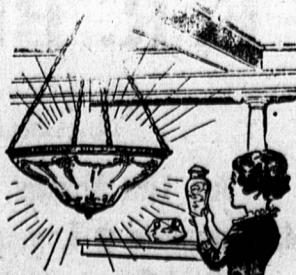
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THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1920

SCHOOL FAIRS.

The usual arrangements are being made for the annual school fairs which will be held this year during the latter half of September, the exact dates in the different localities to be announced in due time.

The school fair is now an established institution in this province and a most appropriate one for an almost exclusively agricultural country. The attractiveness as well as the profitableness of farming is exemplified in this annual competition among the young and in this way many of them are diverted from the spectacular and often slavish life of the city to the more wholesome, more independent and infinitely more attractive and profitable work on the farm.

The school fair is one of the means through which the certainty and the satisfaction and the profitableness of farm life can be presented; it associates useful, productive work with education and the intelligence that comes only through education; it places the school and the farm side by side and gives the child a picture of what can be achieved by an intelligent combination of school and farm life.

We trust that in the fairs about to be held the teachers and the parents will co-operate enthusiastically and make this year's fairs the best yet held. Every year should see an improvement over the last, should see more entries, more and better exhibits. The children of today are the men and women of a very few years hence and of the real successes of the coming years it is a safe prediction that the great majority will be farmers and farmer's wives.

EXTRA OFFICIALS

A prolific cause of complaint throughout the province is the belief that the government is concealing its doings and its purposes from the people. One instance of this came to our notice yesterday when a farmer showed us a tax notice which he had received from a new official whose name he had not previously heard mentioned in connection with taxation.

STRIKES.

The strike as a weapon of offence or defence may, under certain conditions, become a boomerang. This has happened recently in France and more recently in England. In Paris the composers went on strike and either tied up or crippled practically all the newspapers and other publications.

The other day in Manchester the composers of the Manchester Guardian went on strike demanding a wage that the publishers considered exorbitant. Rather than yield to the unjust demand the publishers closed down the plant and for the first time in seventy-five years the Manchester Guardian did not appear on the streets or go through the mails. The effect produced was in the nature of a sensation. The effect upon business was almost paralyzing. Few realize as they read their daily paper as regularly as they take their meals that a blank occurs when the paper stops even for a day or two.

The effect in Manchester and Liverpool was some what similar and public opinion turned fiercely against the strikers as the sole cause of a wrong and a public injury. Some day the striker will go too far and bring about a strike which will deprive him of his livelihood and this will probably be the first real remedy for unjustifiable strikes.

CURRENT COMMENT

Dr. Cyrus McMillan when he criticised our educational system had certainly no political objective and was surely not influenced by any ulterior motive. He is a whole-souled Liberal and his observations, which have called forth a long and strong rejoinder from Hon. W. M. Lea, were the honest expressions of his deep interest, backed up by experience and sound judgment, on the question of education.

Mr. Lea then takes exception to the Doctor's statement reflecting upon the "deplorable state of affairs," "about 100 schools being vacant," but seems equally vague himself in not being able to declare the correct number. It matters little whether it is fifty or a hundred, nor does it minimize the force of Dr. McMillan's argument that "a deplorable state of affairs exists." His ground was in full accord with that which the Guardian has frequently pressed upon the Government, that the scale of salaries provided for the teachers did not adequately meet the situation.

We are glad to find Mr. Lea coming into full accord with the Guardian upon at least one question, that is the supreme importance of "The education of our children and

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the training of our younger generation is the first duty of the state," and that "we certainly need better rural schools." What we would be more pleased to see however is the crystallization into action of these better thought and opinions. The hon. gentlemen who in public meetings and in the press now stand as the sponsor and spokesman of the Government must have some slight influence in the public councils, and with that influence directed in the direction of a change from the disastrous policy of their past should surely be of some effect, and could not be less than beneficial. If Dr. McMillan's splendid address does nothing more than waken the Government up to some form of sensible activity his labors will not have been in vain.

A few days ago we discussed the absence of and the need for some method of preserving the records and history of the province. There have been many incidents worthy of note, and there are places of historic interest, unknown to many of our present generation, which, if not preserved will be a total blank to those that follow us. The Land of Evangeline is held sacred in memory to all of Canada and especially to our Acadian friends. But it would be almost forgotten but for that beautiful poem of Longfellow, placed on the lips and imbedded in the memory of every school child by which it was endowed with immortality. Our Island has not been barren of poets, or poetry of which there are many gems of genuine richness. If these could only be collected and preserved in a printed volume, they should find a ready immediate sale, and an historical future value. This further suggests that if those prizes offered for competition in letter and story writing were directed along these lines how much of greater value the product would be. If the prize were offered for the best story written, or the best poetry composed, by old or young, to be true in history and in fact, descriptive of some Island spot, or legend or incident of interest, and worth preserving, it would serve the twofold purpose of reviving public concern and providing valuable materials for the chronicles of the province.

In a few Ontario constituencies Liberal and Conservative politicians have discussed the advisability of naming fusion candidates, representing both parties, in order to put up a united front against the Farmers' Party, and protect the country from the menace of group government. From our outlook this seems an unwise proposal. We live in a free country in which every interest has a right to be heard. Our farmers average up to a degree of intelligence that fully qualifies very many of them for the most important of legislative duties, and their influence properly directed in parliament can easily be for the benefit of the country. We believe in a good farmers representation in the councils of Canada. But we concur in the conclusions reached that "group" parties are a "menace," and that faction control by any section or class would be the most undesirable thing possible in the government of the country. By amalgamating with either the Conservative or Liberal parties, representing every variety and class of thought and every commercial and industrial interest, and which ever of these parties best meet their ideals of good government, we will be infinitely better served, than by even a strong selection of our own number, isolated and opposed to all outside interests.

To suggest that the interests of the farmers of Queen's County, for instance, would not be as well safeguarded by Mr. Alexander Martin, Mr. John H. Myers or whatever farmer the Conservatives might nominate, or by Mr. J. E. Sinclair the Liberal nominee, as by any distinctly and exclusively farmers representative, would be to invite ridicule. In point of fact their influence on behalf of agriculture would be the stronger because of the backing and support they would have from the other interests with which they would be associated. Nor is it reasonable to believe that the electors of this province will have less confidence in such men as these than in other equally good men, representing not the whole although possibly a large proportion of their own fraternity.

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