

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1922

QUESTIONABLE PROCEDURE

A conference of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture was recently held at Moncton, N.B., at which much valuable information was exchanged, and at which also resolutions of questionable procedure were adopted. One of these resolutions was in connection with lamb and wool production. It strongly recommended the practice of dipping and also that lambs be finished to from 75 to 97 pounds. In this the conference was within its rights; dipping and finishing to the weight the market demands are necessary and proper precautions and cannot be too strongly recommended. When the conference undertook to state "it has been proved that the Down breeds of sheep are most desirable for Maritime Province farmers from the standpoint of both wool and lamb production," and "resolved that this convention recommends that pure bred rams of the Down breeds be used exclusively in all flocks in the Maritime Provinces," it went beyond the legitimate limit of a convention calculated to give unbiased information to farmers generally. The Downs are doubtless an excellent breed, but there are others such as the Shropshires, the Lincolns, the Leicesters, the Cotswolds and others. Each of these breeds has its good points and each of them is a favorite breed with different farmers. It is, to say the least, indiscreet for a presumably general agricultural conference to affix its official approval to any one of them. Another equally indiscreet was a resolution recommending "that the provincial Department of Agriculture be asked to strongly encourage farmers to produce hogs of the Yorkshire breed rather than any other."

On the hog question as on all other stock questions there are different opinions as to the relative merits of different breeds. In this province the Berkshire is a favorite and one succeeds where another is less fortunate. It savors strongly of interested propaganda to find a presumably representative congress of farmers boasting some one particular breed. In our dairy and beef cattle we find the same variety of opinion and it would be exceedingly unfair to officially boost any one of them at the expense of the other. Every farmer will do well to stick to the breed that has proved the most profitable for him and while he has a perfect right to boost his favorite breed he goes beyond his right when he undertakes to obtain the official certificate of a representative convention to boost the breed he specializes in.

A DISASTROUS BUDGET

The Fielding Budget is likely to have a disastrous effect upon the rank and file of Liberalism, Liberals who bowed reverently before the golden calf erected in 1919 through the concentrated wisdom of the leaders "from the Atlantic to the Pacific" are not taking kindly to Mr. Fielding's sacrilegious demolition in 1922. The straight line Liberals believed in the platform: to them it was the essence of wisdom; they believed in it right up to the election and voted for it; they believed in it till they saw Mr. Fielding and a person perusing the first numbers of this series of fiscal axe. Now with their little three, would not know that there

god broken up they are out with the party. "An Old Time Liberal" in a letter published in the Ottawa Journal discusses it as follows:— "The repudiation of the Liberal platform of 1919 by the leaders, Messrs. King, Fielding, Gouin and others, is a severe shock to the moral sense of the great masses of Liberal voters. They stand self-conscious of duplicity, of doubting the people, of getting votes under false pretences. Under similar circumstances Lincoln in 1860, speaking of the tariff plank in the Republican platform, said: 'We should do no more and no less than we gave the people to understand we would do when they gave us their votes.' "But our Liberal leaders openly repudiate the teachings of "Honest Abe" Lincoln. What would honest Alexander Mackenzie, the first Liberal premier of Canada, think were he to rise from his grave and read how King, Fielding and Company make excuses—not reasons—for betraying the thousands of rank and file Liberals on the tariff question? Liberals everywhere have an idea that there is more of political morality among themselves than among the Conservatives. But now that which was once their pride and boast is shattered by the new gospel proclaimed by Premier King, that he can get votes first and repudiate the platform afterwards. But his moral laxness in this matter will not be tolerated by the rank and file Liberals. Had he and Mr. Fielding repudiated the platform 'before' he got the votes he would be free from the charge of being dishonest. But to get the votes first and repudiate the contract afterwards—why, the man can't be blest with ordinary sense who thinks he can thus play fast and loose with moral obligations. "In no country, in no age, has any public man so quickly destroyed the people's confidence in himself. As leaders, Messrs. King and Fielding have lost public confidence. The rank and file Liberals will not tolerate political trickery and deception from their leaders."

REAL PUBLICITY

The second of the series of three special numbers of Industrial Canada, published in the interests of the Maritime Provinces, has come to hand. Industrial Canada is the official organ of the Canadian Manufacturers and is published monthly. It deals exhaustively with the industrial life of the Dominion and as the annual meeting is to be held this year in Fredericton, New Brunswick, those three special numbers are devoted to the interests of the Maritime Division, which includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. To the ordinary reader perhaps the most interesting feature of this volume, in any case the most significant, is the evidently hearty cooperation of the merchants, the manufacturers and indeed of all interests, in the different provinces in helping to make the issue a successful one. Practically every industry every business, every enterprise, every organization in all the provinces is advertised. Regrettably Prince Edward Island figures in the present issue only to the extent of one line in a tabulated statement showing the fishing wealth of the Maritime Provinces. The fact that we have but few industries no doubt accounts largely for this omission. Possibly the publicity agents did not visit our province when preparing this special edition; possibly also they visited us and we did not think it worth while to spend any money on it. In any case we are not in the first numbers of this series of fiscal axe. Now with their little three, would not know that there

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Berkshire Beats Them All

The following letter appeared recently in the Canadian Countryman. I have noted with interest the numerous articles that have appeared in your popular paper and others regarding the right type of hog. It is such a place in existence as our boasted Garden of the Gulf, our Tourists' Paradise. This, we repeat, is regrettable. Our neighbors are everlastingly advertising their respective provinces, their natural resources, their industrial and commercial development, their tourists' paradises and the world knows about them; we with our infinitely more attractive summer advantages are practically unknown outside our own immediate boundaries and the few scores of people from other provinces who have discovered us. This is a serious loss, a loss preached about through our press and from our platforms for many years and yet without remedy.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

ON THE JOB

Come my lads, 'tis daytime; Do not lurk in the shades of playtime Get to work! Hard things lie before you, Things to tire and bore you, Things to triumph o'er you If you shirk. Don't be gruffy or grouchy; That won't do. Don't be slack or slouchy, Just be true To the best within you And amid the din, you Won't let evil win you, There's your cue. Choose your field and till it, Have a plan, Take your place and fill it As you can. Don't let dreamings bazy Come to make you lazy, Cranky, cross or crazy; Be a man!

Notes By The Way

It was on July 3rd in the year 1919, that a manifesto was issued to the electors of Prince Edward Island through the Patriot newspaper, signed by J. H. Bell, Leader of the Opposition as he then was. It was quite a voluminous document, covering the most part of a conspicuous page of that newspaper. Somewhat after the manner of many political deliverances this manifesto was largely devoted to setting forth the faults, failures and political misdemeanors of the government of the day, which was then led by Hon. A. E. Arsenault.

One of the charges against the Arsenault Government was that "our claims at Ottawa have never been properly presented nor effectually pressed by the present government." The nature of our claims was briefly outlined including our right to share in the proceeds of Northwest school lands, and it was stated in regard to them that "these school lands have become highly valuable and our proportionate share would now exceed four million dollars. What a rich and luscious plum was here, only waiting a willing hand to be stretched out to pluck it!

And how negligent and inefficient the Conservative Government had been not to gather in this ripe and waiting fruit. True they had recovered a petty \$100,000 a year equal to the yearly interest on \$2,000,000 at 5 percent, but what was that in comparison to what they should have got? A mere bagatelle. We should get at least four millions more! So Mr. Bell in his wisdom affirmed that our claims had never been properly presented nor effectually pressed. And that sort of neglect, delay and inefficiency must come to an end as soon as the dear people would place an energetic and capable government in power.

Turning then from the demerits of the Arsenault Government to the brighter prospects and better times that must ensue when Liberal rule should be restored, Mr. Bell proceeded to set forth in his manifesto "some of the forward steps they prepare to take if entrusted with the control of public affairs." Nine principal "steps" were then outlined, several of them divided into half, quarter and shorter steps. One of the first and most important of these forward steps—Number Two on the list—reads as follows: "2. All claims at Ottawa to be at once formally presented and pressed."

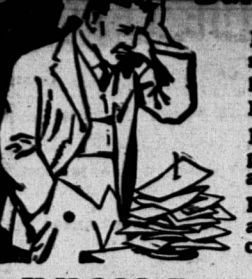
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