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A PRISON FARM

With a jail full of prisoners the people of St. John should give serious consideration to the question of establishing a prison farm for the city, or preferably for the whole province.

This method of dealing with drunkards and petty criminals has passed the experimental stage. It has the advantage, first, of surrounding the offenders with influences which tend toward the restoration of manhood; and, second, of relieving the public of at least a portion of the expense of keeping the prisoners. For on a well-conducted farm every man would become a producer.

How much better it would be if the long list of persons who gradually acquire a police court record and are known to be idle and dissolute were removed from a city environment and set to work under healthy conditions to earn a honest living. A small wage could be paid, and the fund used to aid in supporting the families of men who under ordinary conditions are a burden rather than a blessing to those who should be supported by the fruits of their industry.

This is a question which should appeal to business men. A progressive city should be without the depressing influence of drunken loafers about the streets, and men quite able to work frequenting saloons and depending upon the labor of women and children for their support. There is no prospect that the city will be rid of "saloons in the near future, and therefore action should be taken to protect the community from the evils of self-indulgence; and to give those who are weak an opportunity to develop strength. There should be an institution to which any man who prefers illness and drunkenness to sober industry could be sent without the possibility of suspended sentence, and where he would be compelled to earn his keep.

All that is needed to secure such a reform is a public sentiment strong enough to impress itself upon the legislators of the province. The time has surely come to make an effort to arouse that sentiment.

PROHIBITION LAWS The state of Alabama has decided after two years trial of prohibition to repeal the law and substitute local option. Alabama was a particularly hard state in which to enforce prohibition. As the prohibitory principle was not embodied in the constitution it was necessary to repeal the law. In the state of Maine it is different. The Democrats are in power and are pledged to the repeal of prohibition, but since the principle has been embodied in the constitution for twenty-five years they must go to the people. An exchange thus states the position in Maine: "The first step is to merely adopt a joint resolution proposing to repeal the prohibitory provision of the constitution and then let the people vote on it; resolution is now under discussion in the legislature and, although naturally meeting with opposition, it will probably be adopted by both branches. If it is, the people cannot vote on it until September, 1912, and even if they were to endorse the proposal—a result in no wise certain—the prohibitory statute would still be in existence and in force and the legislature of 1913 would have to repeal them in order to give prohibition its death blow in Maine. But nobody today can foretell what the political complexion of that legislature will be, or what its attitude toward prohibition would be. So, even with prohibition rooted out of its fundamental law, Maine might continue to be an allegedly 'dry' state for many years to come. Maine cannot repeal her prohibitory laws at will—as Alabama can—but must first amend her constitution."

HOMES FOR WORKING MEN

The Times publishes today an article from the Ottawa Citizen telling of a plan by which it is hoped to solve the problem of housing the working people in the cities of Canada. The plan is that of Dr. Gould, a city planning expert from New York, who is an ardent advocate of the clean and wholesome city. He pleads for individual ownership, and suggests the formation of philanthropic housing trusts which would make capital available to this end.

There is an opportunity in St. John for the city itself to encourage town planning and individual ownership. The city is itself a large landowner. Why should it not adopt a town-planning policy in connection with those lands and after a plan has been made encourage people of small

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