

## OUR ORGANISED GRAIN GROWERS



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### To Organize, Advice Educational Program Given to Farmers

"No organization is going to succeed unless handled on business lines," was one of the words of advice tendered to the West Kent United Farmers, recently by their annual picnic, by the newly appointed minister of agriculture, Hon. G. S. Henry, according to a report in the *Chatham Banner-News* (Ontario) under date of September 4th.

The Ontario Minister of Agriculture, during a breezy speech, the keynote of which was "carry on," indicated his sympathies with the organized farmers movement, which in Ontario, as well as in the western provinces, is beginning to make itself felt and has apparently succeeded in impressing upon the new minister the fact of its existence.

Referring to the need of organization amongst the Ontario Grain Growers, Hon. G. S. Henry said in part: "As to the necessity of farmers organizing there is no doubt and others do not object to you organizing. There is no opposition on the part of the government or the cabinet. There is no doubt that farmers often market produce at less than cost."

#### Should be Businesslike

"No organization is going to succeed unless handled on business lines. Some farmers' organizations have failed because they did not have business methods. Some would not pay a reasonable return to those who are doing their work. No business has always made a profit on every venture. There will be losses, so you must build up a reasonable reserve. Do not go in too deep in your first co-operative dealings and then broaden out. Pay your officers well and they will give you good results."

Co-operate, get together in marketing operations. Pay your secretary and let him market your goods and you will get nearer the real value of your goods. There are a good many channels between the farmer and the consumer, some with legitimate profits and others are not. And it is not always the price the farmer receives that makes prices high to the consumer. Cost of handling is often very high in proportion to the first cost.

#### Credit to Farmers

Referring to the patriotic work which Canadian farmers have performed during the past year, the Minister of Agriculture said: "The work the rural residents have done this year stands to their credit. Men have worked early and late and under difficulties because they were patriotic and the women have done a part in manual labor which we would not allow them to do in more normal times."

"Carry on" is my word to you today. We will win and the labor will bring its results."

Referring to the problem of home accommodation Hon. Mr. Henry intimated that "the government is planning to lend any municipality money for building workmen's houses. This affects rural as well as urban municipalities alike." Continuing, the minister of agriculture said: "I am anxious to see the farm laborers' houses built on the farm. If you have empty houses make them sanitary and try to get the men from the nearest centre to live in the house and pay him an annual wage; give him the usual garden and other accommodations. Returned soldiers are looking for places where they can labor in the open. Get the men and their families on the farm. That is one of the lines of solution along which we must proceed to increase the rural population and it means that the farmer's wife will not be running a boarding house as is often the case now."

### Will Protect Grain Growers Says Premier Martin

The rural municipality of Prairie Rose recently adopted a resolution, setting forth the necessity of some action being taken to prevent mortgage companies from exercising rights under mortgage agreements. The matter was referred to the Dominion government, which replied that "This matter is entirely within provincial jurisdiction."

Since the resolution was submitted to central a copy has been forwarded to Premier Martin, who has replied as follows:

"I have your letter of the 13th inst., enclosing copy of a communication from Mr. S. Moss, secretary of the Rural Municipality of Prairie Rose, which resolution sets forth the necessity of some action being taken to prevent mortgage companies from exercising rights that they have under their mortgages. This is a matter which has been brought to my attention this year from one or two other localities; but on account of the change in the situation during the last few weeks I had come to the conclusion that no such action would be necessary. In the year 1914, as you will remember, the government did establish some machinery for the purpose of acting as intermediary between debtor and creditor. I believe this course did result in relief in many cases of actual hardship. If the situation merits it, the whole subject might be again considered this year. I scarcely think, however, that it would be advisable to have any general law passed taking away the rights of the mortgage companies, as this would probably be considered an unjustifiable interference with the rights of contract. In the majority of cases I think the mortgage companies will be prepared to act reasonably, if all the facts are placed before them. If it comes to your attention, however, that there are a large number of localities in the province where actual hardship does exist, I shall be glad if you will bring them to our attention, so that we may be prepared to deal with the question."

Build up the virtues, and the faults will disappear. If a child is selfish, we should dwell on unselfishness; if the child is untidy, on neatness; if slow, on quickness; and we should always remember to praise even the slightest sign of the virtue we are working to cultivate. A child will try to live up to the thing for which he is praised. "How quiet and helpful my little Peggy is today," will do more good than a dozen scoldings about noise and mischief.

### Farmers Before Manufacturers

Norman Lambert says: "The opinion seems to have grown in certain quarters of older Canada that the organized farmers of the west are opposed to the development of manufacturing. One prominent gentleman in eastern Canada recently said, 'It is only because the west is in its first generation that there is any apparent conflict over industry.' That statement is partly true. The west is largely in its pioneer stages, just as is that vast agricultural district in northern Ontario; and public opinion in the west is sound in the belief that agriculture is Canada's first and most important industry. "The west is not opposed to manufacturing. It simply wants the manufacturer to take his proper place in relationship to the farmer. It is impossible to have manufacturing industries established on a sound basis in western Canada before the wide, open spaces of farming country are occupied and are producing something. When that time comes, there will be a home market in Canada really worth while, and one which should appeal to the Canadian manufacturer."

### History of Organized Farmers

All the articles dealing with the history of the organized farmers' movement in Canada, which appeared in the Tenth Anniversary number of *The Grain Growers' Guide*, have been reprinted and can be obtained free from the central office. This is the most compact summary of the rise and progress of the organized farmers' movement which has yet been published, and no S.G.G.A. speaker or member should be without it. Anyone who has these articles can readily answer the question, "What have the organized farmers accomplished?"

#### MOTHER OF US ALL

The land is the mother of us all, hourishes, shelters, gladdens, lovingly enriches us all. In how many ways, from our first waking to our last sleep on her blessed bosom, does she, as with blessed mother arms, enfold us all.—Thomas Carlyle.

## WOMAN'S WORLD

### Training Little Children

Build Up Virtues and the Faults Will Disappear; Praise Will Do More Good Than a Dozen Scoldings.

By Mrs. Elvira Hyatt.

It pays to have high ideals for our children, and to respect their individuality. Much can be accomplished by expecting children to be good, and by showing them that we trust them.

We should never call a child "bad," never wound his self-respect. This does not mean that his naughty actions should be "glossed over," but, as one wise educator has expressed it, we should realize that every fault is simply the absence of some virtue and we should try to build up that quality in which the child is deficient rather than condemn him for that which he has not.

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Stories can be told to arouse and stimulate high ideals. Stories have a wonderful educational value and almost any lesson can be taught in story form. Tell stories about birds, trees, flowers, animals, great and good men, simple stories of home and family life, stories from history and from the Bible. The eager little minds are ready for anything you wish to give them, and if you are a natural storyteller great indeed is your opportunity. Ideals of right conduct, love of family and sympathy with every living thing can all be given through the right use of stories.

Much has been said and written about pre-natal influence, but volumes more are needed on post-natal influences. One of the first things a baby learns is to "smile back" at his mother, and in all his earliest years the child reflects the attitude of those around him. He imitates the things which he sees and hears, in order to understand them, and "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." A true mother leads a consecrated life. She will always be absolutely truthful and will keep every promise made to her child. She will recognize the good in all things and will never speak ill of anyone in her child's presence. She will keep away all thoughts of fear, and will awaken a spirit of loving service toward others and a growing belief in the power which is within himself, until at last he grows into a recognition of the universal love and goodness which underlie the whole life.

### HOW TO BE ECONOMICAL

#### Making Hominy Muffins

Here is another hot bread recipe to add to your wheat conservation recipes:

Thoroughly mix together one cupful of cooked hominy, one teaspoonful of salt, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of melted shortening, one well beaten egg and three-quarters of a cupful of milk. Now sift together and mix thoroughly two cupfuls of cornmeal flour and four table-spoonfuls of baking powder. Add these two incorporated ingredients to each other and beat well.

Bake in greased muffin tins or a shallow pan. The time required for baking in a hot oven is from 25 to 30 minutes.

#### Baking Oatmeal with Nuts

The following recipe is for a delicious dish that will take the place of meat on days when meat should be conserved in your house:

Mix together two cupfuls of cooked oatmeal, one cupful of crushed peanuts, half a cupful of milk, a teaspoonful of vinegar, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper and two and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt. Bake in a greased pan for about 15 minutes and serve.

### Saving Your Garden Plants

When you ceased to get fresh cuttings from your asparagus and rhubarb beds did you give the beds a top-dressing of well-rotted manure? Or did you leave them to take care of themselves when they were no longer immediately profitable to you, delaying your attention to them until—well, any old time? If you gave them the necessary attention when they ceased producing you will be well rewarded next spring. If you didn't give them that attention now!

You see, the asparagus and the rhubarb had been taking heavily from their roots to supply you with the best top growths of which they were capable, and they require even now some aid so they will grow big tops next year. The best way to help them is to give them plant food which will be stored up in their roots, will carry them over the winter, and will furnish a reservoir on which they can draw for growth in the early spring. Now—if you neglected to do it before—is the moment to give this aid.

### Storing Your Garden Seeds

If you experienced difficulty this spring in getting vegetable seeds or seeds that brought forth reliability you may well consider saving the seeds from your garden which are the product of good, healthy plants on which you can rely. Thus you will save some money; perhaps some time, and maybe some disappointments.

In storing seeds away be sure that you label each kind plainly in such a way that the label will not come off, and next summer cause you amazement and trouble. Furthermore, in storing garden seeds, don't forget that they will retain their vigor in full force and for a longer period if you store them in patent fruit jars or other airtight and moisture-proof containers. On these you can paste the labels which tell the kind of seeds therein contained.

## For Our Little Ones

### MY GARDEN

My Grandpa's garden's full of things he thinks are good to eat.

Like cabbages and spinach, and all those;

He works and works, and pulls the weeds, and keeps it all so neat, and makes the things all stay in even rows.

And Grandpa's garden's very nice, with flowers all in beds, and pretty paths to walk in, on tip-toe;

Where pansies laugh, and poppies gay toss up their saucy heads, and tagged bells of Canterbury blow.

But the dearest, queerest garden, where I love the best to go, is the garden out beyond my Grandpa's wall.

Where buttercups, and crane's-bills, and painter's brushes grow, and golden-rod, and black-eyed Susans tall.

### Bedtime Stories.

### THE GNOMES AND THE TIPSTER BIRD

"The gnomes," said daddy, "are almost the best natured little creatures there are. They are very happy always, and they always have good luck. In fact, they have a good luck bird—a special bird that just belongs to them. He flies over them and sings very much like a canary, which the gnomes enjoy. They feed him all the crumbs and worms he wants to eat, and they call him the tipster bird."

"What a funny name," said Jack. "How did he ever happen to be called the tipster bird? Has he always been called that?"

"No, not always," said daddy, "but now he is never known as anything else but the tipster bird. I'll tell you how it happened."

"One time there was a little gnome who caused all the other gnomes a great deal of trouble. He was often very sulky and very cross. In fact, his bad disposition was a great worry to the gnomes. "One day the gnomes were all

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frolicking about having a splendid time when one of them suggested they should play tag.

"At last the little gnome with the cross disposition was tagged."

"You're it!" they called.

"But the cross little gnome was so mad that he'd been caught, that he hit the little gnome who had tagged him and said, 'I won't be it, and I won't play any more!'"

"At that the lucky bird, as the gnomes then called him, was so surprised to see a gnome angry and do such a dreadful thing as to hit a little playmate that he tipped way over on one side."

"Look at the queer way our lucky bird is tipping!" shouted a gnome. And before they knew it he'd fallen to the ground, for he'd completely lost his balance. His right wing was quite hurt, and for a few days he was a very miserable little bird, but with the good care of the gnomes he soon got well and could fly around and sing. But after that he was always known as the tipster bird, for when he had seen a little gnome cross and be have badly he had fallen to the ground in astonishment. And the

cross little gnome was so ashamed of what he had done that he turned out to have the lovely disposition that all the other gnomes have, and, of course, no gnome could be cross again when he realized that he'd caused a little bird to fall to the ground in surprise and horror.

"The name of the tipster bird has always clung to the gnomes' pet bird ever since, and it's a good thing, too, for now if any little gnome should feel angry he stops and thinks, 'If I'm cross the tipster bird will lose control of his wings and will tip to one side until he falls to the ground.' And as the tipster bird is such a pet every gnome sees to it that such thing will never happen again."

### LITTLE SUSAN

By Arthur Macy

Silly Susan Seupernong Cried so hard and cried so long, People asked her what was wrong. She replied, "I do not know Any reason for my woe—I just feel like feeling so."

## Nearer to the Goal

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