

GIFT TO LADY RAMSAY.

The Indian women of the Six Nations are sending a wedding gift of an oil painting of the old Mohawk Church of the Six Nations Indians to Lady Patricia Ramsay, whose father, the Duke of Connaught, is a chief of the tribe.

£15,000 IN EIGHT MONTHS.

During the eight months which the creamery at Cardston, Alberta, has been operating, 172,785 lbs. of butter were manufactured and sold, and more than £14,800 were paid to local farmers for their cream. This creamery is run on a co-operative basis, most of the stock being held by farmers.

MANITOBA'S FINANCIAL SURPLUS.

In presenting his annual budget before the Manitoba Provincial Legislature at Winnipeg, the Hon. Edward Brown claimed that the province had a revenue surplus of £64,575 on hand in cash. Manitobans possess £8,800,000 in Victory Bonds, which means that every man, woman and child in the province has produced for the nation £28. The amount subscribed, added to patriotic contributions, totalled £16,800,000.

GOVERNMENT PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT.

Sir William Hearst, the Prime Minister of Ontario, has announced five millions sterling as an approximate amount which the Ontario Government expects to spend on building and various construction works during the present year. This sum includes one million sterling for highway construction and one million sterling to provide loans to build houses for working men and returned soldiers.

HELPING SOLDIER SETTLERS.

Brig.-General R. Manley Sims, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Agent-General for Ontario in London, states that The Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada has taken a very practical step to enable soldiers to take up farming by arranging with a number of the leading agricultural implement firms in Ontario to give soldier settlers reduced prices on implements, etc. It also proposes to make similar arrangements with other manufacturers. The Board has power to advance to a soldier up to £1,500 for the purchase of land, live-stock, buildings and implements. These advantages are open to Imperial soldiers and sailors as well as Canadians.

CLEAN SEED FOR THE FARM.

The Canadian Provincial and Dominion Governments, working in the interest of the agricultural classes, and fully aware of the importance of producing grain of the highest possible grade, have been for years unceasing in their efforts to educate the farmer in the proper methods for the attainment of this object, and the keynote of all their instructions is and always has been, "Sow clean seed," but since a percentage of the grain has become mixed and foul, the problem with which the farmers have to contend is procuring this clean seed at a reasonable price. The miller and large grain dealer, by installation of elaborate and expensive machinery, are able to clean their grain, but this equipment is beyond the means of the average farmer. The seed specialist, too, may hand-pick his grain, but this method is out of the question where hundreds of thousands of bushels of seed are

required. A machine that will separate one particular kind of grain from another, and from one or more kinds of noxious weeds, and make all the separation necessary to absolutely ensure clean grain, no matter how dirty, has been recently invented and the machine is now being manufactured in Winnipeg.

DAIRYING IN MANITOBA.

The report of the Department of Agriculture of Manitoba shows that the steady progress which is being made in the dairy industry in the province was maintained last year. Over 1,000,000 lbs. more of butter were exported in 1918 than in 1917. The farmers received approximately £180,922 more for their dairy produce than during the previous year. The total value of dairy products amounted to £1,478,706.

MOST PROFITABLE RAILWAY.

The Grand Island Railway, which stretches from end to end of an island in the Athabasca River, in Northern Canada, is probably the smallest in the world. The entire length of track is a quarter of a mile and the rolling stock comprises two well-worn lorries. Merchandise is taken to the island in boats or scows, transferred to the railroad and shipped again by water at the other end. The owner of this railroad is annoyed by few strikes, since he has few employees; customers load the cars themselves and propel them by hand power across the island. The owner says his enterprise returns thousands of dollars a year, and he claims that his is not only the smallest but the most profitable railroad in the world.

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