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HARVEST MONEY.

From the grain crop alone this year it is now estimated that the farmers of Canada will receive \$195,000,000 more than they did last year. Taking the official estimate of the grain crop, which is regarded as conservative, and taking the current prices for October delivery, the amount of money put into circulation as a result of harvesting would be more than \$800,000,000. In describing the stimulating effect of an immense increase in the purchasing power of the farmers upon the general business of the country it is necessary, of course, to consider more than the grain crop. Generally speaking, the prospects for a heavy yield of all the grains are good, and in nearly every province the outlook for favorable yields of hay, vegetables, and fruit and for a profitable season in dairying and animal husbandry are present most encouraging. Reports indicate a very much larger production of cheese and butter. Canadians as a whole were recently described by an American authority as "a people of exceptional buying power." That buying power has suffered in this country as in many others because of the depression following the war, but there are many indications that it will steadily improve from this time forward. So much depends upon successful agriculture, there is at least every cause for encouragement in the assurance of good crops throughout the country together with the prevalence of profitable prices for the producers.

TALK OF A PLEBISCITE.

Among the reports coming from Ottawa is one to the effect that the Government may submit the question of the future of the two great Canadian railway systems to the vote of the people when the federal elections come. It is highly improbable that any such course will be followed, but the suggestion is interesting because of the proof it affords of sharpening interest in the railway problem and of the growing public conviction that things cannot merely be permitted to drift along as at present. It is felt that the grave economic loss to the country will force some change of policy upon Parliament. As to the talk of a plebiscite, the Ottawa report says that a series of questions might be placed before the electors, such as these:

1. Are you in favor of state ownership of the Canadian National Railways, substantially as at present carried on?
2. Are you in favor of disposal of the system to a private corporation?
3. Are you in favor of amalgamation of the two present systems under joint directorship and share of profits which may accrue?

It is suggested that the Government would not necessarily be bound by the result of such a plebiscite, but that the vote would be of value as indicating public opinion and supplying guidance for Parliament.

The special committee of the Senate on railway expenditure, which heard testimony from various witnesses whose identity was not disclosed, confined itself to considering the best means to relieve the country of its heavy annual railway deficit, and at the beginning of the inquiry the committee decided that it would not enter "into intimate details or particulars of the administration of the railways." The testimony taken was that of business and railway experts, and several plans were suggested by them. These included co-operation between the two systems, the purchase of a board of directors, the purchase of the C. P. R. by the Government, the sale or lease of the Canadian National Railways to the Canadian Pacific, and the transfer of the Canadian National system to a private company, to be owned and operated by such company. A fifth plan, which the committee decided was the best of those proposed, and the adoption of which it recommended, was this:

The merger of the two systems for purposes of administration and operation.

That both the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. should be placed under the management of a board of fifteen directors, five to be named by the C. P. R., five by the Government, and these ten to choose "five proven, capable business men to complete the board; these last five directors to hold office for ten years and to be removed only for cause."

"That a recapitalization be made of the Canadian National Railway from the point of view of earning capacity."

"That the Canadian Pacific Railway be guaranteed an agreed dividend on its stock."

"In the event of the joint management producing a surplus, a dividend at the same rate as is paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway be paid to the Government on the recapitalization placed on the Government Railways. After the payment of these dividends any surplus earnings available for distribution be divided between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways, in proportion to the valuation of the two systems."

The evidence heard convinced the committee that a considerable part of

the expenditures of both railway systems results merely in dividing existing traffic. The committee expressed the view that unless energetic means be adopted to reduce the national debt and the income tax Canada will be unable "to command the foreign capital absolutely necessary for the development of our natural resources."

The report of this committee, which has been widely discussed since it was made public late in June, is largely responsible, no doubt, for the Ottawa report concerning a railway plebiscite. A direct vote on the question is unlikely at present, but developments show that the railway problem has become an outstanding issue of the day and that, falling some early proof of real benefits from co-operation, Parliament will be compelled to consider some plan of unified control.

SEEKING NEW POLICIES.

The West will have a largely increased representation in the House of Commons after the next general election, and that fact makes it interesting to note that the Prairie West at least is making some stout declarations just now in favor of improved economic policies for the whole country. The Manitoba Free Press, having been charged with sectionalism, retorts that there is a wide difference between sectional demands for special consideration and sectional advocacy of policies believed to be of value to the whole nation, "an argument in which the Maritime Provinces will see considerable force."

Does the hope of the West to bring about changes in national policy depend for its realization mainly upon the future of the Progressive party as such? It has been thought in the East that while the Prairies may return a fairly solid delegation, Progressive fortunes in Ontario and elsewhere in the East are somewhat in eclipse. The Western delegation, solid or otherwise, will be numerically very important in the next House.

The so-called national policies of the day are described by the Free Press as "in very large measure policies sectional in their origin and in their operation," and it dwells upon the need for the "discovery and application of policies more truly national in their character," saying that in the West at least "the accepted policies of Canada, political, fiscal, administrative, financial, are being subjected to scrutiny for the purpose of determining whether they serve the whole national structure with equal acceptableness, with a view to bringing about changes by legitimate political and constitutional means if it appears, upon examination, that wiser alternative policies can be inaugurated."

And the Free Press serves notice upon certain Eastern critics that those "who think they can stop this movement by howling about 'sectionalism,' 'treason,' 'disruption of Canada,' and so forth, are due for serious disappointments." It says that eighty per cent. of the people of the three Prairie provinces at least are not satisfied with the general policies of the national government as it has been constituted at any time for the last twenty years.

The contention is that Ontario and Quebec have too greatly controlled fiscal and taxation policies in their own interest, with regard particularly to public works, transportation, immigration and banking. The Free Press says: "It would not be accurate to say that the West has definite and final alternative policies to offer; but Western people intend, if possible, to force re-examination and reconsideration of the existing policies, to be helped by the stand-patter, in the hope that modifications and alternatives may be found. Nor is this a selfish, sectional fight for special privileges. It is instead an attempt, by political means, to inaugurate policies that will better serve the interests of the whole Dominion."

Another effort to counteract depression in the New England States and stimulate business in that region is seen in the movement to organize a New England Board of Trade, which is taking form this week. This proposal is directly the outcome of the recent conference of Governors in Maine, at which New England state leaders recognized the need for immediate and concerted action to improve financial and industrial conditions. It is proposed to concentrate public interest upon the good which may be effected by the increased purchase of New England-made products and the greater use of such services as those provided by the railroads, the summer resorts, the schools and the colleges. Many forms of publicity are to be employed. Among the plans considered are for holding an annual New England fair, from which it is believed sufficient funds could be raised to pay all the expenses of the campaign; to "boost" New England trade and industry.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

There is a Land

Cut into the stonework above the main floor of the new Houses of Parliament is the poetic quotation, "There is a Land." It is taken from the poem, "There is a Land" by J. A. Ritchie, K. C., crown attorney of Ottawa, who has more than a local reputation as a poet and dramatist, says the Ottawa Citizen.

The poem, "There is a Land," reads follows:

There is a Land that we must love,
A North Land, wide and fair,
And beauty everywhere;
And there free hearts have found a home

And space to still be free,
Fronting the morning confident
In her high destiny.

When the leaves are crimson,
When the fields are white,
When the woods are green in spring,
Be sure we love her dearly.

Her woods, her streams, her flowers,
This sunny pine and maple land,
This Canada of ours.

And oh, her skies are bright and blue,
Her waters bright and pure;
There's balm within her forest shades
The wholesome sea at her gates.

Her gates both East and West,
Then is it strange that we should love
This Land, our Land, the best?

When the hills stand dreaming,
When the winter's here,
When the summer crowns the awakes,<
Be sure we love her dearly.

Her woods, her streams, her flowers,
This sunny pine and maple land,
This Canada of ours.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Man's Own Fault.
Man is born to annoyance and misfortune, but he has only himself to blame for white pants.—Baltimore Sun.

A Difference.
Somebody asked us the other day if we couldn't get the same results from golf. But who ever saw four men hoisting in a garden all stopping to laugh and slap each other on the back?—Baltimore Sun.

A Habit Forks Have.
One morning four-year-old Bess had pancakes and syrup for breakfast. After she had eaten the cakes there was such a mess on her plate and she said: "Mamma, please give me a spoon my fork leaks."—Chicago Daily News.

No Need for Alarm.
Maid—"M'm, I just accidentally let the baby's blanket drop out of the window. Mother, please hurry down for me; now baby will catch cold."

Maid—"Oh, no, m'm, he won't. He was inside of it!"—The Woman's View.

A Thrifty Lover.
"Why do you want your love letters returned?" asked the girl who had broken the engagement. "Are you afraid that I'll see you in court?"

"No," sighed the young man, "but I paid quite a bit to have those letters written by an expert, and I may use them again some day."—American Legion Weekly.

She Must Have Been Moving.
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Y.M.C.A. BOYS ENJOY

CAMP AT OAK POINT

Thirty-five Under Canvas Spend Delightful Days—Many Visitors.

"Everything is running perfectly and the boys are having the time of their lives," said A. M. Gregg, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., who with a party of members of the Y. M. C. A. and their wives, motored to Oak point, where 35 boys are attending the annual Y. M. C. A. camp, Saturday and spent the day at the camp.

The daily programme adhered to by the campers is as follows: 7 a.m., rising; 7:30 a.m., chapel; 8 a.m., morning dip; 8:15, flag raising; 8:45, breakfast; 9:15, chapel; 9:30, Bible study; 10:00, baseball; 10:30, volleyball; 11:00, games; 12:30, swim; 12:45, dinner; 2:15, rest; 2:30, inspection and a programme of athletics, aquatic, etc.; 5 p.m., 5:45, supper; 6:30, baseball; 8:15, camp fire and short vesper service. All the boys are in bed with lights out at 10:15 o'clock.

Four Tribes.

The campers are divided up into four tribes, the Iroquois, in charge of Harold Williams and George Murray; the Chippewas, under C. M. McCully and Stewart Angeline; the Micmacs, led by Colin Thomas and Roy Smith, and the Mohawks, under Harry Mutton and Richard Humphrey. These tribes compete for points in all events, and a keen rivalry exists between them. Last Sunday morning and evening there were special open air religious services.

Saturday was the big day at the camp with a great many parents of the boys and their friends paying visits. Among the visitors at the camp over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. John MacKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Gilvan, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hargreaves, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Mersereau, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Myles, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Marshall, Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. George Noble, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard, F. L. Withers, R. S. and A. E. Stephenson, N. L. Marshall, Gordon Willet, J. M. Golding, Eric Golding, Douglas Langville and many others.

Kent Ready To Run In Gloucester County

BATHURST, July 20.—W. J. Kent, former Mayor of Bathurst, has consented to take the place of M. H. Polier on the Opposition ticket. Mr. Polier was nominated at the convention, but withdrew when the party leaders decided that a change in the personnel would probably strengthen its chances in the coming provincial election. Mr. Polier made it clear at the Opposition rally here tonight that he withdrew willingly and said he would be in the fight to support the party. The formal nomination will be tendered Mr. Kent at the big political picnic to be held here on Wednesday.

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Premier Sees

\$1,000,000 N.S.

1925 Deficit

SYDNEY, N. S., July 20.—A deficit in provincial current account for the present year of at least \$1,000,000 was predicted tonight by Premier E. N. Rhodes in a brief public speech.

He was addressing a gathering of several thousands which crowded Westworth Park and vicinity in a reception.

"No provincial government in the history of Canada has been confronted with difficulties of such magnitude and moment as those which confront my government," said Mr. Rhodes. "Let us forget politics and work together, remember that this government is your government until the next election rolls around, and we will give you the best that is in us," he concluded.

CONDITIONS BETTER FOR PRAIRIE CROPS

Grain Heading Out Well in Western Provinces—Drought in Places.

WINNIPEG, July 20.—Crop conditions in Western Canada have been materially improved as the result of recent rains, although the prolonged drought in certain sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan is believed to have caused some damage, according to the weekly crop report of the Canadian National Railway, agricultural department.

Additional moisture would greatly relieve the situation and help the grain, which the report declares is heading out uniformly well in all three prairie provinces.

In Manitoba harvesting of rye and barley will commence in about ten days, except for slight damage from rust and cut worms, the condition of the crops in this province is regarded as favorable.

HAIL TOLL HEAVY.

Hail has taken a heavy toll in some districts of Saskatchewan, but generally the outlook is promising and many points report conditions from which crops will recover.

Rain is needed in these sections of Alberta where the soil is light and the warm weather has parched fields at some points. Very little damage has been reported in districts along the Canadian National lines, and a heavy field is expected if nothing untoward occurs the report states.

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Workers interested in the return of the Veniot Government will please take note that meeting places have been provided for the various wards as indicated below, and that they will be open each evening at 7.30 o'clock.

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