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LONDON, MONDAY, DEC. 6.  
**WHY THE WESTERN ONTARIO FARMER LEADS.**

Why should success and comfort attend the lot of farmers in a district like Western Ontario? There are good reasons which people in town, as well as country, do well to appreciate at par value. We are apt to forget our commonest and greatest benefits. By keeping them clearly in mind we shall be on the right track of growing benefits at hand.

First of all, there are our excellent soils, lasting in their nature, characteristic of a once heavily timbered country, and with the wise methods coming in vogue, capable of vastly increased productiveness. Soil and climate are such as to assure a healthy diversity in products. Excepting the products of tropical or semi-tropical regions, practically everything can be grown in perfection from all the staple grains and roots to grapes and peaches, and an abundance of the choicest apples in the world. Ontario's pure-bred live stock has a world-wide fame, and her poultry and dairy products are not a whit behind. The greatest of fodder plants, corn, comes to its best Canadian perfection in Western Ontario, a fact of first importance to dairymen and other feeders.

In the next place Western Ontario is in the midst of a distinct advance in farm methods. As never before, intelligence is being applied. Farming is respected now and studied as a business. Those who do not so fall to reap the best results or fall out of the race. Farmers are co-operating also for the more economical production and sale of crops.

Thirdly, there is safety and great advantage in the variety of crops. All the farmer's eggs are not in one basket to land him in disaster, as often occurs under more hazardous conditions. Stock feeding, dairying and clover-growing sustain the soil's fertility. The recent growth of canning and evaporating industries will prove another good ally of the fortunate farm-owner in Western Ontario.

In the fourth place, his local markets are good. Towns and cities are thriving. Railways and electric radials are like a network to deliver the stuff to the buyers. Improved storage and transportation give the exportable surplus access to foreign and to western markets on this continent. A point of tremendous importance in his favor is that his live stock and other products are not at the mercy of a 2,000-mile railway haul before reaching the Atlantic shipping ports, handicapping the farmer's business by eating the heart out of his returns.

Lastly, he enjoys an equable climate; not overly hot in summer; just cold and bracing enough for vigorous health in winter, and comparatively easy on fuel. There is ample moisture with proper tillage methods every year to grow good crops, and the farmer is so happily free from those unfortunate climate conditions of drought, blizzard, summer frost and cyclone, that invest less favored localities with hardship and often in a few hours sweep away or hopelessly depreciate the product of a year upon which the farmer's hopes depended.

Substantial reasons like the foregoing make for success on Western Ontario farms, affording the owner good reason for congratulation, particularly when repaid with prices for all kinds of supplies which the townsman must now "shell out" to the producers in the splendid district of which London is the hub.

#### MR. BRODEUR AND THE NAVY.

Much has been said and written of late regarding the attitude of the French-Canadians towards the naval question. Conservative newspapers and politicians have tried to create the impression that the people of our sister province are utterly opposed to a contribution in any form to naval defence, and that the Quebec Liberal leaders make no attempt to impress upon the French electors the advantages of membership in the British empire.

An effective answer was the speech of Hon. Mr. Brodeur at a banquet in Montreal a few nights ago. He pointed out that there were three considerations. First came the creation of a Canadian naval service for the protection of Canadian trade and the Canadian coast; then, the fact that a cash contribution to the imperial navy could not be considered in view of Canada's constitutional relations with the motherland, and, finally, should the necessity ever arise, Canada would always be ready to make any sacrifice to maintain the honor of the empire. Mr. Brodeur regards the duty of our coast and trade as a

national duty, and deprecates the suggestion that an appeal to the electorate should be made before it is undertaken. In his opinion such an appeal is wholly unnecessary and in the nature of a slur upon the Canadian people. The present naval policy of the Government is nothing new, Mr. Brodeur says, but was formulated and expressed by Canada's representatives at the two imperial defence conferences of 1902 and 1907. "To say that Great Britain should go on defending the empire unaided in the future as she has done in the past, is," declared this French-Canadian minister, "unworthy of the name of Canada and cannot be considered for a moment." Surely, he said, Canada can do as well as Chili, which has eleven ships, as Argentina, which has seventeen, or as Brazil, which has twenty-one.

Mr. Brodeur's denunciation and repudiation of the suggestion that the French-Canadians are not ready to take their share in defence of the empire, was most emphatic. He declared the French-Canadians would be the first, should the emergency ever arise, to come forward and do their duty, adding:

"Beneath the British flag we have been protected in our rights and privileges, and those institutions to which we attach so much importance have been safeguarded, too. Could we have enjoyed such freedom, could we have been sure of such protection, in similar measure, under other countries—under Germany, or under the United States, for instance? It is our duty to defend our coasts, to defend our trade. It is our duty as Canadians to defend the empire, and to participate in any way in which the honor or the integrity of the empire would be assailed."

Mr. Brodeur is convinced that when the time comes for a Canadian navy to be built, men with the requisite energy and capital will come forward and unite with both Government and Opposition and the whole people of the Dominion in building the ships in this country.

#### THE PEERS AND THE PEOPLE.

The Lloyd-George budget, as amended by the House of Commons, proposes to raise an extra £15,700,000, as follows:

From sinking fund ..... £2,500,000  
3d gallon petrol ..... 340,000  
Increased spirit duties ..... 800,000  
Increased tobacco duties ..... 1,800,000  
Higher licenses ..... 2,100,000  
Motor cars ..... 260,000  
Estate duties ..... 2,850,000  
Stamps ..... 650,000  
Income tax ..... 2,700,000  
Land values ..... 600,000

£15,700,000

There would have been no obstruction or rejection by the House of Lords but for two features—the land taxes and the license duties. The land taxes are new; the license duties have always existed, but have been considerably increased.

The two strongest political influences in the United Kingdom are the landed interest and the liquor interest. Both have been antagonized by the budget, and both have their stronghold in the House of Lords. Nearly a hundred peers are shareholders in brewing or distilling companies. Practically all the peers are landholders; they own 16,411,844 acres, or one-fifth the area of Great Britain. On the average, the 22 dukes own 142,564 acres each, the marquises 45,500 acres, the earls 30,327 acres, viscounts 15,324 acres, and barons 14,152 acres. The peers fear more than anything the proposed valuation of all land as a basis for the land taxes. There has been no national valuation since the reign of Charles II.

Lord Rosebery estimates that only 150 members of the House of Lords are qualified by age, position and experience to form a legislative second chamber worthy of the name. In his recent speech in opposition to Lord Lansdowne's amendment, he said the House of Lords needed purging, and should be renovated with new blood. Such is the House of Lords. The majority of its members are admittedly nonentities, selected by the accident of birth. They have likewise a purely selfish and personal interest in the defeat of the budget. These are the men who override the representative chamber and today rule the country. The British people have lost the spirit of their forefathers if they tolerate it longer.

Mr. Bourassa will establish a newspaper. Mr. Bourassa is always looking for trouble.

Mr. Edmund Vance Cook ridicules this city because it has no Sunday newspaper. He had better not argue the point with newspaper employees.

The British people are anything but stolid in their election methods. A Canadian election campaign is a form of the rest cure compared with one in the old land.

No doubt the Unionist press, when they threw out the budget, relied on the support of the Toronto Mail, the Hamilton Spectator and the London Free Press.

Mr. Stewart, M. P. of Hamilton, told a party gathering that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was "the slickest duck" he had seen in a long while. The expression throws more light on Stewart than on Laurier.

It is said that Editor Willison of the Toronto News, who has gone to England, will work for the Unionists in the election campaign. As a defender of the House of Lords, he would believe the principles he has always professed, but politics makes strange bedfellows.

speeches. Here are some samples:  
"I am a Free Trader."  
"I belong to that section of our party which is Free Trade and not Protectionist."  
"I have always been a Free Trader."  
"I have never been and am not on the Protectionist side."  
"I am of opinion that for this country in its existing circumstances Protection is not the best policy."

William Watson says his "Woman with the Serpent's Tongue," is a composite portrait of Mrs. Asquith and her step-daughter, Violet Asquith. People will see in it another likeness—that of the person who wrote it. A great poet may be a great cad.

**THEY STAY OUT.**  
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]  
There is a movement in a Hamilton church to separate the sexes. But the complaint is that such a movement is already in progress, the male sex remaining on the outside.

**MOWAT MEMORIAL.**  
[Brantford Expositor.]  
Kingston's memorial to Sir Oliver Mowat will take the form of a tubercular hospital. Coupled with a commendable public spirit in thus honoring the memory of a brilliant son, there is sound judgment in the selection of this type of memorial. A hospital is more lasting than bronze and more useful than granite.

**HE KNEW.**  
[Life.]  
Mrs. Henpeck—Who were the three men, John?  
Henpeck—Bachelors.

**THE REAL STUFF.**  
[Judge.]  
Geraldine—Who is the hero of your new story?  
Gerald—The man who accepted it.

**AS USUAL.**  
[Houston Post.]  
"Do you keep servants?"  
"No; we are like all other householders in that respect—we keep servants, but do not succeed in keeping them."

**TIME.**  
[Boston Herald.]  
"The time to save is when you're young."  
"That's all right, but a fellow doesn't earn anything till he gets well along, and then it costs more to live."

**HELPED SOME.**  
[Washington Star.]  
"Did you have any assistance when you made your appearance as a singer?"  
"Yes," answered the amateur soloist. "There was a policeman keeping order in the gallery."

**IT D PENS.**  
[Philadelphia Record.]  
Tommy—Pop, which is correct: "I shall" or "I will"?  
Tommy's Pop—It depends on the sex, my son. A man says "I shall," and a woman says "I will."

**BIG SURPRISE.**  
[Boston Transcript.]  
Sapleigh—Bah, you know, an idea has occurred to me.  
Miss Part (interminably)—Pardon me, Mr. Sapleigh, isn't that more than a mere occurrence. I should call it an event.

**VICTORIAN GODS.**  
[London Chronicle.]  
If Thackeray, with a brain weighing 92½ ounces, had the biggest head among Victorian writers, what had he for features? The choice would seem to lie between Tennyson and Henry Taylor. "That man must be a poet," remarked one of his Cambridge contemporaries when he first saw Tennyson come into the hall at Trinity, and another friend describes him in his under-graduate days as six feet high, broad-chested, strong-limbed, his face shagreened, with deep eyelids, his forehead ample, crowned with dark, wavy hair, his head finely poised, his hand the admiration of sculptors. But time dealt more too gently with Tennyson, whereas Henry Taylor, always a distinguished-looking man, seems to have grown significantly majestic with years. Grant Duff, when he was a student at Trinity, noted that "Taylor looks more like Jupiter than ever," and contemporary memoirs are full of references to his Jovial appearance.

**OSLER AND CHLOROFORM.**  
[London Chronicle.]  
Dr. Osler had a chance to poison himself when the mayor of Plymouth, in England, the other day, advocated putting to death painlessly "the hopelessly unfit and feeble-minded." When interviewed on the subject, the doctor ridiculed the mayor's suggestion and caustically asked who was to decide which persons were hopelessly feeble-minded.

**DUE REGARD FOR APPEARANCE.**  
[Chicago Tribune.]  
"Maria, this telephone call is for you."  
Mrs. Highmore (to the maid): "What?"  
"Mrs. Highmore? Gracious! And I look like a fright! John, hold the wire a minute till I do up my hair."

**OH, BLISS.**  
[Hamilton Spectator.]  
One of the joys of life—to wake up in the morning and have it gradually dawn on you that it's Sunday.

**CHESTERTON ON PEARY.**  
[G. K. Chesterton.]  
Commander Peary, the most irritating mariner, has succeeded in losing his title to popularity before proving his title to fame. He may or may not have found the North Pole, but he has lost all the rest of the planet.

#### SENATOR COFFEY'S APPOINTMENT.

[Ottawa Free Press.]  
Hon. Thomas Coffey, of London, Ont., who has been elected chairman of the joint committee on the printing of Parliament, is a journalist of long experience. Born in Ireland, he was educated in Montreal, and is now the publisher of the Catholic Record. He brings to his chairmanship a technical knowledge of the printing trade, which should be of great value to the country.

#### BRITAIN'S BURDENS.

[Windsor Record.]  
Britain is groaning under a variety of burdens, among which are the support of militarism and of a privileged, tax-exempt class, but now the Opposition want to add another in the taxation of the necessities of life. The load due to militarism must be born for a while longer, but the time seems ripe to shake off the other.

Since 1850 140,000 English farm laborers have been displaced by machinery. This machinery could be made by 4,500 men in one year.  
Mr. John R. Moffitt, an inventor of a patented note, died at his home in Denver lately, 84 years old. One of his principal inventions was the threshing machine, which he invented in 1851, and which bears many of the devices originated by him when he was a youth.

Set about doing good. One act of kindness will have more influence on the spirit than all the salt water baths that were ever invented.  
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## TRAVELLERS REPORT PROSPEROUS YEAR

All Reports Presented at Meeting Saturday Were Most Satisfactory.

## NOMINATIONS WERE MADE

R. E. Davis and John M. Dillon Will Contest for the Presidency.

At the general meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travellers' Association, held on Saturday afternoon, nominations were made for the different offices of the association. There will be a contest for the presidency between Mr. R. E. Davis, the first vice-president, and Mr. J. M. Dillon, a past president.

The financial statement of the association was very satisfactory, and the growth during the past year has been the best in the history of the association. There are now 2,585 members, an increase of 103 over 1908.

#### The Nominations.

The gentlemen nominated were as follows:

For President—R. E. Davis, John M. Dillon.  
First Vice-President—Ald. Donald Ferguson (by acclamation).  
Second Vice-President—H. W. Lind, E. H. Hannah.

Third Vice-President—John Lennox, Hamilton (by acclamation).  
Directors for London (7 to be elected)—Hugh H. Rennie, Frank E. Law, George C. English, W. R. Grant, A. E. Cowley, R. H. Turnbull, Wesley Smithson, J. M. Ferguson, J. H. Grierson, R. Bruce Wanless, J. Morley Adams.

The following directors, residents of other places than London, were elected by acclamation as follows: Toronto, William Stone, H. Horsman, A. E. Johnston, Hamilton, George Hope, J. Booker, H. E. Barber, G. C. Turnbull, Stratford, James Dow, Montreal, H. H. Hannah, H. A. Boudreau, St. Thomas, B. F. Honsinger, Chatham, Charles Haddad, A. E. Merritt, New Hamburg, Jacob Ratz, Edmonton, W. J. McCallum, Ottawa, F. E. Breckenridge, Robt. Tait, Brantford, George Jun, Ayr, John G. Watson, St. John, N. B. D. George Clark, A. T. Lane, Woodstock, Alby Robinson, G. Bickerton, J. E. Cairnes, Ingersoll, Wm. Waterworth, W. Johnston, J. Ferguson, W. H. H. Boyd, W. H. Little, Aylmer, R. G. B. Moore, Victoria, B. C., T. Harry Slater, St. Marys, James Maxwell, Oshawa, Major R. D. Windsor, James F. Smith, Sarnia, William Storey, Calgary, J. A. Brookbank.

Messrs. C. W. Nichols, E. W. B. Eardley and Mr. R. W. Coates acted as scrutineers.

#### President's Report.

On the completion of this business, Mr. John T. Green, the president, read his annual report. He declared that it gave him great satisfaction in being able to report that the association had no changes made at this time. Consequently, the committee recommended that, and the report was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Dillon for his work on committees by President Green and Vice-President Donald Ferguson. Mr. Dillon made a brief speech in reply, saying that he had always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the association, and had confidence in the future of the association.

#### Those Present.

The elections will take place on Dec. 18, when the final list of officers will be completed. Those present at the meeting Saturday were Mr. John T. Green, president; R. E. Davis, first vice-president, Ald. Donald Ferguson, second vice-president; W. L. Underwood, treasurer; Alf Robinson, secretary, and James A. Smith, F. E. Hanley, J. M. Ferguson, R. H. Turnbull, E. H. Hannah, J. M. Dillon, Wm. Turnbull, F. E. Lawson, Wm. Lind, E. H. Dickerson, A. E. Smith, F. E. Hanley, R. Bruce Wanless, E. A. Shoobottom, W. Falls, C. E. Perry, E. W. B. Eardley, Wesley Smithson, W. R. Coates, W. R. Grant, C. H. Nichols, P. M. Millman, F. E. Bryden, J. H. Grierson, A. E. Ferte and H. W. Lind.

#### The Financial Statement.

Mr. Alf Robinson, the secretary, read the financial statement for the year, showing the assets to be \$15,113.03, with practically no liabilities. There was still the sum of \$3,924.72 in the bank.

#### The Statement was as follows:

To balance in Receipts.  
To balance in Receipts..... \$ 357.87  
To members' certificate fees, 25,350.00  
To duplicates and transfers..... 100.00  
To interest on debentures.....

lodging-houses with the enforcement of good sanitary and safety fire appliances.

#### Thanksgiving Day.

"It is desired to express our thanks to the Premier and other members of the Federal Government for having continued to name Monday as the day of the week for observing Thanksgiving Day instead of Thursday as formerly. Further additional evidence has been received that the change has been recognized as being very favorable to a great many important interests and a large majority of the community. It is hoped that the Government will appoint a certain Monday in October as a permanent day for this holiday."

"Also to the Dominion and Ontario Governments for having decided to hold general elections on Monday, thus giving travellers the opportunity to vote before leaving home."

#### Business Improves.

"It was also exceedingly gratifying to be able to report upon the splendid business prosperity of the country generally. The universal good crops and the high prices for all products and commodities have extended the purchasing power of the community and have also attracted a very large increased volume of high-class immigration. The tide of business has correspondingly increased, and the coming year promises to be the most prosperous and progressive in the history of the Dominion. In this connection it may be stated that the increase in customs collections for the past eight months is over eight million dollars, and it is expected that Canada's revenue for the current year will total one hundred millions of dollars."

#### Some Grievances.

"We have had to deal with a number of complaints by the railway and transportation companies against members for not complying with the conditions agreed upon, and under which the present privileges are secured. It cannot be too strongly urged upon members that they should familiarize themselves with these conditions as indorsed on the certificate and otherwise, and assist the officials in carrying them into effect."

#### The Changes.

Mr. J. M. Dillon, chairman of the committee, appointed to revise the by-laws in order to allow for changes in the duties of the secretary and treasurer, presented his report, embodying the changes suggested. This report was adopted, and will be acted upon at once.

At this juncture the resignation of Mr. W. L. Underwood, as treasurer, was made. He explained that he did not have the time necessary to attend to the duties of treasurer as now planned, and asked to be relieved. His resignation was accepted. Many of the members paid tribute to the efficient services of their treasurer, and regretted that he had seen fit to resign.

#### Mortuary Claims.

Chairman Dillon also reported for the committee appointed to revise the mortuary claims by-laws. Mr. Dillon declared that the committee, after investigating the matter very carefully, and obtaining all the information possible had come to the conclusion that no changes should be made at this time. Consequently, the committee recommended that, and the report was accepted.

#### Assets.

Municipal and Loan Com-  
debentures ..... \$187,103.14  
Interest accrued ..... 3,864.17  
Office furniture ..... 216.00  
Cash in bank, etc. .... 3,924.72  
Total ..... \$195,113.03

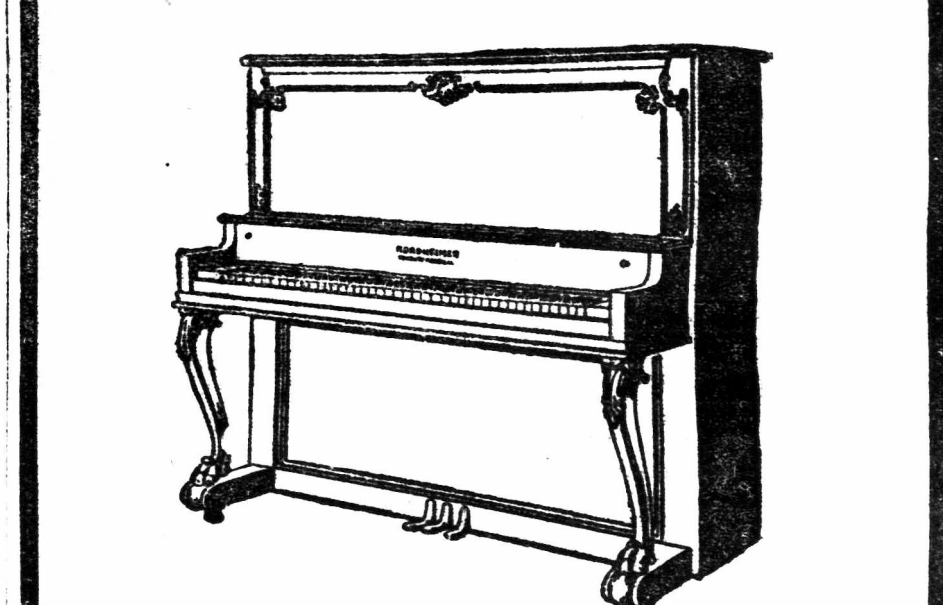
#### Liabilities.

Balance of charitable fund \$ 125.00  
Death claim (unproved) 200.00  
Balance of assets over liabilities ..... 194,598.82  
Total ..... \$195,113.03

#### Financial statement duly certified by Messrs. E. J. Dawson and J. F. Kern, auditors. Dated, Dec. 2, 1909.

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Total ..... \$61,642.80

#### Disbursements.

Death claims ..... \$ 9,850.00  
Secretary's salary ..... 1,300.00  
Treasurer's salary ..... 200.00  
Office assistance ..... 1,000.00  
Commissions to agents, etc. .... 707.00  
Charitable fund grants ..... 367.10  
General expense account ..... 1,381.98  
City of Port Arthur debentures purchased ..... 27,172.50  
Ontario and West Shore Electric Railway debentures purchased (guaranteed by municipalities) ..... 15,739.50  
Balance in savings bank, etc. 3,924.72  
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## SASKATCHEWAN ASKS FOR NEW RAILROAD

Legislature at Regina Spent a Couple of Hours Discussing the Hudson's Bay Line.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 5.—The legislature spent a couple of hours discussing the resolution introduced by H. H. Willway (Opposition), that the House most respectfully urge upon the Government of Canada the necessity and importance of the immediate construction of a railway to Hudson's Bay and for that purpose would request the Government to make provision at the present session of parliament for its actual construction. A very general discussion followed, some of the Government members taking exception to partisanship. Hon. Mr. Haultain pointed out that there was nothing of the kind in the resolution and the speeches. Premier Scott, in closing the debate, regretted the partisan introduction, but said he was entirely in accord with the wording of the resolution, which he thought represented the proper attitude which people in Saskatchewan would in duty bound to take for their own interests.

Accepting the resolution, with a tribute to Mr. Haultain's conciliatory explanation, the premier said he was particularly pleased that it came from the Opposition, as indicating a unanimity of provincial desire. He thought it should be placed in the hands of the Ottawa Government, and moved in amendment that a humble address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor and that the same be read in the House of the Governor-General-in-Council. The motion and amendment carried unanimously.

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