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EDITORIAL

"THAT FARM SETTLE-
MENT BOARD"—AGAIN

Ignorance, stupidity and prejudice are about the only qualities discernible in the latest assault on Newcastle's "Independent paper" on the Farm Settlement Board. Finding in its opposition to the government's efforts to provide farm homes for returned soldiers, that it had placed itself in an untenable position, the "Independent paper" has apparently abandoned that line of criticism, and now seeks to find other grounds upon which it can attack the government. Last week the "Independent paper" returned to the assault in the following language:

"How many members of the Farm Settlement Board know anything about farming? If the government is sincere in having the Board accomplish good results, then why did it not appoint capable farmers to carry out this work instead of business men? But if the government intends stocking these farms with farming implements, automobiles, and having their homes insured and the lands hypothecated for loans, then they have made an ideal choice in the selection of the present board."

We are not against a government that displays common judgment in carrying out any good policy, but we are opposed to their placing people in positions they know practically nothing about, simply because they are political friends."

The first question asked by our contemporary is put with the boldness of one who thinks he has found a "poser."

"How many members of the Farm Settlement Board know anything about farming?"

Well let us see how many members of the Farm Settlement and Advisory Boards do know anything about farming.

Here are the facts in the case: A. W. Hay of Woodstock, chairman of the Farm Settlement Board, has been a farmer all his life, until two years ago when he sold the large farm which he had been operating at Lower Woodstock. He was a successful farmer, and breeder of Clydesdale horses and other prize bred stock. It is asserted that there is no man in New Brunswick with a better knowledge of the quality and value of agricultural land than Mr. Hay.

James Gilchrist, of St. John, the Secretary of the Farm Settlement Board, is a practical farmer, who is now operating a farm in Kings county onto which he moved with his father when eight years of age. Mr. Gilchrist took charge of the farm twenty five years ago. Whether or not he is a practical farmer can best be determined, perhaps, from what he has accomplished. When he took over the farm it would only support thirty head of stock, the buildings on it were poor, and there was a mortgage of \$2000 on the farm. Out of the earnings of the farm the mortgage has been paid off, the buildings have all been vastly improved, the stables all having concrete floors and running water in them; an orchard of 800 trees has been planted and is now coming into bearing. At present from 40 to 50 head of cattle and 6 horses are wintered on the farm, which annually produces a car load of hay, besides what is fed to the stock; from 500 to 600 bushels of grain; from 1000 to 2000 bushels of turnips, and other smaller crops.

T. W. Butler, of Milltown, Charlotte Co. is the third member of the Farm Settlement Board. Mr. Butler was born and brought up on a farm. He farmed all his early life, has kept in close touch with farming all the time, and at present is assisting his son in working a farm a short distance from St. Stephen. His excellent judgment in farm values and quality of soil has been exercised in the purchase of a number of farms for the Board in Charlotte county and there has never been a complaint from any settler who has located on a farm purchased by him.

The Advisory Board is composed of Capt. J. E. Masters, of Moncton, Chairman; A. B. Wilmet of Burton; and Ald. C. C. Hayward of Newcastle. The function of the Advisory Board is to advise the Government and Farm Settlement Board on business matters in connection with the work of farm settlement, and business ability rather than knowledge of farming is the chief qualification required in its members.

Capt. J. E. Masters is a conspicuously successful man who has taken a prominent part in the business and commercial life of New Brunswick for many years. He is regarded by all who know him as a man of sound judgment, and keen intelligence and his opinions on business matters are highly valued. He does not profess to have any practical knowledge of farming.

A. B. Wilmet is a farmer business man of proven ability, both as a business man and a farmer. He has also been educated in law. Ald. C. C. Hayward was born and raised on a New Brunswick farm, and is the manager of one of the

largest and most successful businesses in the Maritime provinces.

With knowledge of the facts in regard to the qualifications of the members of the Farm Settlement Board, and the Advisory Board, no one influenced by blind prejudice can contend that the government in its choice of the men who compose these boards, has failed to show good judgment. Better men for the work required of them we believe it would be well-nigh impossible to find. In choosing them the New Brunswick government has reflected great credit upon itself. With such men in charge of farm settlement work there is convincing assurance that the farm settlement scheme will be worked out and administered in a most intelligent manner, and that it will prove of incalculable benefit to the province at large. Newcastle's "Independent paper" might render itself less ridiculous if it could find something other than the Farm Settlement Board to rail at.

Before propounding its fateful question our esteemed "Independent" contemporary, with very little difficulty, might have obtained the information which it professes to desire. Whether the "Independent paper" is distant for facts, or its inherent lack of energy, was responsible for its failure to gather the easily obtainable information in the matter, The Union Advocate does not undertake to say.

CANADIAN NICKEL

No one at all familiar with the circumstances of the case can find the slightest degree of justification for the allegation that the course pursued by the Canadian government in allowing the export of Canadian nickel to the United States to be refined permits the refined product to find its way to Germany. Certain arrangements have been made by the government, with the full knowledge and approval of the Imperial authorities, which govern the ultimate disposal of refined Canadian nickel, and assure its being used as it should be used, in the manufacture of munitions for the Allied armies. For military reasons the nature of these arrangements can not be disclosed, and no one who can be satisfied with the positive assurance that refined Canadian nickel benefits the Allies to the greatest extent possible, and Britain's enemies not at all, should want these arrangements disclosed at the inevitable risk of playing into the hands of Germany. It is asserted positively by the Canadian government that the British Government has refused the British Admiralty know where every pound of nickel shipped from Canada has gone. His Majesty's Government has announced that it is perfectly satisfied with the precautions taken to prevent Canadian nickel from getting into German hands. These facts should be sufficient to remove the question from the field of public discussion, and especially from the arena of party politics.

WRITE TO THE SOLDIERS

That was a good suggestion made by Pte. Wood, to have the names of all the local boys at the front posted as a reminder that they appreciate letters from home. People who have not been away from home very much do not realize how welcome letters are to those whose duties call them away. The men in the trenches have not even the opportunities open to those who go from one community to another, of forming new social relationships to compensate them for those which have been broken. New acquaintances and new friendships the soldiers do make, of course, but in many, many cases, it must be remembered, today's chum is tomorrow only dust. And always there is the yearning for home and in the absence of that, the nearest substitute, therefore—home news. And home life does not consist in the family relationship alone, but is made up largely of community relationships. The absent soldier therefore, when he thinks of home often thinks of the town or community from which he went forth to fight for his country, quite as much as he does of his immediate home. Town, or neighborhood news, therefore, to the men in the trenches is home news of the most welcome sort. Letters containing news of this kind, are "letters from home" which anyone can write and which will often gladden the hearts of the soldier boys in the trenches who receive them.

It would be a nice thing to put Pte. Wood's suggestion into effect, and if some one will prepare a list or lists of Northern and Southern soldiers now in the trenches or hospitals, who appreciate "letters from home." The Union Advocate will undertake to have the lists printed and distributed.

BROUGHT WHOLESAL-
ER TO TUNE

Hon. T. W. Crothers was last week informed by a retailer that two wholesale bread bakers had refused to sell him bread unless he kept up the price to the figure they placed upon it for retail. The Minister of Labour at once wrote the wholesalers stating that he would not permit this and threatening criminal action if they persisted. On Monday he was informed by the retailer that the wholesalers had notified him he could have all the bread he wanted and he could sell it at any price he liked.

This action by the Minister of Labour indicates conclusively that the government has the interests of the people at heart and that it is determined to do all that lies in its power to do, to prevent any unjustifiable increase in the high cost of living.

Farmer readers of The Union Advocate who are not aware of the fact, may be glad to learn that the Dominion Experimental Farms Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, issues periodically a booklet entitled "Seasonable Hints." This booklet which contains much valuable advice upon agricultural matters in general may

be obtained regularly free of charge, by simply making application to have one's name placed on the mailing list of the publication. Applications should be addressed to J. H. Grisdale, B. Agr. Director, Dominion Experimental Farms, Ottawa Booklet No. 6 which has just been issued by Mr. Grisdale is devoted principally to advice relative to winter farm work and preparation for 1917 activities. In this connection the director makes the following very apt observation:

"A little more thought and preparation when nights are long means less lost time and more effective work when days are bright and warm and every minute counts."

Earnest attention to the suggestions contained in this little booklet will undoubtedly stimulate the thought and preparation so necessary for next year's successful operations, and The Union Advocate, therefore, feels that it serves the interests of its farmer readers in urging such of them as do not receive "Seasonable Hints" to forward their applications for free copies at once.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our "Independent" local contemporary is fairly bubbling over with bright ideas these days. For instance:

"The government should protect the Canadian people against the trusts and combines by placing a minimum price on every article that is manufactured in Canada, as well as all food supplies that are required for home consumption, and allow only the surplus stock to be exported."

"A minimum price?" oh yes! Only the maximum of intelligence could have evolved this brilliant suggestion.

And this from the same source: "About the only thing beyond the reach of the government, trusts and combines is the snow."

Our esteemed contemporary should not complain so long as the government makes no effort to control the wind.

This is worth noting: "If our Eastern monied citizens had half the push in them that their Western brethren have, all the big manufacturing concerns would not be situated in the Western Provinces."

Perhaps, too, conditions might be bettered somewhat if some papers did a little more pushing and a little less knocking.

This is an awful "jolt." "If Newcastle's Board of Trade would hold regular meetings instead of Executive meetings once or twice a year, it would make our citizens think they were a live body whether they accomplish any good for the town or not."

We were of the opinion that our citizens thought they were a live body of people. If the Board of Trade's failure, to hold regular meetings is responsible for the poor opinion which it is implied our citizens hold of themselves, then in the name of all that is regular, let us have "regular" meetings of this organization and make our citizens think they are a live body—regular live wires, like their impatient journalistic critic.

There is no telling what our citizens might do, if they only thought they were a live body.

"For instance they might take up seriously the matter of that Fraser Company's new pulp mill and use what influence they have to induce the company to locate here."

It is possible that our citizens are a dead body, and no one else being aware of that fact the discovery has been made by Newcastle's "Independent" paper?

An Indian scientist, it is reported, has discovered that vegetables can write when excited. Therein lies a possible explanation of some newspaper editorials.

Twelve Chicago people have undertaken to prove by dieting that a person can live properly on 40¢ a day. The Sackville Tribune says that people in that town live to ripe old age on the good air of that place. What's the use in spending 40¢ a day for food, while Sackville remains accessible?

TABUCINTAC

SCOTT-MURPHY

St. George's Catholic church, Tabucintac was the scene of a pretty wedding on the morning of the 14th inst. when Miss Eva Annie Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and Victor Robert Scott, of Nova Scotia, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Father Lynch officiating, and after which being the celebrant of the nuptial mass. The couple were unattended.

The bride looked charming in a suit of tulle broadcloth with seal trimmings with hat to match and carried a bouquet of carnations. After the ceremony and showers of rice and confetti the happy couple drove to the home of the bride's parents where the afternoon left by auto for Newcastle, taking the afternoon train the following day for the home of the groom's parents.

On the eve of her marriage Miss Murphy was pleasantly surprised by her friends and tendered a linen shower at her home. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents in linen, all testifying to the esteem in which she was held.

She had held the position of assistant postmistress in the Tabucintac Post Office for the past few years and her genial disposition had won her many friends.

The groom is a popular travelling salesman with a leading Nova Scotia firm and friends all join in wishing him a long and prosperous wedded life.

DOAKTOWN

The young people of this place enjoyed skating for a few evenings of this week.

Mrs. Karl Hildebrand and sister, Miss Wathen, is spending a few days with Mrs. C. Y. Lewis, Fredericton.

What might have been a serious accident occurred recently, but fortunately all serious results were averted. A number of sportsmen were returning from their hunting grounds south of Cain's River to their base at Doaktown. The cold weather had while they were hunting closed Cain's River so there was crossing on the ice, but a few days previous to their starting to return the weather turned warm and heavy rain fell, taking the ice out of Cain's River, and swelling the stream so much that it made it difficult and almost dangerous to cross. However, they were crossing Cain's River in an express wagon hauled by a fancy grey that was noted for its speed some twenty years ago, when one of the sports through lack of agility lost his equilibrium he was precipitated into the swift current below. The bottom of the river and the top of the water were so far apart that he was entirely immersed and his case might have been disastrous had not those who were wise enough to remain in the wagon by the use of the hooks that nature provided them with, grappled him to safety. While he was not a preacher by profession, he seemed to have command of all scripture words and used them very profusely. With his clothes all wet and temperature hovering around zero, there was no time to waste, so he proceeded, with all haste on foot of course, to the nearest camping ground and there by the warmth of a big fire, made of some pitch pine that was luckily piled near the camp, he dried his clothes and proceeded on his journey and arrived at Doaktown none the worse of his experience, but it is quite safe to say that if he had been suffering from a severe cold before crossing the river, he would be entirely cured of it now.

A number of Blackville amateurs presented a concert or play of four acts here in the Orange Hall on Thursday evening. It was a decided success from a financial as well as theatrical point of view. There were some twenty five in the play and they were certainly all born actors. In fact they were all so good it was difficult to pick out the best, but special mention might be made of Tom Connors, Eddie Beaton and Miss Hulda Mountain. They would do credit to Barnum and Bailey or any other big circus. The proceeds were for the Belgian Relief Fund and totaled some \$23 half of which was handed to the Red Cross Society of Doaktown, who entertained them and provided them with a hall while here. Doaktown extends to their Blackville friends their sincere thanks and hopes of future success. Come Again.

Miss Hazel Holmes left by express yesterday for Fredericton, en route for Minneapolis and Fort Francis, where she will spend the winter with her brothers, who reside there. Miss Greta Holmes accompanied her to Fredericton.

Rev. S. Stackhouse preached a very interesting and instructive sermon yesterday for Fredericton, en route for Minneapolis and Fort Francis, where she will spend the winter with her brothers, who reside there. Miss Greta Holmes accompanied her to Fredericton.

Mr. Frank Russell and daughter Mildred, spent Tuesday in Fredericton.

Rev. Geo. Tilley preached a very interesting sermon on Sunday evening. His remarks were based on Temperance.

Chas. Robins, one of Stanley's most prosperous farmers and business men paid Doaktown a visit recently. He landed here on Saturday evening and as there are no Sunday trains, he was compelled to remain over until Sunday. He might have stayed in a worse place. They say he is fond of music. (teachers.)

Allen Price who was driving team for Miles Doak has returned home to Fredericton to attend to some work there. We are much pleased to see that Miles is able to do the teaming himself and hope he will continue to improve.

We were more than pleased to have a visit from Mr. Samuel Betts who has spent the last few months on St. John River. He looks as well as ever and is remarkable for his health and youthful appearance for a man of his age. He has accepted a position for the winter with the Fraser Co. in Clowater.

The sportsmen have about all returned from the woods as the hunting season has nearly ended. They all report success. One of the sportsmen when leaving Doaktown remarked that he would have a very busy day in Fredericton as he had about one hundred and sixty-six thousand samples of moose meat to send to his friends. When asked where he was going to get it, he said it was easier to buy it in the market than to shoot it.

We had a visit from that noted poet, Michael Whelan. He was in town selling a volume of his poems, which were so popular that he did not find it necessary to proceed any farther west to dispose of his stock.

Mrs. Fred Rushton, the Doaktown poetess, who composed the beautiful verses of our noble and devoted soldier, Magnus E. Betts, has removed to Fredericton, where she has taken room. We expect to hear more evidence of her ability in the near future.

Misses Grace Holmes and Leola Swim are visiting Mrs. E. Logan, Fredericton. Their leave of absence has expired, but they have not returned. "I'll bet they missed the train."

Several letters have been received from England from the boys of the 132nd Battalion. Many have been to

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London and many other places of interest. They all seem to like the Old Country.

Lumber scalars and buyers are very much in evidence now. Some say they have an elastic hoop-stick, that they can make eight inches of it reach across a nine inch log.

We regret to have to report that Everett Parker of Hazelton, met with a very severe accident while working in the woods on Renous, for Wm. Bamford. He had one of his legs broken and sustained other injuries. He is being attended by Dr. Wier.

John Gilks, humorist of Doaktown, while working in the woods with Miles Russell hurt his hand while developing into a bad abscess compelling him to leave the woods. He has recovered, however, and gone to the woods again, this time with James Holmes and Son.

Frank Johnston is doing a rushing business in axe handles and baskets. We guarantee he can make a dozen axe handles in less time than any other man on the river. If you want a dozen of axe handles before breakfast any morning, just tell Frank any time before supper the night before, and he will have them ready for you, and every one of them well made.

Miss Dora Iloit of Quarryville is visiting friends in this town.

Mrs. Percy Crocker left for Fredericton, Victoria Hospital yesterday, where she will undergo an operation. She was accompanied there by Mrs. Christie Crocker and Miss Mabel Crocker.

Mr. Chester Doak who has been working in Campbellton has returned home. He with his wife and family have moved back to their home on South Road.

Mrs. Geo. Merseneau is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Scott of Fredericton.

The Girls Auxiliary of the Church of England here is busy preparing for a play, entitled "Sleeping Beauty," to be put on in full costume, in the Orange Hall, on Dec. 26th.

The Church of England rectory is being fitted with a bath room. On the Sundays in Advent the Rev. A. J. Padstone is giving a special course of sermons on "Parables of the Kingdom," with special reference to the parables in St. Matthew 13. The services will be as follows:

Dec. 3—Doaktown 7; Carrolls 3; Ludlow 11
Dec. 10—Doaktown 11; Carrolls 3; Ludlow 7.
Dec. 17—Doaktown 7; Carrolls 3; Ludlow 11.
Dec. 24—Doaktown 7; Carrolls 3; Ludlow 11.

New York—Mrs. Laurence Winslow wife of the third assistant secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin who arrived here today from Germany by way of Copenhagen, said rigid diet rules were maintained. A piece of meat three inches in diameter and one egg were allowed once a week. For the rest food consisted solely of potatoes and cereals, Mrs. Winslow said.

UNDERHILL

The thaw of the past week which has taken off the snow and also the ice has caused much inconvenience to the young men of the lumber woods who had to cross the ice on their way home Saturday nights, although it is a long way from the bridge, they are cheered by a smile when met by their lady loves at the post office.

The many friends of Mrs. Ernest Stephens will be sorry to hear she is ill. All wish for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Myler Underhill spent Sunday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. William A. Underhill.

Miss Blanche Underhill of Quarryville paid a flying visit to her home Thursday evening.

Miss Ella Warren of Chelmsford is spending a few days at her home. Mrs. Myler and Wallace Underhill spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Underhill.

Miss Esther Underhill spent Thurs-

day in Derby the guest of Miss Alice Jardine.

Mr. Harry Gifford of Newcastle paid a business trip to Underhill.

Miss Lottie Astles was visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. Vickers a few days of the past week.

Quite a number of the people around are getting the telephone in, among the many are Mr. Justus Underhill and Mr. George Sturgeon, sr. Miss Bernetta Coughlan is visiting her sister, Mrs. William McLaughlan of Blackville.

The many friends of Herbert Underhill are glad to see him out again after his recent illness.

Miss Ruby Underhill, teacher at Lockstead, spent Sunday at her home. Mrs. Alex. Warren and daughter Ella, were the guests of Mr. Frank Underhill Sunday afternoon.

Most of the young men around are in the lumber woods which makes it very dull around just now but cheer up Xmas is coming.

Knitting is the order of the day.

We are glad to hear that Mr. James Coughlan who has been ill at his home for the past week is able to return to his work.

SUNNY CORNER

Mrs. George Leach who has been living in Nelson for the summer months, moved to her home in this village last week.

Mr. Earl McAllister who went to the harvest fields with a number of other Sunny Corner boys, arrived home Monday.

Misses Rose and Roberta Johnston were the guests of Mrs. Gordon Dav-

idson the latter part of last week.

Miss G. McDonald has returned from Halcob where she has been for the past month.

The many friends of Mrs. Alfred Nowlan will be sorry to hear she is still unable to work with her sore hand.

Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Cassilis, was a visitor here Thursday.

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