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AN ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

The Liberals to-day talk much of their interest in the farmer. But they were in power fifteen years, and their practical interest during that time was marked by little legislation, while the Agricultural Department, the one department of the Government which comes in touch with the farmer, was actually starved.

One example is the way the Experimental Farms were treated under the Laurier regime. (The Experimental Farms, by the way, were started by Sir John Carling, a Conservative Agricultural Minister.) The yearly appropriations under the Liberals were the smallest possible to keep the farms going; no expansion work was attempted, no new lines taken up, and the money expended was not even sufficient to keep the farm buildings and equipment in proper repair. In some cases the new Government found, when it came into power, that the farm equipment was actually much inferior to that on the average Canadian farm, while the buildings were almost ready to fall down.

The change in policy is shown by the estimates. For instance, the last year of the Liberal regime there was provided in the public works estimates for experimental farms only $10,000. The estimates laid on the table this week provide for no less than $250,000 for the improvement of Experimental Farm buildings and for new buildings.

For carrying on the Experimental Farms in all their branches there was provided, the last year of the Liberal rule, $215,000, and this year the estimates contains no less than $770,000 for similar work. For Experimental Farms altogether the vote, in 1911, was $225,000, and this year a little over a million, or, to be exact, $1,025,000.

The increase in appropriations this year are for three main purposes. First, expenditure on new lines and methods of work. Second, expansion of old lines of work, and, third, money for the purchase of additional stations, erection of new buildings, and purchase of equipment.

A policy of specialization has been carried on in connection with the work. Three new divisions have recently been formed on the Central Farm—Animal Husbandry, Field Husbandry and Agrostology, each with its separate appropriations. In the West there have been large experiments in mixed farming, with a view to increasing this method of farming in the Prairie Provinces. Several of the stations, formerly not equipped for live stock, have made arrangements for such work. Provision has also been made for experimental work in poultry, involving expenditure for buildings, stock and equipment. As for the expansion of the old work, the progress in the past two years has been so great as to make the lines of investigation seem almost new. New stations have been recently established at Sidney and Invermere, in British Columbia; at Ste. Anne de la Pocaterie and Compton, in Quebec, and at Kentville, Nova Scotia, and Fredericton, N.B.

U. S. PAPERS AND MEXICO

Leading papers across the border quite freely express themselves with reference to the murder of a British subject in Mexico. The Buffalo News for instance has the following editorial:—

"With the wilful murder of a British subject by General Villa in Mexico, our national policy by which we have been put behind the famous bandit, is seen in such light as to cover Americans with confusion.

It seems to have been assumed as soon as President Wilson took office that Hureta was too hopelessly bad to be countenanced, but since somebody must be given consideration, to a limited degree at any rate, it has been the policy at Washington to give Villa all the aid and comfort that could be done without overstepping the bounds of international usage.

The result is that the man who was known to be of the blackest nature, of the most villainous conduct for years, now is seen at last in his true light as a violent, murderous wild beast of a man.

It is assumed that England will promptly take up the case of her murdered subject and see that justice is done, even if there be resort to force in order to obtain it, and there is no doubt of a feeling of respect for a country that protects its own citizens at all hazards wherever they may be in the world.

Our government's policy has been to warn Americans to leave Mexico, dropping all their property and being grateful if they get out with their lives. Reports have come again and again of our fellow citizens who have lost their lives during this period of civil war and yet nothing is done except to lift the embargo on arms and let both sides buy in this country to whatever extent they may be able to make purchase.

The natural result of our policy thus far is to bring discredit upon our diplomacy in all the governments of the world. There can be no doubt of that. The scheme has worked so ill as to have been abandoned in other cases but committed to a certain line of policy in Mexico, it may be that we shall continue it to the end, no matter what the humiliation to which it may lead before the trouble is over."

UP TO THE PEOPLE

The City Council having done their share, it is now for the people to say whether they wish to own and run the Street Railway system as a municipal enterprise.

The matter has been excedeingly well handled up to date, and all concerned have, very properly, been heartily congratulated.

As a paper in favor of public ownership of city utilities, the Courier most heartily endorses the proposed acquirement. At the same time, the responsibilities of the proposed step must not be ignored. The whole subject is one which calls for and should receive earnest and intelligent consideration. The property-holders are virtually asked to become partners in a business deal, and it is always the wise and sensible course in such transactions to understand fully what is involved. There is nothing to be concealed about this thing, and the fullest publicity will be accorded with reference to the pros and cons of the case.

If the three commissioners whom it is expected to name for the purposes of managment are carefully selected as to business acumen and integrity, there does not seem to be the slightest reason why the system cannot be extended and brought right up to date, and in the end prove a lucrative investment, although, as to that, when a period of profits does afrive, any surplus over upkeep, sinking fund, interest and so on should go to a reduction of fares.

This paper will welcome any communications on the subject, but will only publish such letters with the understanding that the names and addresses of the writers are for publication.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A canine thief is accused of taking newspapers from several Montreal porches; yet some makers of dog biscuit fail to advertise.

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Seven thousand fewer immigrants left Great Britain in January, 1914, than in January last year. What has Lloyd-George been doing now?

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The churches of New York will be opened at night to shelter the homeless unemployed. The churches could hardly perform more fitting service.

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London ladies have adopted the fashion of wearing colored wigs at society functions. To some of us, however, the fad smacks of an attempt to paint the lily.

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Serious proposal is made that the officials in N.H.A. matches use pistols with blank cartridges instead of whistles. The innovation would seem very fitting at some encounters.

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An unknown person lured a blind man to a lonely spot near Cobalt and robbed him of fifty dollars, after threatening violence. Cobalt has a candidate for the "meanest man" belt.

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With the American consul-general at London warning American tourists in England against London sharpers, it behooves those who write for comic papers in the United States to get into line.

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A New York assemblyman has introduced a bill providing a fine of $10 to $50 for each qualified voter who fails to vote in a state election. One advantage of this bill would be that one party would have to bribe the voters of the other party to stay away from the polls.

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An Ohio judge has held that a newspaper has a property right in news relating to the action of public officials. The judgment is in accordance with common sense, and we are often told that common law is only common sense. Publicity and watchfulness are the great safeguards of democracy. An attempt to transact public business in secret must of necessity be out of harmony with the spirit of popular institutions.

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The rapidity with which the Japanese people laid aside their ancient ways and adapted themselves to the conditions of modern civilization was the marvel of the world a few years ago. The change was so sudden that many people refused to believe it could be genuine. But Japan itself continues to furnish evidence from time to time that the conversion was real enough. The despatches the other day announce that five naval officers, including a rear admiral, are undergoing an investigation on charges of grafting.

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SPRING POETRY.

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WALT MASON.

Birthdays of Note

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOURTH

To-day the Hon. H. E. Young, Minister of Education for the province of British Columbia, observes his forty-seventh birthday. Dr. Young is a native of Quebec and a graduate in medicine of McGill University. Since he took charge of the educational department of British Columbia seven years ago, he has devoted most of his energies to the work of getting the provincial university started. This institution, planned on big and generous lines, will in time be a monument to his zeal and efficiency. It is to be built on a magnificent site at Point Grey, near Vancouver, and already extensive plans have been prepared for a number of the buildings. A president has been appointed and a competent staff is in process of selection, with a view to the commencing of instruction next year.

HARTFORD

(From our own Correspondent)

Good congregations were out Sunday to hear the pastor's sermons. The morning text was from Mark 14, 8. "She hath done what she could." In the evening the text was Mark 10, 17, "Good Master what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life." The choir rendered a splendid anthem.

The Valentine tea by the Willing Workers last Friday night was well attended. The supper was all that could be desired and the programme was exceptionally good. The class received their new buttons last Sunday, the motto is "Workers."

The Women's Institute meeting at Mrs. G. Munns on Tuesday afternoon was well attended in spite of the cold weather. The paper by Mrs. R. J. Thomas on raising little chickens was much appreciated, and a general discussion followed. Mrs. H. Renner gave an excellent reading entitled The small courtesies of life. The Misss Nina and Hazel Scott sang a duet, There's a mother always waiting you at home sweet home. Mrs John VanLoon gave a very helpful reading, The housewife and her work. The program was interspersed with gramaphone selections. The meeting closed by singing God Save the King, after which Mrs. Munns served a dainty lunch of cake and coffee.

Miss Leta Woodley of Waterford was the guest of Miss Evelyn Burke over Sunday.

R. J. Thomas and family motored to Brantford Sunday and were visiting at C. A. Bennetts.

Harry Green of Brantford spent a couple of days at Jno. Howard's.

Clarence Lewis of R. Hyslop and Co., Hamilton, was the guest of R. J. Thomas last week.

Jno. Bradshaw of Thamesford was spending a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Barber.

Mrs E. VanLoon has bought a new horse.

GET BEHIND AND GIVE IT A BOOST

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tion should be made a little more definite, so that the entire market would not be tied up on Saturday. One half of the market would be sufficent.

Ald. Ward asked the council to have confidence in the executive. All the members of the council were on the Old Home week committee.

Ald. Charlton did not think a circus on the market was the proper thing to entertain the Old Boys with. He did not approve of howling spilers on the market or a circus either, with tents put up. They should go over to Agricultural Park.

Ald. Broadbent spoke strongly towards giving only half the market. It was held by many that any attractions secured should be held in the centre of the city adjacent to the business section.

Ald. Ward said the committee had two tempting offers and had gone slowly. One contract in particular that of Mr. Levitt was of such a character that it was scarcely possible to go wrong.

Ald. Pitcher said his contention was not to give up the entire market on a Saturday. Half of the market would prove sufficient. For his part, they were not going into anything blind-folded, and it was a sure thing that everything would be clean. Ald Pitcher assured the council that the market would be protected.

Ald. Hollinrake spoke srongly for the resolution.

Ald. Ryerson said the financial side of Old Home Week was emphasized too much rather than the social side. It was a case of bringing the old boys and girls back home again to entertain them, not to bleed them by a bunch of fakirs. Last year, under the auspices of a ball club a gang was allowed to operate which wouldn't have been allowed in any other city in Canada and Brantford people rightly made objections.

Ald. Bragg believed the market would be all right up until Friday night then hand the market over to the farmers, who were customers the year round. Besides we would not have a dirty market over Sunday.

Ald. Sutch thought it would do the town good getting wakened up. The farmers like shows as well as anybody.

Ald. Ryerson again got into the argument. "I didn't say all I wanted to at first" he declared amid laughter. He objected to a show company giving the committee 25 per cent of receipts and taking away 75 per cent.

Ald. Pitcher assured the committee that provision would be made for market attendants.

Ald. Ward did not like the use of fakirs by Ald Ryerson. Some of the biggest fakirs he ever met were in the fruit business and they were at the bottom of the basket.

"That's right" assented Ald. Ryerson.

The resolution was carried when Mayor Spence said he proposed to look the side shows over pretty carefully himself and when he did so he would take Ald. Ryerson along with him so that the objectionable ones would be sure to be fired out.

Court Waits for Aviator.

Mr. Gustav Hamel, who was to give evidence at Malvern, on Wednesday in a charge of conspiracy in connection with a flying meeting at which he was advertised to appear was nearly two hours late in arriving at the court, and was rebuked by the Bench for gross incivility. He declared it was unintentional.

Edward Hickmann, of Wrexham, and Henry Yoxall, of Worchester, were the defendants. The meeting was to have taken place on Nov. 6, and Hickmann and Yoxall were said to have received a telephone message from Hamel on the 5th saying that he could not fly. In spite of this they admitted hundreds of people to the field and did not return the money.

The magistrates stopped the case and defendants were discharged.

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WITHIN THE LAW

By MARVIN DANA

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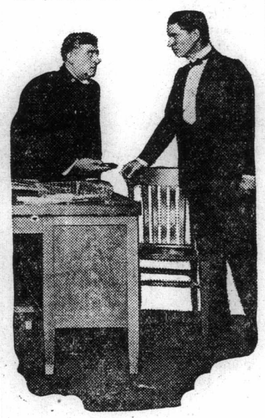
Again, Burke interposed.

"I'm going to give him a little more time to think things over. Perhaps he'll get to understand the importance of what we've been saying pretty soon."

He pressed the button on his desk.



"Where'd you get this gun?"

and, as the doorman appeared, addressed that functionary.

"Dan, have one of the men take him back. You wait outside."

Dick, however, did not move. His voice came with a note of determination.

"I want to know about my wife. Where is she?"

Burke disregarded the question as completely as if it had not been uttered and went on speaking to the doorman, with a suggestion in his words that was effective.

"He's not to speak to any one, you understand." Then he condescended to give his attention to the prisoner. "You'll know all about your wife, young man, when you make up your mind to tell me the truth."

Dick turned and followed his custodian out of the office in silence.

As the doorman reappeared Burke gave his order, "Dan, have the Turner woman brought up."

The inspector next called his stenographer and gave explicit directions. At the back of the room, behind the desk, were three large windows, which opened on a corridor, and across this was a tier of cells. The stenographer was to take his seat in this corridor, just outside one of the windows. Over the windows the shades were drawn, so that he would remain invisible to any one within the office while yet easily able to overhear every word spoken in the room.

When he had completed his instructions to the stenographer Burke turned to Gilder and Demarest.

"Now, this time," he said energetically, "I'll be the one to do the talking. And get this: Whatever you hear me say don't you be surprised. Remember, we're dealing wih crooks, and when you're dealing with crooks you have to use crooked ways."

Then the door opened, and Mary Turner entered. She paid absolutely no attention to the other two in the room, but went straight to the desk and there halted, gazing with her softly penetrant eyes of deepest violet into the face of the inspector.

Under that intent scrutiny Burke felt a challenge and set himself to match craft with craft. His large voice was modulated to kindliness as he spoke in a casual manner.

"I just sent for you to tell you that you're free."

"Then, I can go?"

"Sure, you can go."

Without any delay, yet without any haste, Mary glanced toward Gilder and Demarest, who were watching the scene closely. Then, she went toward the outer door of the office.

Burke waited until she had nearly reached the door before he shot his bolt.

"Garson has confessed!"

Mary turned and confronted the inspector, and answered without the least trace of fear, but the firmness of knowledge:

"Oh, no, he hasn't!"

"What's the reason he hasn't?" Burke roared out wrathfully.

"Because he didn't do it."

"Well, he says he did it!"

Mary, in her turn, resorted to a bit of finesse, in order to learn whether or not Garson had been arrested.

"But how could he have done it, when he went"— she began.

"Where did he go?"

"You ought to know, since you have arrested him, and he has confessed."

Burke was frantic over being worsted thus. To gain a diversion, he reverted to his familiar bullying tactics.

"Who shot Griggs?" he shouted.

"My husband shot a burglar," Mary said languidly. "Was his name Griggs?"

"Oh, you know better than that," Burke declared, truculently. "You see, we've traced the Maxim silencer. Garson himself bought it up in Hartford."

For the first time, Mary was caught off her guard.

"But he told me"— she began, then checked herself.

"What did he tell you?" Burke questioned.

"He told me that he had never seen one. Surely, if he had had anything of the sort, he would have shown it to me."

Burke pressed the button on the desk, and, when the doorman appeared, ordered that the prisoner be returned to her cell.

"I suppose," Mary said, "that it's useless for me to claim my constitutional rights, and demand to see a lawyer?"

"Yes," Burke agreed, "you've guessed it right, the first time."

Cassidy came hurrying in with a grin of satisfaction on his stolid face.

"Say, chief," the detective said with animation, "we've got Garson."

Burke asked Gilder and the district attorney to withdraw, while he should have a private conversation with the prisoner.

"Now," he said when they were alone together, "I'm going to be your friend."

(To be continued.)

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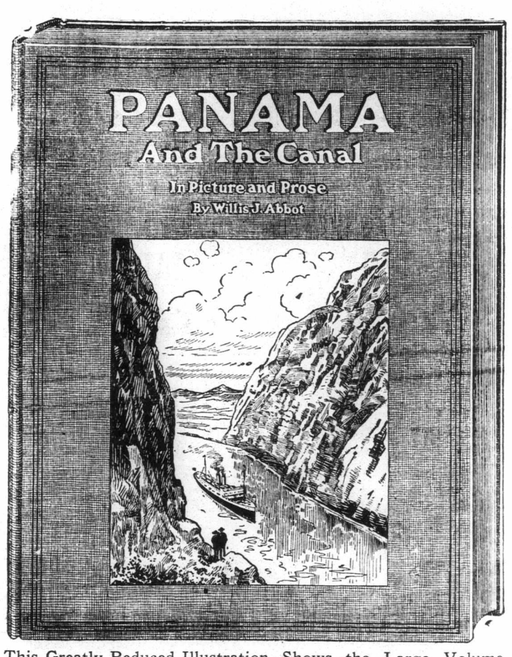

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