

will always be the most valuable stock-in-trade, is a good education. A boy who is given good educational advantages in his early days, will make good if he has the right stuff in him. If he has not the right stuff in him he will not make good anyway, so it is hardly worth while to leave him a lot of money. Proper education for our boys and girls today will solve problems of the future that look serious. Let us get our national foundation right.

GET AFTER THE CROAKER

It seems hardly conceivable in this day that there are farmers of average intelligence throughout the country who are not supporters of the Grain Growers and organized farmers' movement. But we must admit that such is the fact. Cases have been brought to our notice where farmers say that they can see no benefit to be derived through these farmers organizations. These men who thus clog the wheels of progress immediately begin to quote examples from past history. They point out certain organizations that flourished and fell in the past, and on that account they can see no better prospect for the present farmers' organizations in the three prairie provinces. Why will men keep eternally croaking?

The chronic croaker will certainly not do a great deal to advance the cause of his country. Any man who has sufficient intelligence to consider facts certainly must realize that he has no ground for croaking. He must realize that it is his duty to get in the band wagon with the rest of the farmers and add to the success of the movement. The work that the organized farmers in the three provinces have accomplished up to the present day, is sufficient to warrant every farmer in the country in giving the associations his loyal support. Surely the past record of the organized farmers is good enough to guarantee a glorious future. All that they have yet accomplished is as nothing compared with what the next few years have in store for them. The past has been merely a training school for the development of men capable of doing the work in the future. The organization of farmers in the western provinces is now strong. There are men at the front, of great intelligence and of wide experience. These men have been dealing with questions of great importance, but year by year their work has broadened. Why is it that a farmer in this enlightened age will stand by and accept the benefits secured by a brother farmer without giving in return even one word of encouragement?

There is not a farmer on the western prairie today who has not benefited more or less by the work of the organized farmers. There is not a farmer but whose family life will be happier henceforth, that the farmers' organization has existed and waxed strong. It is up to every farmer outside of the organization, who is capable of thought, to give this matter serious attention. The organization of farmers today is very strong, but they need even more support. They need on their membership rolls every farmer in the prairie provinces. The paltry dollar that the member brings in is not the main thing. It is the moral support that his connection with the association brings. That is the main factor in building up the strength of the organization. Every farmer should endeavor to see that his neighbor is given no rest until he joins that association, and puts his shoulder to the wheel with the rest of the farmers. There is no better time to get at this work than the present. Every man is needed today.

CONSIDER THE HEN

Why is it that one of the most remunerative of the various branches of agricultural activity is so neglected? That is the poultry industry. Poultry and eggs are two varieties of food that are in universal demand, and in Western Canada that demand has never been supplied

by Western products. Year by year great shipments of poultry come in from Eastern Canada to supply the western market. Here we are, living in a country where we can raise the necessary food for the poultry industry more cheaply than in any other place, and yet we bring in from other provinces at a very high cost in transportation, the products of this industry which should be raised and produced on western farms. Those who have given close study to the poultry industry declare that it is a good paying business, and in the winter time it produces very high profits. The winter time, in this country, is the leisure time, and if proper care was given to the poultry there might be a good income from this branch of the work throughout the whole winter. A real good, fresh egg, is about the scarcest thing on the market during the winter, and those who can supply them may practically command their own price. It seems strange that this industry should be so neglected. The faithful old hen, if properly provided for, will assist in raising the mortgage that has rested on many a farm.

PLAN FOR PUBLICITY

It is the duty of the local branch associations throughout the three prairie provinces to aid the cause in every possible way. Publicity is one of the best ways to help along the good cause. Today the country papers throughout the West are anxious to publish news of the cause of the organized farmers. Every local branch should make it a point to have a press representative among its members. The secretary may be willing to take up this work, or he may be too busy to do it justice. There may be young men members of the Association, or young lady members, who will be well qualified to do the press work. It will be a good training for them to express their thoughts in the fewest possible words. The press representative of the local branch should see that a good report of every meeting is supplied to the local paper. The aim in writing these reports should not be to fill space in the paper, but to prepare the news in an attractive style, so that every subscriber of the local paper will read it and take its lesson to heart.

A short report should then be sent to THE GUIDE. It is impossible to publish long reports in THE GUIDE, and only the matters of paramount importance should be sent. This will be understood when it is remembered that there are over 600 local branches in the West, and many of them hold weekly meetings. Just the meat of the report should be sent to THE GUIDE and the longer reports should be sent to the local papers.

CHOOSING A PROFESSION

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The spirit of the twentieth century is widely at variance with the trend of ages past when youths who sought distinction in the archives of the nation followed the profession of the soldier. Ancient history is largely the chronicle of wars of conquest, and the great among men were the generals that could manoeuvre and direct large military forces. The world was drenched in blood and the strong overran the weak, and subjugated nations became the slaves of their conquerors. From the days of Alexander the Great to Napoleon the world worshipped martial heroes and the most familiar names of history were the victorious generals of devastating wars.

A different spirit now dominates the forces of the world in crowning heroes. A late vote in France placed Pasteur as the greatest hero of the nation. Napoleon, who had long occupied the niche of fame, was dethroned in favor of the great physician whose medical discoveries have saved thousands of people from premature death.

The discoverer of the power of steam as a mechanical force and its application in the construction of railways and ocean steamers

is more highly honored than any ancient military hero.

The arts of peace transcend the science of war. The former are always ameliorating the condition of mankind, while the latter lays waste the wealth and resources of nations. The trend of modern times is, selecting a profession is in the field of industrialism, agriculture and commercialism. Few now seek the evanescent honors and emoluments of the soldier. While nations are building the great Dreadnoughts they are finding much difficulty in equipping them with men who aspire to become war heroes. While national armaments are going on at a stupendous scale, there is growing a widespread sentiment against war to settle national difficulties.

No one nation acting on its own initiative can abolish war, but an international agreement between Germany, England, the United States, Japan, France and Russia could abolish wars and substitute an international court to settle by arbitration the grievances of nations.

All the professions of peace tend to uplift mankind and all are fairly remunerative. The man who studies the natural resources of nature and doubles the products of the soil becomes a benefactor of all nations. Professor Koch, Marconi, Morse, Bell and Edison are among modern heroes whose inventions have revolutionized commercial affairs. The field is open to every young man to choose a profession whose functions are directed to the betterment of mankind.

The boycott against meat is a heroic remedy for a great evil. When men take up the fight for a cause with that determination there is sure to be victory follow.

The order issued by the Postmaster-General that the Winnipeg Post Office is to be locked tight on Sunday, will enforce a vacation for many employees in Winnipeg business offices on the Sabbath day.

The British Elections are over, and the two great parties are nearly a tie. The Labor and Nationalist members, by working together, can hold the balance of power. It is evident that the government will be able to pursue its course, and that the budget will go through as it was originally intended. There is a probability of sensational developments in English political circles.

We occasionally hear people say that governments should not embark on such a vast undertaking as the purchase of the internal and terminal elevator systems. Surely no sane man will object to the scheme on the ground of its magnitude. Look at the National Transcontinental Railway, where \$65,000,000 is invested from Winnipeg to Monckton. The interest on this at 8 per cent. would be \$5,200,000 annually. And yet this sum is given to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company for seven years without any interest. The total interest on the money for seven years would more than pay for the entire elevator system of Canada; and yet, when it comes to the purchase of the elevator system there are people who think it is too big a proposition to be considered.

In reply to the advice which we gave in favor of farmers financing their business through the banks instead of through the various business men with whom they deal, we have been met with the statement that farmers have been asked 10 per cent. from the banks for a loan. This certainly is not encouraging to a farmer. We still repeat our advice. The banks of Canada are powerful, but they possess wisdom. If the farmers will stay together and strengthen their organization, the banks of Canada will be glad to loan money to farmers at reasonable rates. If this is of any importance to farmers, then let them get at it through their organizations, for individually they will accomplish nothing.