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## FARMER CO-OPERATION.

New Brunswick farmers find that co-operation is of great value in getting fertilizer, seeds, feeds and other supplies. The Nova Scotia fruit growers' have like experience in marketing and buying. In Maine a Potato Growers' Exchange is proving of much benefit. A Caribou letter says:—  
"The Maine Potato Growers' Exchange made first shipments of Irish cabbages September 4, commencing with occasional deliveries by members. Harvesting has progressed until at present loading for shipment is general over the entire area. The Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Inc., has established offices in Boston to handle the sale of the entire table stock output of the Maine Potato Growers Exchange. Recent developments in the potato market have demonstrated the value of the distribution service which the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers may render through their two hundred established connections throughout the markets of North America. Four hundred cars of Maine potatoes remained unsold on the track in Boston Tuesday night. The Maine Potato Growers Exchange did not have a single car in this number unsold. Thus far every car shipped by the exchange has moved into the market for immediate unloading and distribution into the channels of trade."

It is further announced that shipments are made as far west as Ohio, and as far south as Tampa, Florida, and that the returns received from shipments thus far this season are satisfactory. The value of co-operation in the agricultural field has been so well demonstrated in different provinces and states that the outlook is set a loss to understand why the system is not more generally adopted.

## THE PORT OF VANCOUVER.

MR. R. C. Beattie, commissioner of the port of Vancouver, in an interview in Montreal this week, declined any desire on the part of his own city to wrest from Montreal the position of Canada's premier port. He said:—  
"We are not trying to take any business away from Montreal. On the contrary, we are trying to work with Montreal in building up a greater Canada, by keeping the traffic of the country within her own borders. We are indebted to Montreal for the very fine support accorded us in connection with our own port development, and I assure you that we heartily reciprocate the spirit of friendship shown us."

Of what is being done in Vancouver Mr. Beattie said:—  
"Hon. Ernest Lapointe is coming west at the end of this month to officially open our new Ballantine Pier, which cost \$6,500,000 to build, and is the finest pier in the world. It is of solid concrete throughout, and is equipped with double-deck sheds and the latest type of rapid electric cargo-handling cranes. The pier is 1,200 feet long and 350 wide, and the end of the pier is built in 112 feet of water. Conveyors will bring grain from No. 2 elevator, now building."

The interest which both Ottawa and Montreal appear to take in Vancouver is in rather striking contrast to the lack of interest in needed facilities at St. John and Halifax. The gaze of central Canada is always turned westward.

## THE WHISPERER.

It is comforting to know that the Montreal Star, in its last "Whisper of Death," expresses a belief that "Canada can and will be saved." This is a comforting assurance. How is the salvation to be brought about? Hearken:—  
"If the press of Canada does its duty, the politicians will be prevented from ruining the country. We are calculating that the soothing-syrup purveyors will fail to keep the electorate asleep. We believe that the people will awake in time and seat at Ottawa a Government which will bring immigrants by the millions into Canada, will drastically and courageously cut down our ridiculously extravagant railway services until the country can afford to carry them, and will fight for Canada, for Canadian manufacture of Canadian raw materials by Canadian labor, against all-comers."

Surely this is a simple formula. Throw out the present Government and let the Star choose one to its liking. It does not like Mr. Meighen, and he, therefore, would have to go into the discard along with Mackenzie King, Fielding, Gouin and the rest. But who is the Moses of the Star? Is it not nearly time for a disclosure? Where among us is the great leader who will "prevent the politicians from ruining the country"? Why keep him further concealed in the underbrush? Produce the superman and let us look him over.

## THE CASUALTY LIST.

The Canadian casualties from automobiles are fewer per thousand of population than those in the United States, but that is poor comfort because we do not operate so many cars. In studying the casualty list, which is alarming enough in its proportions, the main purpose should be to increase the sense of personal responsibility on the part of drivers of all classes. There are temperamental reckless people to whom grade crossings present no reason for caution, and whose sense of danger on the road seems lacking. They care neither for themselves nor for others, judging by their actions, and many of them are not long for this world. But while they are alive they are a peril to others and their existence adds to the need for extra care by all on the roads. The careful and courteous drivers get too little credit in the campaign against carelessness, but their number is great and their influence increasing in spite of the appalling statistics.

It is estimated that someone is killed every fifty minutes by a motor car in the United States today, and that someone is injured every second. The Washington Star, in commenting on the fact that never before in the country's history have so many casualties from motor vehicles been reported, says 14,000 people were killed last year and that this year the list will be longer. In 1914 the number was 4,231. Those injured last year numbered approximately 1,000,000, and the Star's estimate for this year is 1,700,000. It reads like an account of war casualties, but we are reminded that at the end of July there were 13,254,000 cars and trucks in the country. Of the whole American population 120 out of each thousand own cars, and of two of every five, farmers have cars or trucks, the farmers being numbered at 8,500,000.

The thoughtful man knows that the motor car, reasonably used, is a wonderfully safe, useful and dependable vehicle. It is seldom the machine that is at fault, notwithstanding that so many of them are subjected to ill-treatment. It is the human element, not the mechanical, that fails. And even in considering the number of accidents for the purpose of urging restraint and caution, it is essential to have in mind how vast is now the daily use of the machine which was a novelty twenty-five years ago. Regulations increase, but the most useful recourse is constant and reasonable appeal to the sober thought of the people. That will gradually have its effect. The punishment of the criminally reckless or careless will grow in severity, for such menaces cannot be ignored. The fruits of their conduct are too deadly. Statistics in themselves do something, for they present the high percentage of risk to each one personally, suggesting the motive of humanity and of self-interest as well. The careful man, unfair as it is, must do something to counteract the careless or reckless one. The Canadian record in the matter of accidents is none too good, so it is well to be warned by the much more alarming conditions among our neighbors who are told that there is a motor death every fifty minutes and some injury from accident every time the clock ticks.

The Christian world has a great opportunity to serve humanity in Japan, and to impress the people of that country with a deeper sense of what Christianity stands for in the world. Tomorrow in the churches in St. John a collection will be taken for the benefit of the sufferers from the earthquake. It was felt that this method of collecting funds would enable great numbers of people to contribute who might otherwise not be approached, but who would really desire to make a personal contribution, however small, to swell the fund from this city. There is great need in the stricken cities in Japan and the Canadian people in all the provinces are responding to the appeal. St. John may be relied on to do its part.

The suggestion of the Council of the St. John Board of Trade that the boards in all Maritime cities and towns should endeavor to enlarge their membership, and enter upon a more active campaign to promote industrial growth, is worthy of earnest support. A live board can do much good in its own town, and the boards united can do much to promote industrial growth in a general way. There is need of leadership in every community, and a strong organization where the active business men may get together and work together can do an immense amount of good.

The Carnegie Library in Ottawa kept open during the rain and wind on Sundays from 2 to 5.30 p.m., for the convenience of readers. The effort has proved a success, and no objection is offered.

## SONG AT MOONRISE.

(Clinton Scollard in New York Herald)  
We watched in the wide spaces of the sky  
The fading amber of the afternoon;  
Then we waited the sunset pageant die,  
And basked for the rising of the moon.

And while we waited in the deepening hush  
There soared the liquid treble of a bird;  
It was as though the thicket hidden thrush  
Would haste the moonrise with its haunting word.

Then flushed a gradual glory in the east,  
And when the moon in flooding splendor shone  
The song of the rapt warbler slowly ceased  
In tender melting minors—and 'twas gone.

Yet in our hearts, as though an anti-phon  
The melody beat on and on and on.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

No Such Thing.  
"Has that mule of yours got a pedigree, Sam?"  
"No, sah! No, indeed! Dere ain't nuffin de matter wif dis mule. He ain't puffed out, sah."

Good Samaritan.  
Jimmy—"I'd like to be a doctor when I grow up."  
Tommy—"What for?"  
Jimmy—"So's when fellows' mothers brought 'em to me I could say, 'Keep 'em home from school for a week or two.'"

One Thing Saved.  
"The burglar took my watch, my diamond pin, my pocketbook—in short, everything."  
"But I thought you kept a loaded revolver under your pillow?"  
"I do—but he didn't find that."

No Wonder.  
Jenkins—I learn through your agent that you have bought a new residence on either side of your residence and got them dirt cheap. How did you manage it?  
Foxley—Easily enough. My wife is an ecstasist, my daughter plays the piano, George plays a cornet, I play the violin, Bob plays a banjo, Charley rattles the bones, and Johnnie has a drum.

## London Waste Lands Turned Into Gardens

A seed taken from America by a woman is responsible for eight gardens in London. During the most congested parts of London and the children are taught that cabbages do not "grow on barrows" as some of them thought. For the first time in their lives they have seen a worm.  
The children have worked hard for their gardens. In Ratcliff, where they stood until condemned by the authorities. It was an adventure to fall suddenly into a cellar, but three layers of foundations had actually to be dug out before they could begin planting.  
Under the direction of Miss Rosalie Mercer, their garden teacher, and voluntary helpers, who are all too scarce, they have made use of almost everything they found. Huge pieces of granite have made a charming garden. The stones were dug up for a tug-of-war they rolled them into place.

Other stones which were dug up are being used for a Dutch garden which the little gardeners have sunk a foot deep. They are making a brick garden also, setting the old bricks like a lattice-work on a mound against a wall, with rock-plants between each. And because the children's gardens are also a playground, they are making a switch-back down the other side. Only 32 children can be plot-holders, but 150 can come and play. Nine hundred children used the garden last summer. They dance to the music of a gramophone, and sing and act. Perambulators are used to seven off a corner for the babies, and the elder girls hold "school" for the toddlers.  
All the produce belongs to the children, and at the end of the season a feast is held in the Ratcliff Garden when the children are taught how to cook the vegetables they have grown. The eagerness of the children, who come was illustrated by a quaint incident.

"Have you seen Whitehead's twins?" said a child to the garden-teacher. The teacher went to see what had happened and found the babies "buried" up to the waist in the ground. Their ingenious brother, who could not come to the garden without them, had dug them in so that they could not get into mischief, and he could get on with his plot!

## AIR SHOULD BE CLEARED.

(Financial Post.)  
A controversy which has arisen between Canon F. G. Scott and the British Empire Steel Corporation regarding conditions in the Cape Breton mining and industrial areas of the company emphasizes the need for a thorough investigation by the Dominion Government of the whole question of the relations of the workers of this vast industry to their employers. Ordinarily a royal commission to investigate labor conditions in the plants of one company would be a little beyond the Federal Government's scope, but when labor conditions at the plants are such that strikes seriously affect the country as a whole are almost continuous, and when there has been little disposition shown by either workers or employers to study out their own problems, it becomes desirable in the national interest for the Government to interfere in order to get at the real seat of the trouble.

It seems that the company is ready for the Government investigation. The workers, too, should welcome the opportunity for a full probe of their problems. Wholesome co-operation on both sides would be the first semblance of getting together that has been apparent and would be a step towards the broader industrial harmony based on mutual understanding and confidence.

## FAIRVILLE FIRE.

The Fairville firemen were given a run last night to the home of N. J. Cabell, Lane Avenue, but the blaze had been put out before they arrived. Very little damage was done.

# MR. DOOLEY ON HOME LIFE

By FINLEY PETER DUNNE.

"Th' newspapers ar-re a g-r-eat blessing," said Mr. Dooley. "I don't know what I'd do without them. If it wasn't fr them I'd have no society fit to associate with—only people like y-e-rself an' Hogan."

"But th' pa-pers opens up life to me a speakin' acquaintance with th' whole wurld. An' if there's was thing I want to write to th' iditor iv th' pa-pers an' 'thank him about, an' sign th' letter 'Pro Bono Publico,' it is th' peek he gives us ivry wast in a family havin' done no wurruk since th' middle iv th' fourteenth cenchry."

Th' Billhooley escutcheon was splashed be a few years that th' old arrystocrat had put in as a stone mason, but that's something we won't talk about. At th' prisent moment no family has a better ratin' in Bradstreet's peccage thin th' Billhooleys'. Th' jook's nobility was older, but Billhooley's was longer an' more aasily negotiyable at th' meat market.

"Ye think iv th' g-r-eat cap iv indy-dreth settin' in a marble hall surrounded be g-r-and pianies, plush chairs, oyx wiggin' th' all th' ivdences iv wealth an' refinement that money an' art can supply. He's so far away fr th' rest iv th' family that when he has to talk to thim he has to whistle fr th' butler to take th' message."

"Ivrybody is polite an' unconfortable. If a man has a jook fr a son-in-law ye don't think he can iver cut loose an' be himself. There can't be anny freedom in such surroundin's. Th' week past with a 'youband'! Ivrything is like it in a novel. It's 'look, have another saucerful iv tea.' 'Will yer grace jine me in a tub iv champagne?' 'Can I trouble yer grace to pass th' ketchup?' Don't Pity The Rich.

"Ye wonder why th' millionaire isn't down at th' corner ivry night trying to pick a fight with th' thrif-ty cop. Ye feel sorry fr th' rich in their restricted lives."

"But yer wrong, Hennessy, yer wrong! Th' life iv th' rich is far more home-like thin ye think. There's much more famly feelin' thin ye imagine. Takin' thim all in an' I don't think about th' rich. A longshoreman doesn't have to walk so far to take a kick at th' son-in-law, but thin look at th' amount iv furniture a millioner has ready to throw at anny member iv th' famly that don't agree with him? Th' aged millionaire has a thousand little objects iv art things he can hunt, an' if he misses with th' Venus de Midicy, he can flatten th' jook with a ginoovin Rembrandt. 'No sir, ye needn't pity th' rich. They have their own natchral injunivinis iv life an' they ought to be happy."

"I was readin' about it in th' pa-aper an' it made me long fr a little loose change more thin annything I've seen in many a day. It seems that wan iv our most prominent capytalists, Mulligan J. Billhooley, had give his daughter in marriage to a Fr-rich jook. This sign iv a foreign arrystocracy come to America to live with his wife's parents, an' properly so, an' his wife's parents, an' properly so, an' Mulligan J. Billhooley did not dare to thrus large sums iv money to th' mails."

"Th' nobleman made himself at home at wast. There's very little difference between th' arrystocracies iv anny countries. They're all alike. Wurld will tell, an' th' nobility iv th' wurld are always with each other whether title dates back to Agincourt or South Bend."

"Th' jook was noble be birth, his

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thin we get a glimpse like this to show that American home life is still uncorrupted be g-r-eat wealth an' that th' nobles in our land will lick their son-in-laws if they try to borrow money fr'm thim."

"Well," said Mr. Hennessy, "It's a shame these rich Americans girls shud marry these foreign noblemen."

"It's th' only chanst they've got," said Mr. Dooley. "A young American business man isn't goin' to sell his heart fr goold an' thin probbly only get it in small installments in a pay envelope on Saturday night. He sizes th' matter up in his simple way an' says he to himself: 'I wud hate to have to wurruk fr me wife th' rest iv me life. I want this old gentleman's money, but th' only way fr me to get it is in th' marts iv thrade. Annyhow, I'll have a better chanst at it outside th' famly thin in!' he says. An' there ye ar-re."

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Cubens are native of Java.

## TAXES.

Three states (New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois) paid almost exactly half of the total personal income tax collected by Uncle Sam in 1921. This is figured out by Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

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## UNSHRINKABLE

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"We don't often hear iv their rale home life because th' neighbors don't complain. Most iv th' time all we know about how they live is an ivventhry iv th' furniture. But now an' then we get a glimpse like this to show that American home life is still uncorrupted be g-r-eat wealth an' that th' nobles in our land will lick their son-in-laws if they try to borrow money fr'm thim."

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