

Remember the Date---
October 20-22

National Educational Conference At Winnipeg

PROMINENT SPEAKERS—LIVE SUBJECTS

In advance of the definite program in the form in which it will be issued at the time of the Conference, the Convening Committee announces that the following items are definitely assured:

- 1—Salutatory Address—By His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and His Worship C. F. Gray, Winnipeg.
- 2—"The Lessons of the War for Canadian Education," Hon. Dr. Cody, Minister of Education, Ontario.
- 3—"The School and the Development of Moral Purpose," Dr. Theodore Soares, Professor of Religious Education, University of Chicago.
- 4—"The Development of a National Character Through Education," Sir Robert Falconer, President University of Toronto.
- 5—"The Essential Factors of Education," Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Ontario Department of Education.
- 6—"The Boy Scout Movement as an Auxiliary to the School in Moral Training," Dr. James W. Robertson, Dominion Commissioner of the Boy Scouts.
- 7—"Methods and Ideals of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training Groups," Taylor Statten, National Secretary Boys' Work Department of the Y.M.C.A.
- 8—"The Function of the Public School in Character Formation," Dr. J. F. White, Principal Ottawa Normal School.
- 9—"Education and Reconstruction," Peter Wrigat, British Seaman's Union.
- 10—"The Basis of Moral Teaching," Michael O'Brien, Toronto, Ont.
- 11—"The School and Industrial Relationships," Dr. Suzzallo, President University of Washington.
- 12—"The School and Democracy," President John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, Albany, N.Y.
- 13—"The School and the Newer Citizens of Canada," Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, Director of Education among New Canadians, Regina, Sask.
- 14—"The Interest of the State in Character Education," Dr. Milton Fairchild, Washington, D.C.

The task of initiating discussions has been assigned to persons representative of all parts of Canada. Among those definitely secured at this date in this connection are:

Dr. Clarence McKinnon, Principal Pine Hill College, Halifax, N.S.; Prof. H. T. J. Coleman, Dean of Faculty of Education, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.; J. J. Tompkins, Esq., Vice-President University of St. Francis Xavier's College, Antigonish, N.S.; Very Rev. Dean Lyydd, All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, N.S.; Dr. H. P. Whidden, M.P., Brandon, Man.; Prof. Iva E. Martin, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.; Prof. W. H. Alexander, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.; Dr. G. W. Parmelee, Deputy Minister of Education, Quebec; R. W. Craig, K.C., President Winnipeg Canadian Club and Chairman Winnipeg School Board; Dr. John MacKay, Westminster Hall, Vancouver, B.C.; R. L. Torrance, Manager Royal Bank, Quebec, Ont.; W. A. Buchanan, M.P., Lethbridge, Alta.; W. McL. Davidson, M.P.P., Editor, Calgary Alberta, Calgary, Alta.; W. G. Raymond, Esq., Post Master, Brantford, Ont.; Prof. C. B. Sissons, Victoria University, Toronto, Ont.; W. J. Sisler, Principal, Strathcona School, Winnipeg.

Delegates to the Conference should make their hotel reservations immediately.

The following committees are at your services: Reception, Entertainment, Transportation, Hotel Accommodation.

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**THE GENERAL SECRETARY, NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

505 Electric Chambers, Winnipeg

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD FARM LANDS WANTED

IN order to facilitate the settlement of Returned Soldiers on farms in Manitoba during the Early Spring of 1920, it is proposed to consider and inspect this fall suitable lands offered to the Board.

Owners having such properties for sale are requested to immediately list their holdings with the Board, giving full particulars and a price which will hold good until December 1st, 1919.

The co-operation of Municipalities in which any considerable area of idle land is located is solicited toward making such lands available for Soldier Settlement. All purchases are for spot cash.

The Soldier Settlement Act prohibits the payment of any commission. The vendor is expected to quote his lowest cash price.

As no appraisal reports can be secured after freeze-up, owners will please reply promptly in order to assist the Board in making immediate inspections.

Address all communications regarding the above to

**SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD
Land Listing Department
ENDERTON BLDG.
WINNIPEG**

Tell Us Tractor Truths

By J. K. EKBLAW

HOW many times have you not heard a demand like that, or one similar to it? Every one wants to know. Why is it? It is just simply because the field of the tractor is so large; the conditions under which it is used are so different, the abilities of different tractors are so variable, that what is said about a certain tractor in one place, under certain conditions, will not entirely apply to what is said about another tractor in another place.

There are strong proponents for and vigorous opponents of the tractor. Some figure its limitations to be definitely circumscribed in a certain way, others give it more latitude in application, still others give it less. The equine enthusiast condemns the tractor unqualifiedly; another man cautiously and conservatively admits that a tractor has a certain sphere of usefulness, but you can't get along without horses anyway; and at the other extreme is the occasional farmer who has entirely motorized his farm, and has not a single horse on the place. The average man, however, has, we believe, a pretty sincere belief and faith in the tractor, even if he can't name the best one or if he isn't sure just what it could do for him, or if he's waiting to get one when they are a little better standardized.

Must Use Common Sense

In discussing tractors, we have to use common sense. The tractor has been on its way for some little time, but the last stages of its advancement have been by leaps and bounds, and its sudden and tremendous arrival has in a way caused a little confusion. We are likely to be over-enthusiastic in our welcome to it, and perhaps we may regret it a little afterward. But the tractor industry is sound and substantial; there are hundreds of thousands of tractors around us, and they are apparently going to stay. So we had better just settle down to a calm deliberative frame of mind, and use fairness and consideration when we think of them, common sense when we talk about them, and good judgment when we buy one.

Undoubtedly there have been a great number of sad failures with tractors. This has been due to a number of causes, some beyond ordinary control, but in others responsibility can be readily located. It may be the manufacturer — he might have used poor materials in a poorly designed machine, or his agents might have sold the wrong size

of machine to the customer. It may be the customer's own fault — he may not have properly considered his own requirements, and thus bought the wrong machine.

Tractor Justifies Itself

The big important fact that remains is that the tractor has in general justified itself in farming in the United States and made possible the cultivation of a much larger acreage than could readily be handled with horses; it has found a secure place on mid-West farms of the corn belt, where it is used for a wide variety of purposes; and it is rapidly extending its usefulness to the even smaller farms of the east and south, in regions where the cynical pessimists a few years ago declared a tractor never would be worth while.

It has been given governmental recognition as a tremendous factor in increasing food production — it is being used on national reclamation projects, by state councils of defence, even by local civic organizations. Farmers, the country over, are finding it of incalculable aid in solving the labor problem; one man, a tractor, and the right kind of supplementary machinery can accomplish as much as two or three or several men under old conditions and with old equipment. Thousands of tractors are going to Europe to aid agriculture there.

Horses Not Decreasing

It is going to be an increasingly strong demand for tractors of the right size and type. Of course, horses are still going to be used, and as a matter of fact, horse censuses show that their number are not decreasing. However, the tractor is going to take its place with the other desirable and labor-saving machines on the farm, so let us do our best to see that we get the right tractor of the right kind in the right place.

Hallowed Bones

Before leaving the States every member of a certain corps of colored engineers was presented with a New Testament. Some weeks after arrival, at a special service held in camp, the chaplain noticed that one darky did not possess his copy.

"Sam," he inquired, "didn't you get a Testament?"

"Yassuh, yassuh," replied Sam, "and dat book sho' done brought me luck!"

"How's that?"

"Waal, ah swapped dat 'ere testiment for a pair of bones, and dese bones am de luckiest bones I see ever had."