

# THE CANADIAN LIBERAL MONTHLY

Vol. 1. No. 6

OTTAWA, FEBRUARY, 1914

Ten Cents

## THE GOVERNMENT'S ANSWER TO THE FARMERS.



**FINANCE MINISTER WHITE:—Markets? Nonsense, you Rube,—  
What you need is Education.**

In the House of Commons on January 20, Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, intimated that the Government was opposed to granting relief to either producers or consumers by tariff changes. He said: "We have a declining rural population" and asked "What is the remedy?" He then answered "The remedy is unquestionably increased production", and added that the Government proposed to further this end by the "promotion of agricultural education throughout Canada"—"taking agricultural instruction to the farmer, teaching him as to his soils, as to his grains, as to his breeds of cattle". (See Hansard, H. of C. p. 80)

Canada's total production last year of wheat alone is estimated at 231,717,000 bushels, Canada's total consumption in one year at 50,000,000 bushels. Under these circumstances the Canadian Farmer who knows his own business better than the Minister of Finance is demanding "Wider markets" not "Agricultural education" as the proper means of securing increased production.