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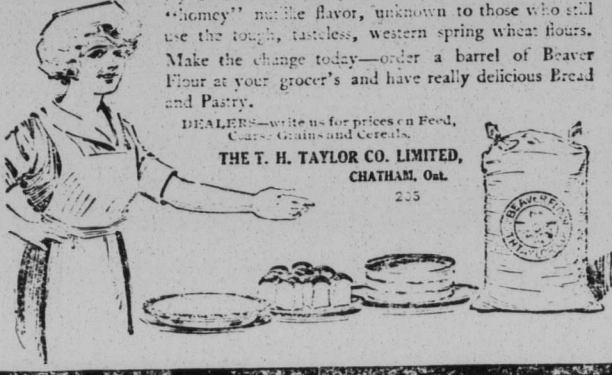
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## Farm Settlement Board Alive to Opportunities

### Secretary James Gilchrist Speaks Optimistically of Agricultural Possibilities in New Brunswick--Busy Year Ahead of Farm Settlement Board.

The Farm Settlement Board of New Brunswick, which has already done much to revive and stimulate interest in farming in the province, is planning a still more vigorous campaign along this line and special efforts will be made in 1917 to place the agricultural advantages of the province before prospective settlers from the British Isles. Hon. J. A. Hursey, Minister of Agriculture, has been long in the old country for several weeks preparing the way there for the campaign which will be launched shortly, for the purpose of enlightening the people of the mother country in regard to the possibilities of New Brunswick for farming. He has been very favorably received and has secured a great deal of publicity for the province.

Secretary James Gilchrist of the Farm Settlement Board, in an interview a few days ago spoke very optimistically of the work of the Board. "Nine complete reels of moving picture films, showing the agricultural, industrial, educational, religious and social life of the province have been prepared from Montreal. We are planning to have a special exhibit of these pictures on the arrival of my chief, Hon. James A. Hursey, from the old country. They will then be widely circulated among the counties of Europe and every effort made to carry out a successful advertising campaign," said Mr. Gilchrist.

Settlers from New Ontario. "I am now engaged on the preparation of my annual report on the activity of the Farm Settlement Board. Despite the conditions that have been prevalent, due to the great war crisis, we have enjoyed an average year. We have placed a considerable number of native residents and settlers from the west and the United States on farms in the province and are doing nicely. Many settlers from New Ontario have come to New Brunswick to locate, taking advantage of the provisions of the Farm Settlement Act, while several have located here, independently of the terms of the act. The western set-

tlers are apparently dissatisfied with conditions existing there. They are able to raise a large amount of farm produce, but the trouble is to find a desirable market.

#### Planning for Active Year

"The Farm Settlement Board is already planning an active year for 1917. Independently of the act, it is the intention to introduce illustrations, showing to the settler what can be done along the line. It is hoped to build up typical New Brunswick farms, which will serve as an illustration of the opportunities existing in this province. "To my mind there is a great opportunity in this province for special lines of farming, such as the raising of beans. At the present time nearly all the beans consumed in the province are imported and I am firmly convinced that conditions here are equally as favorable, if not more so than in other parts, for bean raising. Land not suitable for mixed farming or general agricultural purposes could be very well utilized in this direction. What is a fact in connection with the opportunity for bean raising is that there is no reason why the New Brunswick farmer should not be getting his share.

#### Poultry and Small Fruits

"Again, there is an unlimited market for poultry in the province, and if the people were assured of an abundant supply, there is no reason why this industry should not see big development. In other directions there are also excellent opportunities. Take the raising of small fruits, why the land along the route of the Intercolonial Railway from this city to Moncton, is fully fifty per cent. better than the soil in the Annapolis Valley which is considered first class fruit growing land, while the beauty of our land is that it can be secured for a comparatively low figure. We also plan to further encourage bee culture, fruit farming and the raising of fancy vegetables in which direction there is no doubt

### Met Lonely Death in Raging Storm

The lifeless body of Miss Josephine LeBreton was found in the woods alongside the public highway near Derby Junction last Saturday morning by Edward Creanor, coronor of J. P. Donald, N. B. Her death was notified on the discovery at once. After viewing the remains and carefully investigating the circumstances in connection with the case the coroner decided that exposure to the inclement weather prevailing on Friday night was the cause of Miss LeBreton's death.

It appears that Miss LeBreton, who made her home with Mrs. John Wilson at Derby Junction, visited her sister, Mrs. Henry L. Rink Friday evening until about 9:30 o'clock, at which hour she started to return to the Wilson home, about a quarter of a mile distant. A wind and rain storm was raging at the time. Miss LeBreton carried a lantern to light her way, but this was found extinguished at some distance from the body. She was found lying on her back, her hands clasped over her head, and it is supposed that she slipped when she was crossing a ditch. Her body was found by a man who was passing the place at the time. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by exposure to the weather.

#### FOR BETTER GAME PROTECTION

The New Brunswick Game Association is to make a report to the Provincial Government for the appointment of a commission to insure a better protection of game in this province. The proposed commission would be composed of three members, two from the Legislature and one from the Game Association. The report will be presented to the Legislature at its next meeting. The association has been organized for the purpose of securing better protection for the game in this province. It has been pointed out that the game law is hampered over to the extent that it is impossible to enforce all game laws and to handle all matters pertaining to big game hunting in New Brunswick. It has been pointed out that the game law is hampered over to the extent that it is impossible to enforce all game laws and to handle all matters pertaining to big game hunting in New Brunswick.

#### NO MORE LIQUOR FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS

The Secretary of War has written Mr. S. R. Wright of London, Ont., President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., as follows—"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and in reply to inform you that rum is only issued to the troops under the strictest supervision and when considered necessary by the General Officer Commanding, and this only through the recommendation of the medical officer.

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the Army and Navy Board of the Methodist church, speaking of the letter from the war office said: "This is certainly better than the indiscriminate handing out of the rum ration. Let us hope that the General Officer Commanding may have the views of Mr. Wright or a Roberts, and the medical officer, the scientific knowledge of a Sir Victor Horsley as to effect of intoxicants upon the efficiency, the courage and the endurance of the soldiers.

New Brunswick has great possibilities. On a recent visit to Westmorland county Mr. Gilchrist and his party were forced to walk over twelve miles in a heavy snow storm, and it has been deemed expedient to discontinue inspection of farm lands until conditions are more favorable for the work.

### NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

#### Every Man in Canada Will Have a Card to Fill Out

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The man interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the Post Office authorities. The women are interested because their cooperation is being invited, in seeing that their menfolk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy to fulfill. It only means a few minutes' careful thought.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the good of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a higher claim on us than our selfish interests. It applies to everyone, young and old, in the land to the law. The spirit of National Service may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire in this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

### SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions. Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years after earning

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### THE APPLE IN CANADA

There were 10,168,157 bushels of apples produced in Canada in 1915, according to the census of the following year. Of this quantity, 6,259,672 bushels were produced in Ontario, 1,666,882 bushels in Nova Scotia, 1,381,229 in Quebec and 555,377 in British Columbia. New Brunswick produced 272,886 bushels and Prince Edward Island 1,922 bushels. In British Columbia apples were raised in its history for the first time, a small quantity of apples being raised in 1915. The statistics show that the apple industry in Canada is growing rapidly. The statistics also show that the apple industry in Canada is growing rapidly. The statistics also show that the apple industry in Canada is growing rapidly.

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