

applies with equal force to beef cattle and to horses. Here is a little body of farmers with definite aims gradually drawing around them a whole district and insuring its future against the ills of so many prairie communities. Great Britain offers the highest results of community breeding. Breeds have been developed there to suit special communities that have now made their influence felt over all the world. There has been a crystallization of community sentiment and opinion around a certain type. In the state of Wisconsin where dairying is so highly specialized, over one hundred breeding centers have been started that must have far reaching results. We have enough breeds in Western Canada for some years at least. Community breeding permits of partnerships in the purchase and use of sires thereby enabling breeders to secure better results in shorter time. Where a number of breeders in a community pledge themselves to adopt the same breed of cattle, they insure the production of sufficient surplus stock to attract buyers. These breeders a few years ago had to bring their stock from Ontario, now they have a surplus for sale, not necessarily their best but much better stock than the average farmer possesses and it is acclimatized. The organization will be of great value when the farmers come to do testing work, particularly for the advanced registry. Such an association has also many advantages in the way of buying and of educational and social improvement.

PROTECTION IN PERSIA

In an article appearing recently in the American "Review of Reviews" there is an account of the taxing system in Persia in which appears the following paragraph:

"Every door that a Persian has in his home is taxed fifty cents a year. Consequently all the peasants have houses with only one door. In fact, some of the poorer class, who have been un-

justly treated, live together in houses built in clusters, buried in the ground, with a communicating path known only to themselves; the result is that the tax-collectors, tho they see nothing but a grass-built hut, may be actually in the midst of several hundred tax-dodgers."

This is simply an illustration showing the effect of unjust taxation carried to the extreme. It also shows the natural tendency to dodge taxation. In Canada our Protective Tariff is framed on exactly the same principle, the effect being that our people are prevented from using many of the labor-saving devices and machines that human genius has invented for their use. The right place to put taxation is on the unimproved value of the land where it forms no burden on industry and cannot be dodged.

Prior to 1896 the Liberal party vigorously denounced Protection at every possible opportunity. After 1896 the Liberal party discussed the tariff as little as possible and Liberals and Conservatives thruout Canada were educated to believe that the Protective system was the only thing that was holding Canada together. The action of the organized farmers, however, brought the tariff into the political field with a vengeance in 1911 and it was the only subject of discussion for a time. Now, however, there seems to be another conspiracy of silence on the tariff question. Both Liberals and Conservatives are anxious to leave it alone. It is time for the organized farmers to be particularly active.

It will be interesting to see a list of the holders of vacant land in Western Canada. The number who reside in foreign countries or distant provinces is amazing. What are these people doing to assist in the development of this country? True, they are not making a great deal now out of speculation but every effort is being made to bring back the speculative boom as soon as the war is over and these people will reap a good harvest at the expense

of the people who are making their living in this country.

The Ottawa Citizen suggests that the Montreal Ammunition Company, which has made 750 per cent. profit in manufacturing war munitions, should open its meetings by singing "Old Hundred" and closing them by "Britons Never Shall be Slaves." The idea seems quite appropriate.

The party newspapers are vying with each other these days in hammering the Turk, the Austrian, the Bulgar and the Hun. Their columns are so full of this material that they are unable to find time to discuss the question of the Tariff.

From the pioneer days of Canadian railroading millions of dollars of the people's money and thousands of acres of land have been squandered. In the scramble to get some of the handout, misappropriation of funds and every kind of graft has been practiced by both government officials and private individuals. Government ownership and operation will remove this source of corruption.

If you have a few hundred dollars that you are not using at the present time, you cannot do better than purchase Dominion Government War Loan Bonds which will be issued in a few days, probably at about \$97 per \$100 bond, the rate of interest being 5 per cent. on par. No other investment is as safe and there is no other security you can purchase which is so easily saleable and which forms such perfect security upon which to get a loan. Apply by letter to any broker or to any bank manager and they will give you full information. In addition to these personal advantages you are also assisting in financing the war to a successful conclusion.



"NOBODY LOVES ME"

Note—For some time past Germany has been obtaining foodstuffs and gasoline from Roumania in exchange for munitions. Roumania's entrance into the war on the side of the Entente Powers has cut off this important source of supply.

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