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## HINTS FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

How can the output of the average farm be doubled, or at least largely increased? Not the farm of the scientific farmer who pursues right methods, but the farm whose owner lacks scientific knowledge and is perhaps suspicious of it, or disposed to ridicule; but who is making no progress with his own farming methods. How can the benefits of improved farming methods be imparted to him?

Ontario appears to be answering this question, at least in part. The story is told by Mr. M. J. Patton in the October number of that excellent magazine the Canada Monthly.

The farms of Ontario, like those of the maritime provinces, were drained of workers by the lure of the west and the lure of the cities; and those who remained were not too eager to adopt new methods of farming on the mere suggestion of an agricultural professor.

Between 1872 and 1906 there was no increase at all in the rural population of Ontario.

To Mr. C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture, the writer in Canada Monthly attributes a remarkable success in rejuvenating agriculture in the province.

Mr. James set out with the theory that to help the average farmer to an appreciation of better methods he should be helped to do some work on his own farm that would give him improved financial results. There were agricultural societies, farmers' institutes, dairymen's and other associations, but these did not reach down to the indifferent farmer who most needed a new impulse. And the indifferent farmer, or the one who was careless or scornful of new methods, was in the majority.

"To overcome this difficulty," says Mr. Patton, "Mr. James decided to send men right out on the firing line. He adopted the district representative system that has done so much towards improving agriculture in Ireland." Now what is the district representative?

"The district representative is an agricultural missionary waging a shirt-sleeve fight against ignorance and indifference on the farm. The department of agriculture drops him down in a farming community to persuade the farmers to adopt the methods he has learned at college. He is a B. S. A. which means in Ontario that he is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. For his field of work he is given a whole county. He is attached to the staff of the county high school, where he conducts classes in agriculture during the winter for farmers' sons. The county council is required by statute to contribute \$500 towards the expenses of his work, while his salary is paid by the department of education."

"You will see him at the fall fair, with a crowd of interested farmers about him showing by actual demonstration how an orchard should be sprayed, or it may be you will see him in the midst of a crowd, conducting a stock judging exhibition. If you chance, some day, to be driving in the country, you may see him making a drainage survey for John Jones, or showing Henry Brown how to pack his apples to get the highest market price. He is a practical hard-working expert, who wins the support of the farmer every time."

Mr. Patton quotes a number of instances where the practical results following the efforts of these district representatives amazed the farmers and led to the adoption of new methods by many who had been indifferent or skeptical.

The system was inaugurated in 1907 with district representatives in six counties. Now no less than twenty-one counties have it and the government cannot meet the demand from other counties for the services of these experts.

"When the scheme was first tried," says Mr. Patton, "one county council passed a resolution condemning the whole thing as a needless waste of money; today there would be trouble if the district representative were taken away."

Let us now consider the general effect of the system. Mr. Patton states that the farmers of Ontario are more prosperous, that farm values have rapidly increased, and that since 1906 there has been a steady increase in rural population, although for twenty years before it had been declining. The best evidence, however, is the record of the yield per acre of the principal field crops of Ontario in 1910, compared with the average for the last 25 years. It is as follows:—

	1910	25 Years Avg.
Wheat	26.7	21.9
Spring wheat	19.3	15.9
Barley	20.5	17.8
Oats	37.9	35.7
Potatoes	139.0	116.0
Corn for husking	7.7	7.4
Hay and clover	1.71	1.46

"Wherever you go throughout the province," writes Mr. Patton, "you can see the evidences of better times. Farmers are putting up larger and better buildings, better mail facilities are being petitioned for and obtained, rural telephones are radiating out over the peaceful countryside, and a veritable network of interurban rail-

electric railways is weaving itself over the map."

The Times presents this rather long review of the article by Mr. Patton because it contains very valuable suggestions for the people of this province. That which revives agriculture in Ontario is needed in New Brunswick.

## MONEY IN ORCHARDS

The Portland Evening Express tells a story about apples that is worth noting in New Brunswick. Here it is:—

"Maine boasts one apple grower who with his six thousand trees last year received six per cent on fifty thousand dollars and this year will realize the same per cent on one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This is an orchard cared for by a man who is all the time seeking for more light into the best orchard methods, who does not know it all, who is not buried so deep in the rut of habit as to require a lantern to find his way. Here is one of the best object lessons possible of what Maine can do for him who seeks partnership in the fruit industry. What is true in eastern Maine might be duplicated anywhere in the fruit section, but only to him who appreciates and conforms to the conditions. It's the man after all that settles these problems."

Hon. Mr. Hazen, who will enter the federal cabinet, said last night that he had no doubt the Courtney Bay work would be carried out by the Borden government, and added that the St. John Valley railroad would provide connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. If Mr. Hazen speaks with authority, his words will give the greatest pleasure to the citizens of St. John.

As the winter season approaches the churches and other organizations are giving special attention to matters relating to the religious and social welfare of men. Many evils that afflict society could easily be overcome if the energy of all the men one sees about the streets and in places of amusement night after night could be directed into channels of effort for social betterment. The problem might be solved, or at least a great improvement made, if a number of popular citizens of high standing would set themselves to the task of harnessing this idle or wasted energy to good causes, and stirring it to vigorous action. There are many questions affecting the health, the morals, and the comfort of the people which could be effectively dealt with by strong organizations of men, if religious differences were set aside and harmony of action secured.

## FIGURE OUT THE CHANCES FOR YOURSELF

Records of Athletics and Giants For This Season—Gate Receipts of \$300,000 For Series.

(Canadian Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9.—An interesting comparison of the relative strength of the New York Nationals and the Philadelphia Athletics, who will begin their battle for the world's championship on next Saturday, is made by the unofficial records of the teams for the present season.

In battling the Giants have a team average of .272 for 146 games, while the Athletics show .294 for 150 games. In fielding, the Giants average .961 and the Athletics .922. McGraw's men have stolen 338 bases, while the Athletics have a total of 228 bases. The Athletics have made 856 runs and the Giants 729. In safe hits the Athletics give the Athletics 1558 and the Giants 1298.

New York, Oct. 9.—A rough estimate of the gross receipts when the Giants and Athletics play the first world's series game at the Polo grounds on Saturday, provided weather conditions are favorable, is as follows:

Four hundred boxes at \$25 each, \$10,000.  
Sixteen thousand lower grand stand seats at \$2 each, \$32,000.  
Ten thousand upper grand stand seats at \$3 each, \$30,000.  
Five thousand grand stand admissions at \$2 each, \$10,000.  
Fifteen thousand open stand seats at \$1 each, \$15,000.  
Gross receipts \$87,000.  
Of this total the National commission ten per cent. will be \$8,700, club owner's share, 30 per cent, \$26,100; players' share 60 per cent, \$52,200. A guess places the entire gross receipts for the series, provided seven games are played, at more than \$300,000.

A QUICK RECOVERY  
"Mamma," said Johnny, "if you will let me go just this time I won't ask for anything to eat."  
"All right," said his mother, "Get your hat."  
Johnny, perched on the edge of a big chair, leaned restlessly as savory odors came from the region of the kitchen. At last he blurted out:  
"There's lots of pie and cake in this house."  
The admonishing face of his mother recalled his promise and he added:  
"But what's that to me?"  
—From "Success Magazine."

A handful of oyster shells thrown into the furnace fire occasionally, will prevent an accumulation of clinkers, as the line in the shells will dissolve the minerals in the coal which form the clinkers, and a veritable network of interurban rail-



## ONE THING TO FEAR

There is one thing I fear—  
Not death, nor sharp disease,  
Nor loss of friends I hold most dear,  
Nor pain, nor want—not these.

But the life of which men say:  
"The world has given him bread;  
And what gives he to the world as pay  
For the crust on which he fed?"

I would pour out strength, and then  
When I have no strength to give.  
No use, no share in the lives of men  
Who toil, and fight, and live—

Then let the end come fast.  
Whatever my past success:  
That I may not cumber the ground at  
last.

Nor linger in uselessness.  
—Anna Louise Strong.

## A PARABLE

A mountain loomed upon the landscape,  
Tossing on high its giant head—  
And o'er the scene majestic splendor  
spread.

Oh! beauty must be always beauty!  
Though such grandeur, the too full heart  
May feel the whole and only grasp  
a part.

The mountain's voice was ever praying,  
"To thee, oh, God, I bow submission,"  
And close as snow a woman claved to  
listen.

"To God, I too shall bow the will,  
No earthly voice shouldst say, "thou  
must."  
And lo! the mountain crumbled into  
dust!

EWYNN BRUCE MACKINNON.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN



Mr. Scraper—"We're going to have another stormy day."

Mrs. Scraper—"How do you know?"

Mr. Scraper—"This paper says so."

Mrs. Scraper—"So our domestic affairs are getting into the newspapers are they?"



"Mildred, I take it for granted that your father objects to my coming to see you."

"You do him an injustice, Mr. Snoodle."

"He's perfectly willing for you to come. I am the one that objects. Awfully disagreeable weather, isn't it? Good-day."



Employer—"What do you mean by taking a day off? I only gave you a half holiday."

Clerk—"You told me myself never to do anything by halves."

UNFORTUNATE WOMAN.

Farmer—"I thought ex much o' that dog ez my wife."

Motorist—"Well, I'm sorry I killed him—how much do you value him at?"

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## THE MEN WHO MAKE NEWSPAPERS WILL BE IN CONVENTION

Maritime Press Association Annual Meeting in Moncton Tomorrow and Wednesday

The programme for the third annual meeting of the Maritime Press Association in Moncton tomorrow and Wednesday is as follows:

Tuesday, October 10, 4 p. m.  
Address of welcome by the mayor.  
Reply by the president, J. L. Stewart.  
Minutes, reports.

Evening.  
President's address, J. L. Stewart.  
Review of Acadian Journalism by Clement Cornier, "L'Evangeline," Moncton.  
Circulation Building and Policies of Local Paper, by D. F. MacLean, "Greetings," Port Hood, N. S.  
Are the Maritime Newspapers Loyal to this Territory? by E. E. Cox, "Outlook," Middleton, N. S.

Wednesday, forenoon.  
Subject to be discussed, J. T. Hawke.

Getting a Square Deal from the Advertising Agencies, by John M. Imrie, "The Canadian Press Association."  
Relations of the Publisher to the Advertiser, by E. J. Payton, "Times," Moncton.  
Excursion, by invitation of The Manager, to the oil fields.

Afternoon.  
The proposed Dominion Press Council and Affiliation with the Canadian Press Association, by J. L. Stewart, John M. Imrie, and others.

The newspapers of today, by Mrs. Jean U. Fielding, "Tribune," Windsor, N. S.  
Address, to be announced, by Jas. A. Fraser, "Chronicle," New Glasgow, N. S., and E. W. McCready, "Telegraph," St. John, N. B.  
Election of officers.

## THE APPLE SHOW

The second annual provincial show which will be held in the St. Andrew's Rink, St. John, will be formally opened by Premier Hazen, Hon. Dr. Landry and others at 8 p. m. Monday, Oct. 30, and will run for the following three days. The apple crop is exceptionally good this year in the province and a marked improvement in quality over last year's exhibits is assured. Upwards of \$800 is being offered in prizes.

Several new features will also be introduced, the aim of the management being to place before the public of St. John and the fruit growers of New Brunswick a display of apples hitherto unsurpassed in Canada. Leading authorities on apple culture from Ontario and Nova Scotia have been engaged to judge the exhibits and deliver addresses. Return tickets from any point on the Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial railway will be issued on standard certificate plan, for single fare. The Fruit Growers' Association will meet in convention on the same dates. For complete prize list, containing particulars and programme, write to A. G. Turvey, Fredericton (N. B.).

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## DEMAND FOR NEW MARRIAGE LAW FOR WHOLE DOMINION

Movement Launched in Toronto Promises to Give Mr. Borden Some Uneasy Moments

Toronto, Oct. 7.—With the church courts of every denominational body in Canada committed to a policy of opposition to the Ne Temere decree, a new and powerful movement has been started by the Evangelical Alliance of Canada. At a meeting held in Toronto today every leading church of Canadian Protestantism was represented. Ten thousand documents will be issued at once setting forth a case against the decree. A public educational campaign, by means of a large mass meeting, will be at once inaugurated.

Finally, a monster petition will be taken by a deputation to the Borden government, and a demand will be made that the marriage laws of Canada be placed beyond church interference.

Premier Borden and his cabinet will, in effect, be asked to set aside the Ne Temere decree as an invasion of the rights of the Canadian parliament and those of certain of the provinces.

Petitions will also be laid before every provincial government in the dominion. As British Columbia and New Brunswick control their own marriage laws and retain the privilege of granting divorces, separate requests will be made of them.

The government of Ontario will be asked to take steps at the earliest possible moment to have the court of appeal determine the extent and jurisdiction of the province and of the parliament of Canada on the subject of marriage laws.

OFFER OF \$2,000,000 FOR CHURCH

The sum of \$2,000,000 has been offered by the Canadian Northern Railway for St. James' church, Montreal, the largest home of Methodism in the world. The church and its site cost \$885,000, a large part of which was subscribed by other Methodist churches all over Canada. The site is wanted by the railway company for new terminal facilities. The approval of the Montreal conference as well as the consent of the trustee board will have to be secured before the sale could be made.

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