

that findeth his life shall lose it, but he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." In the words of Prof. Graham, we cannot go any higher perpendicularly toward God than our religion carries us out horizontally in service to our fellow men.

One of the best conferences was given to the consideration of the slave traffic. For several hours prominent men and women from the public platform discussed this subject in all its principle phases to a mixed audience in a manner that would not have been possible a few years ago. The terrific extent of this traffic all over the world, its organized character, the methods it employs to draw both country and city girls to ruin, the widespread extent of social disease, and necessary measures of reform were all dealt with. The unanimous conclusion arrived at was that steps should be taken to reach more effectively the men who cause and maintain this great evil and to lift some of the odium from and give greater assistance to their women victims.

THE FARMERS' PLATFORM APPROVED
One of the best speeches that was

farm life. Owing to these conditions, while it is possible to bring capable agricultural immigrants to Canada, it is quite another thing to maintain them permanently on the farms. Our laws favor the manufacturing as against the agricultural interests. The present rate of interest is too high for the farmer under average conditions to pay a dividend on his improvements.

A paper by Mr. Desjardins on Co-operation was intensely interesting; it described the successful results that have attended the establishment of 120 cooperative parish banks in the Province of Quebec, as well as of some credit societies. A full report of this paper will be given later. In establishing these banks Mr. Desjardins absolutely refused to accept any government assistance, as he believes that leaning on the government does more harm than good.

THE TARIFF AND LAND QUESTIONS

Possibly the most important statement made at the conference was made by Rev. Mr. Macdonald who, as a result of the extent of his investigations into rural conditions, not only showed how extensive rural de-

fecture and sale of cigarettes, a national movement for Dominion-wide prohibition, stringent laws relating to the white slave traffic, provision for the care of neglected mothers and wives, Dominion cooperative legislation and a number of others of a similar character.

The attendance at every session was very large. Representative men and women were present from all parts of Canada. At two of the evening meetings overflow meetings were held in large outside halls, where the attendance exceeded that at the main meeting held in a smaller hall that was filled to its capacity. Every one present realized that the Congress was likely to have a far-reaching influence in the social and economic life of Canada. A resolution was passed endorsing the action of the Social Service Council of Canada in calling the congress, and requesting that another similar congress shall be held when the council so decides.

Further experiments will be carried on through the Apiculture Division of the Ontario Agricultural College in connection with the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union this year. Full information regarding the experiments can be secured by writing Morley Pettit, Provincial Apiarist, Guelph.

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delivered during the session devoted to political purity was made by Mr. W. C. Good, of Brantford, a farmer, the President of the Dominion Grange, who described what the farmers' organizations are working for along the line of the Initiative and Referendum. His speech was frequently applauded, and made a marked impression. Prof. Adam Short, of Ottawa, who followed, and who endeavored to discount some of the reforms advocated by Mr. Good, did not receive the same favorable consideration.

THE COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE

The conference devoted to the consideration of rural conditions was most interesting. The chairman was a farmer, Mr. E. C. Drury, of Crown Hill. Vice-President of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. The speakers included Rev. John MacDougall, B.A., of Spencerville, who recently made an extensive investigation into rural conditions in Canada on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Prof. J. B. Reynolds, of Guelph; Rev. S. F. Sharpe, of Exeter; Rev. Hugh Dobson, of Regina; Rev. W. A. Riddell, of Toronto, Director of Social Surveys for the Presbyterian Church, and Alfonso Desjardins, of Ottawa. Lack of space prevents our giving a report of these addresses in this issue. Full reports of most of them will be published as space permits.

Prof. Reynolds stated emphatically that there is something wrong with the general conditions surrounding

population has been, but in outlining the causes for this condition gave special attention to the effect of the tariff and the land question. Our protective tariff, he declared, results in one-tenth of the farmers' income being transferred to city pockets, and thus imposes a great injustice on the farmer. Our system of taxation is another principle cause. The prices of land advance, particularly in the cities, and the cost of doing business on this land is added to the purchase price of not only what the farmer buys, but what he sells. Rising prices of land without a corresponding increase in income places a great hardship on the farmer. These contentions bear out exactly those of our farmers' organizations. Other points touched on included the fact that farmers cannot obtain money on reasonable terms, that better social conditions are needed on the farm and that of a similar nature.

The conference passed a number of important resolutions. These included one condemning speculation in land and the other natural resources of the country and recommending a readjustment of existing methods of taxation with the object of preventing individuals or corporations profiting hereafter at the expense of the public through appropriating for their own use unshared increases in land values. Other resolutions favored "Woman Suffrage," the organization of labor, the abolition of child labor, the prevention of the manu-

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