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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The fact that a large number of persons who took part in the riotous demonstration last Thursday and Friday nights have escaped arrest may well cause a feeling of dread. The riot of Thursday night was the most destructive St. John has known for more than a generation. If indeed there was ever so serious an outbreak of mob violence in the whole history of the city. Members of the police force were scattered through the crowd, and would have had no difficulty whatever in securing the names of many of those who destroyed not only the property of the St. John Railway Company, but that of business houses whose windows front on Market Square or Dock street. Is no punishment to be meted out to the criminals? It is perfectly clear that if they are permitted to go free their conduct at the very next opportunity will be much more vicious. Are the whole police department and the city council of St. John so demoralized that they not only cannot insure protection of property, but are utterly helpless so far as the arrest and punishment of criminals is concerned? The business men who met last week should meet again this week, and continue to meet and to arouse such an agitation as would result in a complete re-organization of the police department without delay.

PROGRESSIVE FARMING

The government of the province of Saskatchewan has arranged with each rural municipality in the province to select a competent farmer on a yearly salary to go about and induce farmers here and there to cultivate land under directions issued by the department of agriculture. These officials are called agricultural secretaries, and they met in Regina the first ten days in June to prepare for active work. At their meetings Mr. Vere C. Brown, superintendent of western central branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, told the secretaries what had been done in the state of North Dakota. He prefaced his remarks by a little comparison, which showed that in Belgium and Holland in 1902 the yield of wheat was 86.66 and 88.41 bushels respectively per acre, while in Saskatchewan the average was about 18 bushels, and in North Dakota, where the land had been steadily cropped to wheat and was almost run out, the yield in 1911 was only 9 bushels per acre. It was because of this startling state of affairs in North Dakota that the new movement was started which is giving an inspiration to the people of Saskatchewan; but North Dakota was only following an example that had been set in the cotton country of the south. The story of North Dakota is told by Canadian Finance, from which the Times has also gleaned the facts set forth in the preceding paragraph.

It appears that in 1911 what was called the Better Farming Association of North Dakota was organized in Minneapolis, for the retail trade of North Dakota is almost wholly controlled by Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the merchants and manufacturers of both cities are very much interested in North Dakota's prosperity. In connection with the new association subscriptions amounting to \$48,000 a year for three years were obtained from railways, banks and business houses, for the purpose of maintaining a staff of expert field agents in the rural districts to advise and instruct all farmers who were willing to accept the advice and instruction. Many old farmers scoffed at the plan, but where a man was obstinate he was prevailed upon to allow his son to work corn on an odd acre under the expert's direction, and when the boy took off a crop of forty-two bushels to one of twenty-six bushels on the rest of the farm the old man was convinced.

The Association stipulated at the outset that each county should contribute one-half the expense, and today more than sixty per cent of the counties are participating, and others are joining as rapidly as field agents can be procured. At the beginning of the present year there were 44,612 acres of co-operating farms, and the movement was spreading rapidly. The Association was directly instrumental in bringing into the state 168 pure bred sires, 8000 breeding cattle and 15,690 breeding sheep; and much larger importations of live stock are credited to its influence. The following comparison is given of the average yields of grain and other products on co-operating farms with those from other farms and with the average yield for the state:

Co-operating Farms in A.V. yield (acres)	Other Farms	State
Corn 42	30.5	28.7
Wheat 23.2	15.5	18
Barley 32.2	21.8	22.7
Oats 59	37	41.6
Flax 15	11.2	9.7
Potatoes 196.2	142.7	129

The field agents inaugurated annual corn growing contests for boys and girls, offering prizes and some surprising results were achieved. For example in 1912 the results of this contest were: Highest yield matured corn, 72 bushels; average yield for prize winners in all parts of State, 53 bushels; average yield for United States, 25 bushels. Last year one contestant produced no less than 106 bushels. More than 180 farmers' clubs

have been formed in North Dakota and the whole experiment has proved to be a splendid success.

Saskatchewan is now endeavoring to profit by the example of North Dakota.

To make St. John an orderly city the police department must be re-organized.

A general European war would be a dreadful calamity. If Austria and Serbia come to grips there is very grave danger that Russia will also be involved, and Russia in war time can put five and a half millions of trained men in the field.

The Conservative party in New Brunswick is in sore straits. Its leaders are utterly at a loss for a policy that would offset even to the smallest degree the revelations brought out by the two Royal Commissions. Moreover, they fear that the worst is yet to come.

"Whatever you are trying to accomplish for the benefit of the poorer classes leads you, by one path and another, to the housing problem. The place in which a man or a woman dwells is vital to the character of the man or woman."

Rt. Hon. James Bryce.

YOUNG MAN'S LOAN ACT TO GIVE HIM START IN LIFE

A Proposal to Enact Legislation so That All Canadians Might Get \$1,000 at Age of Twenty-one

(Guy Cathcart Felton in Montreal Journal of Commerce)

Gray's Elegy written in a country church-yard reminds us of the truth of his comment that many a rose is born to bluish unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air; that many a hero dies untried, many a genius lives unseen. It brings us back to the same old problem of every man getting a fair chance in life and of the knowledge that too many do not get a fair chance in life because of the lack of financial backing.

It would be possible in the Dominion of Canada for every young Canadian on attaining his twenty-first birthday anniversary to be given or loaned, one thousand dollars, provided all the employed men of Canada over the age of 25 years, would consent to paying a tax of two dollars a year to the Canadian government for this purpose.

The calculations are based, roughly of course, on these figures. That Canadian male population is 4,000,000 of which probably at least 1,000,000 would be over 25 years of age and earning their livings. At that the number of men attaining the age of twenty-one years annually would be about 200,000. The 1,000,000 would therefore have to pay \$2 a year to provide the thousand dollar loan start for the two hundred thousand and just attaining their 21st birthday. The proportion would of course be the same as Canada's population increase as the number of men would increase proportionately.

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EASTERN EXODUS LOW

Young Men Not Leaving Home Like They Used to, Says St. John Man.

(From the Journal, Edmonton, Alta., July 21, 1914)

That eastern Canada is not sending as many of her young men to the west as it did a few years ago was the statement of George C. Storey, of St. John, N. B., who arrived in Edmonton yesterday, and is registered at the Royal George hotel.

"For several years it seems as if the only ambition of the young man in the east was to get west, and as far west as he possibly could. Thousands of them used to leave their homes and come west, some of them have returned, but the majority are still out here on the prairie or around the mountains.

"It is different now, and the eastern part of the continent is striving to keep the young men at home. I know of several boys who contemplated coming west last year, but their minds were changed almost at the last moment. Debates are being held at church societies, school concerts and all sorts of gatherings and the subject generally is 'Should a Young man go west?' A lot of interest is shown in these debates and I believe that they are doing a great deal in keeping down the immigration from the east."

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