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Cultivating the Land.



It is pleasing to note that the discussion last night at the meeting of the Patriotic Association, of this subject, possibly the most vital domestic question that now concerns us, evoked a striking unanimity. All being agreed upon the need, the important and difficult task remains of discovering the best and speediest way to fill it. We want practical measures and a lead. An efficient committee has been appointed. We hope we will not be thought desirous of seeing them overburdened if we confess to a little misgiving that too much will be left to the Government and the Department of Agriculture. This not because we lack faith in those bodies, but because we know the tendency everywhere in this country to leave all Government matters entirely to the Government, for the purpose, apparently, of being able to abuse it roundly when it fails, as it is thus predestined to do. There must be nothing of that state of mind in this very serious matter. If our agriculture is to be greatly and instantly improved—and it may be vital to the Island that it should be—the improvement can only come from the energetic co-operation of every inhabitant, the casting off of prejudice and sloth, the determination to make better and more grateful use of the bounty that providence has placed at our hand. This is for the people to do; the proper function of the Government is to direct and encourage the work in every possible way, and leave the executive part of it to experts, of whom there is not so great a scarcity.

Said the Governor of North Carolina recently: "If I were the Czar of North Carolina instead of Governor, I would issue an edict declaring that from and after five years from date any man who imported into North Carolina any corn or meal, wheat or flour, beef or bacon, should be forthwith hanged without trial by jury and without benefit of clergy. Of course, in the beginning I would be denounced as an infamous tyrant, but after the law had been in effect for ten years the richest State in the Union would build a monument to me as the financial redeemer of my people." The words are not so fanciful and if for the articles there enumerated we substitute hay and oats, turnips, potatoes and poultry and apply the edict to Newfoundland, the end of five years might see a good many capital trials, but it would also see the country advanced an amazing distance on the road to prosperity. We hope the committee will get busy, and we wish it all success. Let it start by bringing convincingly home to the people the need that exists. A popular and simple education propaganda is necessary. The crops and methods of raising them best suited to our reluctant but capable soil should be made known everywhere, and our people should be taught that agriculture is possible, easy and, above all, profitable, in many cases more profitable and certainly more sure than the fisheries that too often compete successfully with it. There are welcome signs of an awakening. We note that the Harbour Grace Agricultural Society is getting to work again, an example which we hope will be followed in other places. It will be a large count to the credit of this war if it compels us to a reform, under the pressure of necessity, which we were too negligent to make voluntarily in times of peace. It is time we got beyond the primitive outlook of two hundred years ago, and realised that an island consists of land, even though it is surrounded by water.

Board's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Patriotic Association Discusses Important Matters.

At last night's meeting of the Patriotic Association held in the Board of Trade Rooms His Excellency the Governor presided, the attendance being large. In connection with the scheme of re-education of returned soldiers and fitting them for employment in suitable occupations, Mr. W. W. Blackall, Superintendent of Education, suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to deal with education of such men. Hon. P. T. McGrath pointed out that the Pensions Board was doing the work here that was divided among two committees in Canada. The Disabilities Class consists of men who need constant medical attention, such as tubercular cases, etc., and those who require vocational re-education. It is difficult to decide what occupation is best suited for any particular soldier. Applications have been received for assistance to become clerks, men, doctors, lawyers, etc. This can not be done: the idea is to fit the man for something like his former occupation.

His Excellency the Governor suggested that a committee be appointed to deal with the matter of employment and forthwith the following gentlemen were appointed to the committee:— Chairman, Mr. Justice Kent; Hons. M. P. Cashin, J. C. Crosbie, J. A. Robinson, G. Knowling, J. Anderson, Minister of Marine Piccott, Mayor Gosling, Geo. F. Grimes, M.H.A., A. E. Hickman, M.H.A., Messrs. F. W. Ayre, D. Baird, E. A. Bowring, J. Burroughs (N. S. S. and C. Co.), R. E. Job, J. Harris (Bishop's Falls), Pres. J. J. McGrath (L. S. P. U.), R. G. Reid, Asst. Supt. J. F. Powell (R. N. Co.), W. Scott (Grand Falls), Geo. Shea, C. R. Steer, H. Bartlett, T. Kennedy, A. H. Salter and the Superintendents of Education, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Dr. V. P. Burke and W. W. Blackall. The last three mentioned will assist mainly in the matter of education. Those whose names appear in the above list are not already members of the Association are now added to the roll. Added to these will be two members of the Pensions Board.

Prior to proceeding with the ordinary business of the evening His Excellency made reference to the honours recently won by "Ours," namely, the promotion of 2nd Lieut. M. Murphy to the rank of Lieutenant in the R. A. M. C. and of Lieut. Windeler of the machine gun section to Major, and the advancement of Major Forbes Robertson. He deeply deplored the loss of 19 brave sons of Newfoundland who went down on the Laurentic. During the month of January the Regiment had been engaged in several small actions and reported the loss of 14 killed and 32 wounded. He was pleased with the fact that the Admiralty pensions had been augmented to equal those of the Regiment. He felt that before peace is declared the Colony would be called upon to contribute another million dollars, which he hoped would be raised at home.

The total strength of the first battalion on Jan. 17th, was 1029.

Capt. W. H. Rennie reported for the Musketry Committee and pointed out the good work done by Lieuts. Strong and Winter and Mr. H. Thomas.

Hon. John Harvey in presenting the report of the Non-Combatants Committee, pointed out that since the last meeting the following young ladies had volunteered their services as nurses or hospital assistants, and were now in the Old Country, namely:—Misses Gullshaw, Jeans, Clouston, Bartlett, Sybil Johnson, Estelle Johnson, Roper, Dempster, White and Carey. It also recommended that the expenses of Rev. Mr. Clayton in going on service as a Chaplain in the B. E. F. be met by the Association.

Mr. J. A. Clift in submitting his report for the Standing Committee expressed appreciation of the Canadian Government in affording facilities for the transportation and the treatment accorded our soldiers where they are now stationed. The total number despatched on active service is 3180. There are 206 now in training, which makes it possible for another draft in the near future. He also made reference to the honours conferred on Capt. March, Sergt. Sampson and the late Lance-Corporal Snow. He appreciated His Excellency's and Lady Davidson's foresight in procuring memorial cards of a very beautiful design for distribution to the relatives of those who had fallen for the great cause.

Hon. M. P. Cashin reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that \$2,366,545.99 was received from the Treasury thus far; by cash re-payments \$5,268.45, making a total of \$2,371,814.44. There was an expenditure of \$2,369,648.29, leaving a balance at the Bank of \$2,166.15.

Mr. E. A. Bowring submitted the Patriotic Fund statement, showing that 756 grants had been issued and 545 families assisted; 331 grants were current, January receipts amounted to \$761.68; disbursements, \$3,268.02. The balance is \$77,452.10. The Recruiting Committee's state-

ment was tabled by Mr. F. J. Morris, dealing with the campaign now being carried on from Burgeo East by Mr. Bancroft and by Capt. Cave, S.A., on the Flona; 16 recruits had offered. Between Jan. 19th and Feb. 18th, 53 recruits were accepted for the army and 64 rejected; against 4 accepted and 8 rejected for the navy. A recruiting station is to be established on Water Street and arrangements are being made in that direction.

When the different reports were adopted, Mr. Blackall deplored the fact that there was a lack of public men to assist in the campaign, as when speakers were advertised for, only one responded. Despite the inconvenience it meant to him, His Excellency the Governor offered his services.

Hon. P. T. McGrath read the report of the Pensions Board, giving a review of the work done in connection with the hospitals and convalescent home; the education of disabled soldiers and the re-examination of those who had come back from active service. 110 of whom had come before the doctors and 72 of them granted allowances. As to the question of education, the opinion of outport men is now being sought.

On behalf of the War History Committee, Mr. G. J. Adams reported that a publication which contained the historical value containing the doings of the Regiment had been authorized. The Prime Minister will be editor-in-chief, Capt. Fox, official eye-witness and Lieut. R. Holloway photographer. These reports were also adopted.

Mr. J. W. Withers again introduced the question of registration and suggested that if such did not appear favourably the people of this colony should assist the mother land by the stimulating and cultivating of our local productions and give help towards the victory loan by our food contributions. While on this subject the speaker introduced private parks that are being filled in the old country. Incidentally he mentioned that we had thousands of acres of land lying idle here. The assistance of clergymen, he contended, was absolutely necessary to stimulate the project. In closing he moved that because of the possibility of a food shortage this year the co-operation of clergymen and Government be sought for the purpose of getting all land possible cultivated.

In seconding the motion, Hon. J. A. Robinson congratulated the proposer, but stated that it was for want of fertilizer that land was not being cultivated as much as it might.

Colonial Secretary Bennett said the Government would support the movement and that already the Department of Agriculture has started to direct its energies in that direction. Messrs. W. G. Gosling and W. W. Blackall also spoke in support of the motion and the following committee was appointed to consider the best means and ideas of carrying the resolutions into effect: His Excellency the Governor, Acting Premier Bennett, Dr. Lloyd, Hon. J. A. Robinson, Hon. S. D. Blandford, J. W. Withers and H. Macpherson.

The meeting then adjourned.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

Why Trouble About Greece?

"Why trouble about Greece? Why all this talk about Greece? Of what value is it? To us it possesses in itself no value, but to Germany and her allies it is of enormous importance," replies Sir William Ramsay. "With Greece Germany would command both sides of the Aegean Sea, and would stretch far into the Levant, and with those far-stretched fingers of the Morea touch the seapath from Malta to Syria and to Egypt. "It possesses a very long coast line, which is a great want in Germany, even in the greater Germany. It covers the Berlin-Bagdad Railway on the west, as Roumania with the Danube and Bulgaria protects that line on the east. In German hands Greece would immensely lengthen that long sea-way which at present lies between Russia and the open Mediterranean. "Those who ask about the value of Greece to Germany can best answer their own question by taking a map and indicating on it the railway artery that gives vitality to German Asia, and then noticing how Greece protects that artery."

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Sealing Returns.

The appended statement showing the heaviest and most valuable trips of seals brought in any one year between 1903 and 1916, both inclusive, may be of interest at this juncture:— 1903—Grand Lake, H. Dawe, 25,055 seals; net weight, 495 tons 6 cwt. 9 lbs.; value—\$36,722.05. 1904—Aurora, A. Kean, 34,849 seals; net weight, 575 tons 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.; value—\$45,811.65. 1905—Eagle, A. Jackman, 32,064 seals; net weight, 605 tons, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.; value—\$47,584.83. 1906—Adventure, H. Dawe, 30,193 seals; net weight, 633 tons 11 cwt. 12 lbs.; value—\$49,971.53. 1907—Neptune, G. Barbour, 30,985 seals; net weight 706 tons 7 cwt. 11 lbs.; value—\$68,834.67. 1908—Adventure, H. Dawe, 27,221 seals; net weight 548 tons 3 cwt. 22 lbs.; value—\$53,547.87. 1909—Florizel, A. Kean, 30,483 seals; net weight 623 tons 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.; value—\$4,050.85. 1910—Florizel, A. Kean, 49,069 seals; net weight 1014 tons, 19 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.; value—\$90,550.19. 1911—Beothic, G. Barbour, 35,767 seals; net weight 590 tons 6 cwt. 8 lbs.; value—\$50,543.48. 1912—Beothic, W. C. Winsor, 34,561 seals; net weight 673 tons, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.; value—60,015.54. 1913—Stephano, A. Kean, 37,852 seals; net weight 777 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.; value—\$69,562.99. 1914—Beothic, W. C. Winsor, 28,308 seals; net weight 653 tons 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.; value—\$55,119.20. 1915—Bonaventure, R. Bartlett, 25,918 seals; net weight 557 tons 6 cwt. 13 lbs.; value—\$52,641.61. 1916—Florizel, A. Kean, 46,481 seals; net weight 1154 tons 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.; value—\$135,345.51.

C.E.I. Annual Meeting.

There was a large gathering of members of the Church of England Institute at their annual meeting last night. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer which were read and adopted showed the Institute to be in an excellent condition, considering that over fifty per cent of its members are now serving the Empire. The election of officers took place and resulted as follows:— President—C. E. Hunt. 1st Vice-Pres.—F. C. Willis. 2nd Vice-Pres.—Jas. Chaffey. Secretary—Gordon P. Pike. Treasurer—G. W. LeMessurier. Council—Messrs. G. Farndale, S. Hart, J. Long, P. G. Butler, C. K. Miller, E. D. Snow, W. G. Pike, C. Grant, A. C. Osmond and W. Winsborrow.

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Turning Point of War Reached Say British Writers

London, Feb. 5.—British newspapers believe the turning point in the war has been reached. An indication of how important they regard the situation may be judged from the fact that to-day's editions devoted from forty to sixty per cent of their editorial and news pages to the American situation. American news and analysis of American naval strength were featured almost to the exclusion of news from the various fronts and discussion of Britain's own internal affairs.

Naval experts' opinion were spread over columns in the newspapers. Their discussions centered on the possible aid which might be expected from America on the seas. The experts disagree on many points—even while they argue from the same sets of tables showing American naval strength—and probably the same pictures. Pictures, incidentally, are reprinted in remarkable profusion. The naval experts are practically unanimous in their opinion that the main American fleet will not serve any purpose which is not already adequately met by the present forces of the Allies. The greatest attention is centred on weapons which might be used to combat the submarine menace. Some opinions bewail the failure of America to provide fast cruisers; others confess satisfaction in the large number of destroyers and gunboats listed in the American register. The most interesting comment noted was the belief that something new would be produced from Thomas A. Edison's "invention board" appointed as a consulting committee by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Some predictions were that a master-weapon against the submarine

would be revealed once the United States entered the war. Without exception, the most favorable attention was given by critics to the mobilization of volunteer motor craft, whose recent manoeuvres in mock warfare against submarines were apparently keenly watched from this side of the water.

Sea Wasps Effective. The British call the motor boat adversaries of submarines "sea wasps." They hold that the addition in large numbers of these submarine hunters to the Allies' effective naval forces would be of the utmost value at the present juncture. The organization of this force, the London Express observes, proves the "American navy department has not been slow to learn the lessons of this war."

All British newspapers united in lauding the spirit of the American navy. "Everything justifies the confidence which the United States reposes in its naval strength," declared the Times. "Its officers and men are real sailors," declared the Standard. "The standard of discipline is different from ours—it is democratic, although efficient nevertheless." The Standard quotes Farragut's words: "Damn the torpedoes—full speed ahead," as typifying the American naval spirit.

Issues Bogus Cheques.

We learn from a reliable source that an individual who does a questionable business along the South West Coast and who is accustomed to issue bogus cheques, has been brought to book by some of his victims, and fearing trouble he quickly came across with gold instead. Our informant is of the opinion that this so-called business man has a number of these worthless cheques outstanding and it looks as if trouble is in store for some one.

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