

THE MONETARY TIMES

ing in the country as well as in the cities. The feature of the day—which, in New South Wales, is not a public holiday—will be a number of addresses, which will be delivered to the scholars in the public schools and to other gatherings. The chief assembly undoubtedly will be the gathering of the business men of this city in the Merchants' Exchange. The Commissioner for Canada, Mr. Larke, has again been invited to deliver the address on the occasion.

Sydney, N. S. W., 11th May, 1906.

F. W.

A SUGGESTION FOR COUNTRY LABOR.

We find in the eighteenth annual report of the Inspectors of Factories just issued by the Ontario Government a good suggestion by Inspector Arthur W. Holmes. His district is among the canning factories, and is in a section where very little native help is to be had, Swedes, Poles, and Italians from across the border being largely employed. The wages are fairly good, being mainly on the piecework system, and the wages running from six to twelve dollars per week, and the season extending from three to six months. Numbers of the girls employed are able to return to their homes in Buffalo and Lockport with savings

of \$200 or so for the season. "I would like to see," Mr. Holmes, "some attempt made to retain that money in Canada. There are large numbers in the cities and towns who would be pleased to have an opportunity to make fair wages and have an outing in the country at the same time. It would be a change which would be beneficial to everyone, as a great number of factories are in the midst of the fruit-growing country. It would require some systematic movement whereby the workers and the employing canners could be brought together. Something along the line of an employment agency under the supervision of the Government would fit the requirements of the case. A large number of people could be given work and the money kept in the Province."

THE FIRE WASTE.

Editor "Monetary Times."

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest your editorial and also the report of the annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association in the "Monetary Times" of June 1st. I believe that a large portion of the fire waste can be prevented if proper steps are taken.

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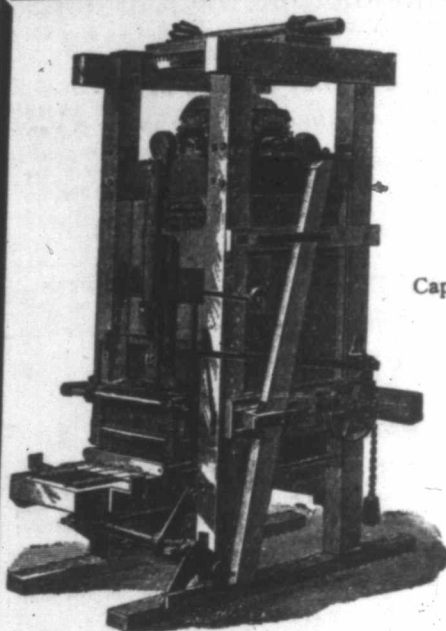
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