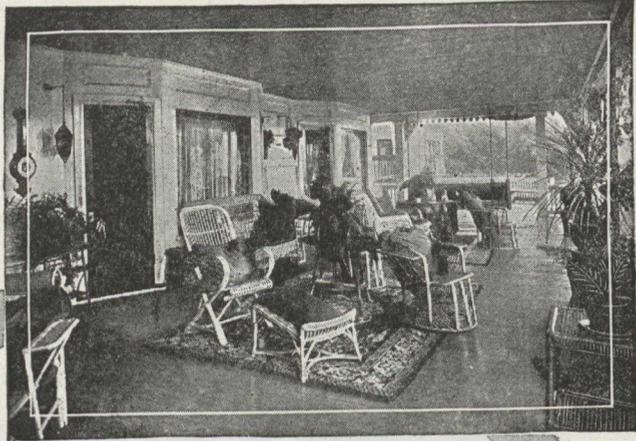


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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

### Dr. Michael Clark, Farmer.

THE gentleman, leaning on the long harvest fork, is better known as a parliamentarian than as a farmer.

He is Dr. Michael Clark, M.P. for Red Deer, Alberta, the chief political economist of the House of Commons. Readers of The Canadian Courier will recall his able replies last spring to Professor Leacock's articles on taxation which appeared in this paper.

Civil Service clerks, and a stray minister or two, are all that are left of the parliamentary cast at Ottawa these summer days. Many of the "big guns" of both parties are at home nursing

lord is to become democratized to the extent of becoming a market gardener!

### Edmonton Independent.

IF reports are to be believed, Mr. Andrew Carnegie will not perpetuate his name in a library at Edmonton.

The Ironmaster, as is his wont, recently offered the Alberta city \$60,000 for a library. The Library Board of Edmonton threatens to turn down this money.

Mr. Carnegie makes his offers for libraries on the basis of population. The Dominion census gives Edmonton 23,000 population. Evidently Mr. Carnegie thought \$60,000 a sufficient sum to supply a city of this size with books.

But the Edmonton Library Board claims that the Dominion census figures are unjust to Edmonton; that there are 55,385 people in the city according to the civic census.

They have recommended that Mr. Carnegie's offer be refused, and the city undertake to erect a library in keeping with the importance of the city.

### Off Days--



### BUT HARD WORK.

Dr. Michael Clark, M. P. for Red Deer, is not electrifying Ottawa with economic argument these summer days, but he finds wrestling with the harvest on his Alberta farm just as strenuous.

their constituencies; others are abroad, or summering. Dr. Clark puts in the time between sessions on his Alberta farm. As may be observed, he does not do his farming from a verandah chair. He gets out in the fields and into the mow and works as if he enjoyed it. Says the Doctor with regard to crop prospects in a recent letter to a friend: "If we only get three weeks' sunshine now, all is well. Danger from hail is over, with a minimum of damage. And the right weather for three weeks now will put crops beyond the reach of frost."

### A Growing Fashion.

JUST now, there seems to be a great influx of blue-blooded aristocrats from England into Canada, all with the farming craze. The Duke of Sutherland, and others, own land in the West on which they spend a part of the time each year, when they become satiated with events in the Old Land. In Ontario, several young lords own "a hundred acres." An English newspaper recently contained an illuminating account of two Englishmen of title who have taken up land in the vicinity of the village of Pickering, Ontario. It styled them, with fine alliteration, "The ploughing peers of Pickering."

In the society columns of a Toronto paper, occurred, the other day, the following item which is illustrative of the growing fashion among the nobility: "Lord Edward Beauchamp Seymour, son of the late Marquis of Hertford, has purchased the Wilson farm at Erin-dale, comprising 80 acres, and will go in for market gardening and fruit raising. There is already on the property a large orchard in full bearing, and this will be added to during the coming years."

We are to believe that the noble

### Basil King in Canada.

"I HOPE that you in Canada will not give your country over to aliens. I hope that Canada will pick and choose her immigrants, and will keep the Anglo-Saxon dominant."

So spoke Mr. Basil King, the author, in an interview the other day, when he discussed the question of an immigration policy.

Mr. King is touring Canada. Perhaps he is not generally known to Canadian readers as a Canadian. This is probably because Mr. King's books have been surrounded with a certain air of anonymity. His first great success, "The Inner Shrine," with its scenes laid largely in France, was published without the author's name appearing on the title page. The book, both because of its merit and the mystery of its author, created wide discussion.

Basil King was for years a Halifax clergyman. He has given himself up recently entirely to literature, and has built up a big reputation as a popular novelist. His latest book, "The Street Called Straight," is at present one of the "best sellers."

### A Convenience.

AN innovation in the matter of selling stamps to business houses will be introduced by the Post Office Department in a few days.

One and two cent stamps, after September 1st, may be obtained in rolls containing five hundred stamps each.

It is expected that the petty pilfering which is a feature of the present system of selling stamps in sheets will be obviated.

### Labour and the Railways.

MR. A. W. SMITHERS, chairman of the Grand Trunk in London, England, is in America inspecting the Company's lines. He expects to spend two months in Canada conferring with Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, the new president.

Mr. Smithers recently made a statement which has been much commented on. Referring to the labour situation he said:

"The labour position is at the bottom of more than the troubles of Canadian railways. Considering the high price we pay for labour there ought not to be any difficulty in getting it. And yet we cannot get enough men to undertake the work we have to offer. It seems to me that all the provincial governments and all the railway companies ought to unite on some scheme for the greater stimulation of agricultural immigration. More labour on the land is Canada's greatest need at the present time."

Referring to the company's hotel system, Mr. Smithers said it was generally conceded that the recently-opened Chateau Laurier at Ottawa was the finest hotel in Canada, if not on the continent.



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