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PRISON FARMS

The need of something better than the jail and the "chain-gang" for reformatory purposes, especially in the case of habitual drunkards, is more and more clearly recognized in this as well as in other cities. It is therefore interesting to note that in Ontario a prison farm is to be established for the treatment of drunkards and petty criminals who in most cases become such as a result of the drink habit. A Toronto dispatch of April 2nd says:

"Prison labor was the subject of a discussion at the sitting of the legislature yesterday. It was introduced when Mr. Hanna, the provincial secretary, moved his resolution based on the findings of the special committee which investigated the subject last year. He moved that, with a view of improving the conditions existing in respect to the Central prison, it was expedient that land for a new prison farm be acquired, and that the present site be sold; that inmates be employed in the cultivation of the land, the improvement of highways, etc., and that a branch prison should be located in the northern districts."

The prison farm is not an experiment. Its worth has been proved in more than one city in the United States. It is based on the theory that if a drunkard or petty criminal is taken away from the temptations of the streets and is compelled to engage in healthful work, without having the sense of restraint too strongly thrust upon him, he will come to a better realization of values in life, and most cases will be permanently reformed. A trial of this plan has convinced some communities of its importance in the work of social reform, and Ontario will now make the experiment.

If a similar course were pursued in St. John, and the necessary legislation secured, it would relieve the police court of some familiar faces and doubtless give back to the country some good citizens who are now rendered worthless through over-indulgence in drink. No doubt in some cases the person sent to the farm would merely accumulate a six or twelve months' thirst, for there is always a percentage of failures; but the general result would be beneficial in more ways than one. There are families in this city which if the man who ought to be the breadwinner were compelled to work on a farm and send his wages to them would be much better off than they are at present; for there are men who not only contribute nothing for the household expenses, but are a source of shame and sore trouble to the family. If a census were taken of the men who ought to be sent to a farm and kept there for a time for their own good and the good of their families, it would doubtless surprise and shock this community. Such an institution should not be a burden upon the taxpayers, for under competent management it would produce a very considerable revenue.

THE CRAZE FOR CITY LIFE

The following article from the Victoria Colonist states in a striking way one of the great difficulties in the way of social reform:

"All over the country there are idle men who will not take work because they will be compelled to go out of town. The spell of the pavement is upon them. They are not vicious men; they are not lazy. They simply cannot reconcile themselves to the idea of getting away from the glare of the electric lights. We have seen accounts of men, women and children, who have been taken out of the crowded and unsanitary slums of a great city and placed in the pure air of the country, with plenty of rest, comfortable quarters to live in, work by no means arduous, and pay that was from their own point of view quite reasonable, and yet they soon drifted back to their old haunts, where existence was a struggle and one would suppose life was hardly worth living. What the explanation of this is we shall not pretend to say. Such instances as we have cited are, of course, extreme, but the hunger of men and women for city life is very real and it is doing a vast amount of evil. Recently a writer in a United States periodical expressed his regret that so many women were working for a living in the country, because it would lead to the degeneration

of the race. To this another writer replied by contrasting the robust, red-checked, erect and healthy women of the European peasantry with their sisters in the cities of America, and he asked which of them was best fitted to be the mothers of a race of men, who can uphold the standards of our civilization. It is unfortunately only too true that the hiving of the people in the cities is producing a vast deal of evil so far as the stamina of the white races is concerned, and the most unfortunate feature of the case is the growing unwillingness of the city people to go back to the soil. Such a movement must many years ago have led to the sovereign remedy by the most advanced social reformers. The divorce of the people from the land was represented as the source of all social evils, and with a great deal of reason. But it has become doubtful if the untold areas were thrown open to all who wish to have them, without money and without price, the submerged masses of the cities, the people who have felt the paralysis of the streets, would move a step from the pavements to take possession of the best soil under the canopy of heaven. This is to our way of thinking, the most alarming symptom of modern social conditions."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

An interesting movement in the direction of reform in legislation regarding the liquor traffic is in progress in the province of Ontario. The synd of London and Hamilton has unanimously adopted resolutions to be submitted to the Ontario legislature and the Dominion parliament, making the following propositions:

"1. The cancellation of all existing licenses and the entire prohibition of the retail sale of alcoholic liquor except as must be provided in paragraph 2.

"2. In such cities, towns and incorporated villages of over 1,000 inhabitants, as may by a vote of a majority of the ratepayers ask for the same, government depots should be established for the dispensing of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages not to be consumed on the premises. Such depots to be managed by salaried officials and to be conducted also under all other reasonable safeguards.

"3. The entire administration of the system to be removed from party politics and government patronage, and to be placed in the hands of a commission of three.

"4. A measure of compensation for license holders under the present system. The claims and awards to be adjusted by the commission appointed for that purpose. The hotelmen to be paid in three yearly installments, thus making them hostages for their own good behavior until bought out."

This is government control, pure and simple, and would eliminate the open saloon and the public treating system. Next to absolute prohibition it would perhaps do more than any other plan thus far proposed to overcome the evils of the treating habit.

THE WINTER PORT

The winter port statement which the Times prints today shows that the volume of exports to date is about four million dollars greater than that for the corresponding period last season. The total is about \$18,500,000, and is well up toward the total for the whole of last season. The business this season has gone on steadily and without serious interruption. At no time has there been such a congestion of traffic as marked seasons when the terminal facilities were not so ample as at present. With the completion of the Clark & Adams wharf and warehouses during the present year there will be ample provision for the business of the next couple of years.

The report of the civil service commission has been the greatest sensation of the present session of parliament. It has revealed conditions which were suspected but had not been made public. Following hard upon the western land scandals and other unsavory facts brought out during the session, it has put the government upon the defensive as in no former session of parliament since 1896.

The Times today is able to confirm the statement formerly made in this paper that Collins, the Albert county murderer, had confessed. The story is a dreadful one, yet one that ought to be told, in order that no doubts and no unfounded suspicions should remain in the public mind in connection with this awful crime.

Speaking of motors, the Illustrated London News remarked the other day that "there are already a number of motors in Canada." As Mr. Dawson would observe, there is room for some "apade work" in the public mind in England in order to cultivate right notions concerning Canada.

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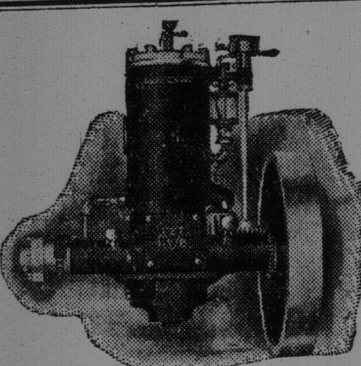
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(E. Pauline Johnson.)

We first saw light in Canada, the land beloved of God.
We are the pulse of Canada, its marrow and its blood;
And we, the men of Canada, can face the world and brag
That we were born in Canada beneath the British flag.

Few of us have the blood of kings, few are of country birth.
But few are vagabonds or rogues of doubtful name and lineage
And all have one credential that entitles us to brag—
That we were born in Canada beneath the British flag.

We've yet to make our money, we've yet to make our fame.
But we have gold and glory in our clean Colonial name.
And every man's a millionaire if only he can brag
That he was born in Canada beneath the British flag.

No title and no coronet is half so proudly worn
As that which we inherited as men Canadian born.
We count no man so noble as the one who makes the brag
That he was born in Canada beneath the British flag.

The Dutch may have their Holland, the Spaniards have his Spain.
The Yankees to the south of us must south of us remain.
For not a man dare lift a hand against the flag
That they were born in Canada beneath the British flag.

Some one has said, "Let me make the songs of the nation, I care not who make the laws."
We all acknowledged the wisdom of this and know the power of song.
Now, when strangers and foreigners are coming, other customs are needed that the dominant spirit and force be truly Canadian.

Strong laws are needed that the dominant spirit and force be truly Canadian.
The flag must wave more conspicuously. Our new-comers must realize its supremacy in this land over all other flags. Our people must encourage the spirit of patriotism.

One strong, sure way to inculcate and sustain this is through patriotic songs. "Can- such poems as Pauline Johnson's "Canadian Born" should be read and sung in every school in this Canada of ours.

IN LIGHTEN VIE

(Harper's Weekly.)

"Socially fastidious, is she?"
"Yes, indeed. She even returns telephone calls."

A GENTLEMAN FARMER.

A gentleman farmer is a fellow who has his milk delivered in one of them quart bottles on his back every morning in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NOT THE BEST MAN.

Finnegan—"And was you th' best man at Muckoon's wedding, Casey?"
Casey (with his eyes blacked)—"Naw, I only thought I was."—Lippincott's.

THE ODOR OF FASHION.

"Pretty shrewd barber that," remarked Towne; "he has invented a hair tonic that smells exactly like a hairbrush."

"Pardon me, but I don't quite see the idea."

"Why, you see, it enables his patrons to acquire an odor which gives the impression that they own automobiles."

LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1.

A lady said to me the other day—"I'm so glad there's another bank coming to Grimsby—Perhaps there will be some marriageable young men amongst the clerks."

"Yes, I read, 'Tis a great deal. Perhaps I only thought I was.'—Lippincott's.

A BARGAIN.

A Cowley County paper contains this advertisement on a cow for sale: "Some advertisement on a cow for sale. 'Some ad' says I purchased from my friend, Hon. J. W. Irons, a pedigreed cow."

"I don't want to sell her to the rheumatism in my left leg, caused by her kicking at a fence post, striking me."

"When I first purchased her she was very wild, but I have succeeded in taming her."

"Without her tearing the gates down. To a man who is a good Christian, and does not fear death, she would be a valuable animal. But I want to sell her to some one who will treat her right. She is one-fourth short-horn, two-eighths Shorthorn, and one-eighth cow. She will be sold cheap for cash—W. C. Sauer, two and a half miles east of Arkansas City, Kan."—Kansas City Star.

ONE SHARE BROUGHT

THIS WOMAN \$1500

Last Share in the New York and Canada Railroad Bought by Delaware and Hudson

New York, April 4.—The Delaware and Hudson Company has been successful at last in the effect which it has been making for years to buy one share of the common stock of the New York and Canada Railroad, which was all of the \$9,000,000 stock of that road which the Delaware and Hudson had not owned.

This one share was held by a woman, who until recently had paid no attention to the repeated requests made on behalf of the railway that she set a price on her one share. At last she has sold out. She got \$1,500 for this \$100 worth of stock, which has been paying no dividends. It was bought by one of the officers of the road and before he can transfer it to the Delaware and Hudson must be had railroad itself permission must be had from the Public Utilities Commission.

The value of this one share to the Delaware and Hudson is the fact that after it is acquired the Delaware and Hudson can merge in its own road the property of the New York and Canada, which runs from Whitehall to Route's Point, and can include in its own earnings those of this road instead of taking the road's earnings into its own treasury through the payment of dividends on the stock of the New York and Canada.

The latter has been paying 4 per cent, on its preferred, but nothing on its common stock.

CANADIAN REPORTERS

Kipling Says They Talk Better Than They Write

London, April 4.—Kipling discoursed on the journalist in The Morning Post this week. He says in Canada it is always delightful to meet reporters, for they are men interested in their land, with the keen unselfish interest one finds in young house-surgeons or civilians. One felt at every turn of their quick sentences to be dealing with made and trained players in a game; balanced men who believed in decency not to be disregarded, confidences not to be violated, honor not to be mocked. Yet while the men talked so good and new their written word seemed cast in conventional moulds. One tries to think of these splendid people using second-class words to express first-class emotions.

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