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A Bit from the Inside.

THE paper on which Farm and Home is printed costs nearly twice as much as it did a year ago. But the subscription price has not yet been advanced. It won't have to be, if every present reader, when renewing his or her subscription, will also send one new name. Can't you do that much?

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Let's run Farm and Home up to a round million subscribers this winter. It can be done, too. If there's anything Farm and Home does not now do that my readers want, let me know and I'll try my best to make it serve them. This journal is working for the farms and homes of America, and I am always eager to do still more for them.

The Home Coming

of our soldier boys after a year's service in Africa will be an occasion of great rejoicing. The troops of no other portion of the empire have acquitted themselves with greater valor, neither have others had more arduous duties to perform. Our boys proved themselves made of the right sort of stuff and containing the best of mettle. The home government has shown a high appreciation of the motive of the Dominion government in coming to its assistance, as well as of the individual soldiery of the men. The record of our boys is one of which they may be extremely proud. Some 300 men and 14 officers will remain in the service in Africa while about 500 will return home.

A Text for Fair Managers.

The fair season is practically closed and while not unusually brilliant, the agricultural displays have been good, attendance and interest moderate. The splendid arrays of farm, field and orchard products at the provincial and large fairs of Ont., N. B., N. S. and the northwest bear testimony to the healthy condition of agriculture. It is worthy of note that the biggest and best fairs of the country were generally a unit in shutting out open gambling, and minimizing the presence and influence of fakirs and cheap side shows. But managers of many of the smaller fairs have yet to learn that the clean show is the one which in the long run commands the respect and support of the farmers. We could name certain fairs, and of some prominence, too, where wide-open gambling of a most disgraceful order has been permitted this fall, distracting in the extreme, and demoral-

izing to our farmers' sons. In closing accounts for this year and forming plans for next season's fairs, let agricultural societies take a firm stand against these iniquities.

Cause to Rejoice.

A trader, in answer to my query, (see F & H, Aug 1) says Canadian farmers have been benefited because of the enactment of the following legislation:

The reduction of imperial postage from five to two cents and domestic postage from three to two cents.

Free carriage of mails on subsidized railways.

A 14-foot canal system from the lakes to Montreal.

The school question has been amicably settled.

A system of cold storage accommodations for ocean and railway transportation lines to British markets.

The postal note.

The improvement of quarantine regulations between Canada and the states.

The People and the Railways.

The Dominion government, in spite of the overbearing attitude and general conduct of the C. P. R., is gradually acquiring a grip on transportation companies, which is in line with the demands of the times. The demand is strong in all countries that governments exercise more careful supervision over transportation lines and this is especially the case in our own Canada. Besides operating the Intercolonial in the maritime provinces, the provisions under which the Crow's Nest railway will be operated in the northwest have secured a reduction on grain rates equal to \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year. The Dominion government is indeed liberal in its subsidies to transportation corporations, but the people will continue to demand that their side of the case be as carefully guarded.

Educate Britain's Youth.

The Dominion government has offered, through Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, to supply gratis to rural schools in Great Britain, books and atlases, giving the geography and maps of Canada, and also to donate a prize for the successful pupils in those schools adopting the books for teaching purposes. The offer is made with a view to instructing the rural population as to Canada's advantages, and thereby encourage emigration to the Dominion from the agricultural classes. In rural districts the project is said not to be received with favor, and in some localities it is stoutly protested on the ground that depopulation in those places is proceeding rapidly enough. There is plenty of room for good substantial farmers in all parts of Canada and the government plan, when introduced, will undoubtedly open the eyes of the coming gen-

eration in Great Britain to our great and unsurpassed advantages.

One of Our Natural Resources

which is bound to be greatly developed is our export coal business. Inquiries at the Canadian mineral exhibit at the Paris exposition are of unexpected quantity and from all countries and trades. Coal dealers, railways and the large manufacturers are all interested and when told of the vastness of the Canadian supply express wonder and amazement. If difficulties over the line are not settled soon, maritime miners might supply large quantities of soft or even hard coal, in spite of a 67 cent per ton import duty.

A Halt to Wild Speculation!

It began last spring in Europe, spread to England, and during the summer has shaken the "water" out of a lot of American "trusts." Speculators complain that times are dull, and the condition of general business, and especially of agriculture, was never more prosperous. Good thing to haul up short the promoters! Not local politics, but worldwide conditions, are the cause of this healthy stop to unhealthy speculation.

Note and Comment.

One of the desirable outcomes of the recent Halifax (N. S.) exposition is the probable merging of the maritime Shorthorn breeders' association into the Dominion association. This is a step in the right direction that cannot be too strongly commended.

So successful has been the farmers' institute system of Ontario, it will now be taken up by the farmers of Manitoba and the northwest. Maritime breeders will find it to their interest to organize along similar lines.

Two of the exhibits at the Halifax fair created much comment, those from the islands of Jamaica and Trinidad, concerning which as a part of the British West Indies, so much is being said in the way of reciprocal trade. The fruits, spices, woods, rum, etc. were installed in the horticultural building and were accompanied by Mr. Norton, who has since spoken before several boards of trade of Nova Scotia on how reciprocal trade between the British West Indies and Canada may best be developed.

Is the United States to rule the world of finance? Looks that way. The big loan to England is followed by another to Germany. Russia seeks American money with which to pay for her wars. Interest rates, which have been tending downward in the United States for several years, are working up again in consequence of the foreign demand for money.

Soon after Farmer Meadows began to lose interest in the farm he began to pay interest on a mortgage.

Making the Farm Pay.

LOCAL HELP FOR FARMERS.

One of the best means offered the farmer and his family for organization and co-operation is the farmers' club, with monthly meetings. Through it, the families of members are brought together, ideas enlarged and new ones acquired. Papers can be prepared on timely topics, while the discussions following bring out the best thoughts of members. Each is put on his or her mettle. The result is an uplift, a broadening of the mental horizon and a higher appreciation of their calling.

To stimulate interest in horticulture, fruit meetings can be held. In June, a "strawberry meeting," with strawberry culture as the chief topic, has been found popular. A generous supply of the fruit could be served at dinner. A raspberry, blackberry, peach, pear, plum, grape and apple meeting could follow in season. The discussion of fruit's would include the best manner of preserving and serving them. This would interest the feminine members.

One article that should be in the possession of every club is a light blackboard, that could be carried to the place of meeting, this for advertising purposes. Under the headings of "For Sale" and "Wanted," free advertising could be secured, as "Potatoes, Early Ohio, 50c, J. Jones," under the first, or "Girl to do housework, L. Smith."

Politics as the word is usually used should be barred, but public questions ought to be studied and discussed. All in a broad-minded way, without regard to party. The curse of the country is blind adherence to party, placing it above principle. The farmers acting together could control legislation, hence it is important that they be well informed on the questions of the day. A recommendation or protest by the state association of farmers' clubs would be heeded by a legislature that would ignore individuals.—[Apollo S. Long.

The Poultry Industry has been greatly stimulated over the Dominion by improved methods of fattening. Last year birds were fed as ordinarily done on the farm, on the box stall system, on the English crate system and on the French crumming system. Those fed ordinarily brought 40c a pair, those in box stalls \$1 a pair, those on the English system 1.20 a pair, those on the French system 1.40 a pair. While the flesh on the first-named chickens cost 20c a lb, those on the last-named cost only 15c a lb, showing that the highest priced birds, by reason of their being well finished though costing the most, were really the cheapest.

The C. P. R. is considering the advisability of making Boston, Mass. its ocean terminus for the winter, using the B. & M. R. R. in part.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs of P. E. I. last month caught 7000 lbs. mackerel in eight days. His was a record-making trip. Capt. Frank Hall brought in 400 lbs. caught in 48 hours.

The Galveston hurricane, which also caused injury in various parts of the United States, raised havoc among Canadian orchardists from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Especially severe was the fury of the wind on P. E. I. and in southern Ont.

The N. S. apple crop for surplus shipment is estimated at 600,000 bushels.