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A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Dear Sir:—A copy of your issue of Aug. 28th has been sent to me by one of our country societies, with an article marked which appears in your Home Journal department and is entitled "The relation between money and talk." The friends who sent it to me evidently regarded the article as an original one of your own, and ask me to reply to it. I find on examination that the article appears to be a clipping, and an out of date one at that, but as it is not marked in any way, you give it all the force of an original article. For example, it talks about working for prohibition in Georgia, whereas the prohibitory law in Georgia was adopted some weeks before your issue.

We certainly never expect, to find anything unfair or unjust to the temperance people in the columns of a farmer's paper, for if there is any movement which has the overwhelming sympathy of a farming community, it is the temperance movement, and if there is any special privilege or monopoly which ought to be opposed by independent farmers, it is the special privilege of liquor selling and the monopoly of drink making. The suggestion of your article, however, that the temperance people should be held responsible for the supply of the accommodation to travellers, is just about as unreasonable as anything could be. It may be true that the temperance people put up a good deal more "talk" than "money." It may be true that they ought to back up their sentiments and their convictions with more generous gifts for working their views into practical application, but there is no earthly reason why they should be singled out from other citizens of the country and loaded up with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining public houses.

Because the public house system has been cursed by the association of the bar room, and hundreds of the hotels in our country towns transformed from homes for the traveller into dens of tipplers, only shows the failure of the license system. As the writer of the article in your columns points out, this association has been broken up in other lands, and in many of the States of the Union, greatly to the advantage of the hotel keeping business.

The hotel keeping business, like every other legitimate trade, ought to regulate itself, and it will regulate itself in a very short time if permitted to do so without the interference of legislation designed simply and solely to keep the liquor business alive, and to hide the miserable drunkard making trade behind the respectable and necessary business of hotel keeping.

Those citizens who believe in the separation of the bar room from the hotel have a perfect right to express their opinions freely, without any suggestion that because they hold and express that opinion they should assume responsibility for providing public houses. If public houses are a public need, and they cannot be maintained without public help, then that help should come from the whole of the public who would receive the benefit of it, and not from a limited section, whatever their views may be.

There is no lack of public houses in the States of Kansas, North Dakota and Maine, and in other States which are not prohibition States but which prohibit the selling of liquors in public houses. There will be no lack of public houses in Manitoba, when the people insist that the legislators give public houses a fair chance to stand upon their own merits, and separate them entirely from the peddling of grog, which, instead of promoting peace, cleanliness and comfort, work against every interest which will make the public house a quiet, orderly, convenient home for the traveller. We never make a greater mistake as a people than when we permitted the public house, a most vulnerable spot, which should be in the care of the very best kind of a business man, to be invaded by the bar room, which has in our little towns made the public house an abomination, and even in the larger places greatly lessened its usefulness and comfort as a traveller's home. Not merely drunkenness, but

gambling and impurity, which should be specially guarded against in a public house, are the natural accompaniments of the bar room, and usually thrive under the management of a man who is willing to make wealth out of the weakness and vice of his fellows.

When certain citizens point out these facts, and in a democratic country seek to move a majority of the people to demand a better condition of affairs, it is a great piece of effrontery for any writer to tell them, as the writer in your article does, that they should "pay up or shut up," and that it is their duty to supply the country with public houses. I am quite sure that the article referred to slipped into your columns inadvertently, as many a clipping does, and I am equally certain that we make no mistake in looking to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for sympathy and encouragement in all our efforts to improve the condition of our fellows, and to fight against all special privileges and monopolies.

I will thank you very much to give these few lines space in your Journal.

C. F. CZERWINSKI,

Grand Councilor of Manitoba, R.T. of T.

[The article in question was not a clipping.—Ed.]

WOOL.

Wool prices continue firm. Values seem likely to maintain their present level for some time. Eastern buyers believe the supply this year will be unequal to the demand. Certainly the consumption for the past seven months has at least equalled that of any similar period, and the ebb in the volume of business seems yet far distant. Now that the shearing season is over the usual heavy fleece stories are filtering out to civilization. The heaviest for the year are reported from Minnville, Oregon, where a shearing sheep yielded twenty-eight pounds, and a full sister two years old yielded in one fleece twenty-two pounds, and the two fleeces sold for \$11.25.

DOMINION MILK PRODUCERS ORGANIZE.

An organization was launched in Toronto on August 31st, which it is intended shall be Dominion in character and shall concern itself in all matters affecting milk producers generally. The motion creating the new organization reads as follows:

"That as it is in the interests of the milk and cream producers of Canada, that they should work in close harmony with each other, through their various organizations, it is hereby resolved, that a committee be appointed, and it is hereby appointed, composed of the presidents and secretaries of the various milk and cream associations of Canada, who shall have power to appoint substitutes where necessary, and who shall confer together on matters relating to the production of milk and cream that are of general interest."

SHORTAGE IN WESTERN SHEEP.

The movement of range sheep and lambs shows a decided deficiency this year over last. Very few are being marketed. Conditions in N. S. are similar to those here. So far this season 2000 cars less sheep have been delivered in Chicago than for the same period in 1906. From Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and all the sheep ranching states the prediction comes that the marketward movement of sheep will be 25 per cent. less than last year owing to winter losses and local demand. There seems an unprecedented demand this fall in the ranch country for stock stuff, and this kind is selling now in the West higher than on Eastern markets.

AMERICAN FEEDERS SCARCE.

While there is scarcely any demand in this country, as yet this season, for feeders and stockers, the demand for the same class in American markets is keener than it has been for some time. Feeders who left their buying until late are now experiencing considerable difficulty in picking up what they require. The common practice of American farmers is to purchase what they want in this line in Chicago or other Western

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- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.
(2) If the father (or mother if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
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W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

live stock markets. This year there is an unusual demand for stock of all kinds in these markets; meat is scheduled to advance 4 cents a pound immediately. Packers are anxious to stock up as live meat looks cheaper now than it will be when made from corn at present prices. The whole tendency is upward and anything with meat on its bones sells readily. Everything points to unusually high beef prices next year.

The editor of a paper in Western Indiana declares it to be a fact that a "cub" reporter on an Evansville sheet, in describing the murder of a man in an adjacent town, wired his paper as follows:

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