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WISE FARMING COUNSEL
New Brunswick is to have several illustrations in accordance with the plan of the Commission of Conservation, which is to select in a farming locality one farm to be an object lesson and source of knowledge and inspiration to all the farmers in that neighborhood.

Prof. James W. Robertson gave some interesting information on this subject, and it is printed in his report of his evidence before the select standing committee on agriculture and colonization last winter. He said that to increase the productivity of the farms in Canada the farmers should "get together on the level of a united effort in each locality, organize themselves for action in the locality, select the best managed farm or farms in the neighborhood, as illustration farms, whereon they might investigate the means for progress and get betterment. Through these farms, he pointed out, new co-operations would be established with other neighborhoods and with government agencies like experimental farms, official instructors and educational institutions such as agricultural colleges. He cited the case of Denmark, as follows:

"When I first visited Denmark 25 years ago I learned that the leaders of the movement for the improvement of agriculture there recognized the value of the teaching power of the most successful farmers in the kingdom. The Royal Agricultural Society by means of grants enabled hundreds of young farmers to learn the systems and methods of farming from many of the best farms in the country. These young men lived and worked and learned on these selected farms. The period might be three months or six months or a year; and sometimes a young farmer would work on two, three or even four such farms before he returned to his own home. I, myself, visited a farm where 70 student farmers were working. They were not going to college to be trained in theories; they were on the farm to learn how they were farmed to make money. Afterwards came the co-operative organizations for creameries and bacon-curing establishments. Those co-operative societies are for managing some part of the agricultural business of the locality, and not for doing the farm work."

Prof. Robertson dealt quite fully with this matter, and in addition to what has been done in Denmark cited another striking instance from Ireland. In summing up, he said:

"The farmers who are learning are learning much from their successful neighbors. That is how they learn. If we could bring about such contacts that more of them would learn, and all of them will learn more, we will have made a fine advance toward the solution of many of the difficulties. Let the farmers of the locality be invited to come together for some definite purpose in which they are directly interested in the locality. Let them agree on one farm which they will use jointly, not one jointly or manage jointly, but use jointly, for the purpose of getting useful information for themselves, for the improvement of their farm management and practice. Let them agree on some one of the best farmers and help him by discussion and counsel, and even by all kinds of criticism of his methods, to adopt the best system and methods for himself and his locality. By this means each of the farmers who wishes and co-operates would be able to apply to his own farm what he had observed and learned. This does not cost money; it costs time and labor and the exercise of neighborhood goodwill."

Prof. Robertson remarked that "a farmer in Denmark who discovers anything from his farm whereby he obtains better crops, cleaner land and more milk, passes the knowledge on and the whole neighborhood is ready to receive it." We need more of this method and this spirit in New Brunswick.

BORDEN IN ENGLAND
The Canadian Courier makes some caustic remarks about Mr. Borden's unfortunate use of the word "adjunct" in his speech in London. It says: "Mr. Borden says Canada is not an 'adjunct' of the British Empire. It was a 'clever' remark. It might have been made by a phrase-maker on the Toronto Evening Telegram or certain 'smart-aleck' weeklies in Winnipeg or Vancouver. It should never have been made by a man who is something of a diplomat and statesman. Let me explain. Lord Salisbury, in 1897, denounced the Anglo-German treaty of commerce because Emperor William would not admit that Canada was part of the British Empire. Lord Salisbury's action forced the German government, at a later date, to recognize that Canada is part of the British Empire and must be treated on the same basis as the United Kingdom. Does Mr. Borden want to go back to the old theory which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lord Salisbury fought so hard to kill? Does he desire to see international diplomacy revert to the idea that courtesies extended to Great Britain by the big nations of the world do not necessarily extend to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa?"

The Courier further points out that the British government is at the present time endeavoring to prove to the United States that Canada is not an "adjunct" but an integral part of the empire, and that therefore Canadian ships must have the same rights as British ships in the Panama canal. The Courier further expresses the hope that Mr. Borden will be advised

to build a Canadian navy. To do otherwise would be to reverse the policy adopted at the last imperial conference and approved by the British admiralty. The Toronto Globe also discussed Mr. Borden's use of the word "adjunct," and takes occasion to make a comparison which is none too flattering to the Conservatives. The Globe says:—

"Canada does not propose to be an adjunct even of the British Empire," Mr. Borden is reported to have said on Wednesday evening last, at the Royal Colonial Institute banquet in London, England. For many years, under a Conservative regime, Canada was an adjunct of British, taking British capital and large sums, requiring British soldiers to defend her and the British navy to guard her coasts. Then came the Liberal party to power and Canada was no longer an 'adjunct,' but a partner of Britain, and was preparing to be still more and more a 'worthy child of a worthy parent' when, unfortunately, the Conservatives came in to power once more. In a very few weeks after the Borden Cabinet came into office Canada fell back to the 'adjunct' position again, a fact which Mr. Borden has frankly recognized, so, instead of boldly taking up the Liberal position, which would end this adjunct business, he announces that Canada cannot remain 'an adjunct,' but, so far, he has discovered no plan to end this 'adjunct' position."

WEST INDIA TRADE
Referring to the new trade treaty with the West Indies, the Maritime Merchant expresses confidence that it "gives a considerable advantage to Canada in lines which she has in abundance," and it sees "prospective benefits to future sales." It believes that one shilling a barrel on flour practically ensures Canadian millers the entire flour business of the islands concerned, which would probably amount to half a million barrels per annum. The Merchant looks for larger trade in canned fruits and vegetables, and butter and cheese. It doubts whether Canada can compete with British manufacturers in boots and shoes, and we already have the lumber trade, so there is nothing to be gained there. It is assumed, however, that if the treaty is ratified the cities of Halifax and St. John should be in a better position than ever before to go after new business. The Merchant assumes that there will be a weekly steamship service, and that there will be some arrangement that will be alike satisfactory to Halifax and St. John; but it remarks that Halifax exporters see no reason why there should be a summer service to Montreal, which would add to the expense without compensating advantages. St. John exporters will take the same view.

The St. John exhibition this year promises to be one of more than usual interest in many departments.

The lively interest shown by outsiders in St. John real estate is one of the most significant evidences that the advantages of the city are at last being recognized.

The Standard objects to any references in St. John to Mr. Borden's naval policy, although it is one of the chief topics of discussion in the British press. By the way—what is Mr. Borden's naval policy?

It is said that crop conditions in the West were never better at this time of year. If those conditions continue till the harvest, it means further great prosperity for Canada; but it also means a determined demand for a wider free market.

The suffragette movement has developed into a mania of an extraordinary character, and has become a menace to the very lives of prominent public men in England. It seems to be necessary to forget the courtesy and consideration due to woman, in dealing with these persons who disgrace and practically disown their womanhood.

Priest Speaks on Suffrage
Rev. Father McMahon, pastor of the Catholic church of Our Lady of Lourdes, New York, lately preached a powerful sermon in his church in favor of woman suffrage and equal pay. In the course of his remarks Father McMahon said:—"The church has always stood for the betterment of women. As early as the fourteenth century women voted on equal terms with men, and there is nothing unduly womanly or immodest in it now. Anyone reading opposition to the franchise for women in the doctrines of the church is not well informed in regard to them."

Girlish Complexion Now Easily Acquired
"A skin of blended snow cream and rose" is the way an Ohio correspondent describes her newly acquired complexion. She is one who has adopted mercerized wash in place of cosmetics, massage, steaming and other methods. Many who have tried this marvelous wax report that its effects are quite different from those of any other treatment. It produces a complexion of exquisite girlish nature, rather than one bearing evidence of having been artificially "made over." One that is indeed "Nature's own," the result of gradually absorbing dead particles of surface skin, permitting the younger, healthier skin beneath to show itself and giving its pores a chance to breathe. Mercerized wax, procurable at any drug store in original one ounce package, is put on at night like cold cream and washed off in the morning.

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Miss Kean—"I hardly think we need call it a small blaze."—Boston Evening Transcript.

THAT CURED HIM.
"I don't hear of your boy taking your car out at midnight any more, Barker, the way he had a habit of doing," said Diggins.
"No," said Barker. "I cured him of that."
"Really? Why, I thought that habit was incurable," said Wiggle.
"Oh, no," said Barker. "I made him get out of bed every morning at two o'clock and run the car forty minutes for a couple of months and he got so sick of it that he even stand the smell of gasoline."—From Harper's Weekly.

AND THEN IT HAPPENS.
Now that the pink-cheeked fellow is here, make all the same folks shiver. In his canoe he catch coy.
Upon the wobbly river.

CAN'T YOU BEGIN THE WORK.
"I thought she married him to reform him?" So she did. "But he's just as wild as ever." "Yes, she can't keep him home at night long enough to start the reformation."—Detroit Free Press.

HARD TO BE TRUE.
"Have you any relatives living in the country?"
"No; whenever we take our vacation we have to pay our board."—Detroit Free Press.

BLISSFUL IGNORANCE.
Freddie—"What's an optimist, dad?"
Cowbridge—"He's the fellow who doesn't know what's coming to him."—Lippincott's.

SPRINGING A NEW ONE.
With a wild look in his eye the man with the green satchel rushed ahead of the excited mob.
"Discovered! He's hunted for the twelfth time." "Discovered! It is all over now."
"And then they caught him."
"Where did you escape from?"
"Nowhere."
"What were you looked up for?"
"Nothing."
"Then what in thunder is discovered?"
"The North Pole gentlemen, the North Pole, and if you will allow me to open this satchel you will discover the greatest bargain in a double-action, automatic, self-revolving, collar button."
But the determined men picked him up and dropped him into the nearest coal bin.

BAD TIMES.
The new manager of "Shakespeare's England," a C. B. C. station, has had stories always comes to mind in the holiday season when the pinnacles are on the beach.
One day he came upon a pierrot troupe that made no charge for admission to the show, but sent round a large shell from hand to hand much as the collection is sometimes taken up in church.

As Mr. Cochrane passed a friend called out to the leader of the troupe: "Hullo, Bill! How are you doing?"
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