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EDITORIAL.

A clean stable turneth away losses.

Let's plow! There is no need to electioneer.

Stable the stock early to avoid loss of flesh or of milk.

The politician who has a grouch just now belongs to the win-the-election party.

There should be no need of mud-slinging now that Canada has a Union Government.

Canada is approaching the real testing time in the war. Canadians will not falter.

If you have made any extra money this year a good investment is available—war bonds.

Feed is dear. So are feeders. But the good cattle-man can make it pay if he has the right kind of cattle.

God loves a cheerful giver to the Red Cross Fund. Help the good samaritans to carry comfort to the firing line.

Plan to manage the farm with as little labor as practicable, and yet produce the maximum possible with the help available.

This country is about to send more men to fight. Plans must be laid to feed the fighters and supply them with every possible comfort.

The successful live-stock man takes years to build up his business and does not dispose of his best stock in a few hours. He keeps the good ones.

The shorter the daylight the greater the necessity to push the work. A satisfactory spring is impossible unless the fall work is well advanced when winter sets in.

The farmer who has been depending entirely upon single men for hired help may find himself with no help next winter. Again a cottage for a married man wins out.

The Food Controller has decided not to set the price of potatoes at \$1.25 per bag to the consumers. He has found out that it cost something to produce spuds this year.

It is a mistake to say that it is just as easy to keep the best as it is to maintain mediocre animals. The top-notchers are produced and maintained only with considerable effort. But they doubly repay the owner.

Why is it that the man who thinks he could farm far better than the farmer farms is usually at some other work, while the farmer who thinks he could do something else to better advantage than farm farms? It's a queer world.

Investigation shows that there are too many cull horses in America, but a great scarcity of the best type of heavy drafters. Canadian horsemen should govern themselves accordingly and breed for weight and quality.

In union is strength. Now that Canada has a Union Government the country's strength should be felt even more and more in the fight for liberty. More will go to the front, but as they go those left at home should remember their duties are greater. All can help.

Seeing and Thinking.

A correspondent in an article in this issue points to a few actions on the part of pleasure seekers which do not fit in very well with the calls now being made upon those who have the cause of liberty and justice at heart. While he toils long hours in his fields he notices that the river bank is well lined with fishermen who fish for fun as well as for fish, and the leading road which passes his gate is lined with cars which speed for the pleasure of those in tonneaux rather than on business bent, as evidenced by the fact that when it rains no fishermen fish and few motors honk their noisy way along. There is some truth in what this writer says. Of recreation anyone must have a little. The farmer gets the least time of all. But if he be an observant person who studies nature through seeing as he should, he has many recreative moments while at his daily toil. The fact remains, however, that among those who run cars the greatest mileage for pleasure are to be found a number of the loudest talkers against the farmer, the noisiest of the clamorers for greater production and more thrift, and the bitterest critics of the laboring man. It is like the millionaire's wife in silks, satins, picture hat and expensive furs alighting from her chauffeur-driven limousine at the door of the cottager to get the frugal and thrifty wife of the latter to sign the food pledge card—a mistake. Canada is at war and everyone should realize the fact. It is not enough that the homes from which noble hearts have gone should do all the worrying. This war touches all, and the man who over-indulges in frivolous pleasures, whether they be in car or whatnot, is culpable. The man who doesn't work his best, save to the uttermost and give till it pinches, one or all three, is not doing his bit as a soldier of Canada behind the lines and in direct support of the troops at the front.

Our correspondent draws attention to his farm work. He is preparing for a big crop and more live stock next year, and withal he does not forget the most important crop of the Canadian farm—children. A farm may produce big yields of grain and roots, may be the home of the choicest heifers, or the heaviest milkers, may boast the weightiest drafters or the fastest trotters, may stable the woolliest of the golden-fleeced and the longest and finest of bacon hogs, but its chiefest value is as a place to raise men, and women too. Of what real value would our farms be if it were not for the men raised thereon?

Partyism Buried in Union.

Thinking people who put the welfare of Canada ahead of party politics are all ready and willing to commend Sir Robert Borden for his efforts toward a real Union Government, which has finally been brought into being. True, there are some still inclined to complain that the deal was consummated too late to please them, and there are others who say, "better late than never" in a critical tone, but after all credit must be given where credit is due, and Sir Robert deserves no small share at this time. On the other hand, the country should commend the action of the Liberal leaders who have foregone high party places to enter the Union. The credit this time is to the big men of both parties, and must not all be placed in one spot. Those cabinet men who have relinquished office in favor of the new men—all those who have lowered the sullied banner of partyism and run up the clean flag of Canada, true patriotism and service—are deserving of the good respect and honor of the Canadian people. But for those who still place party first, if such there be, let the next and future ballots spell political oblivion. In Union is strength. The personnel of the new Cabinet reveals a real union of forces. It surely seems strength. A big task confronts the Ministry, a task which will try the Union and measure the calibre of Canada's

biggest men. Every Canadian, Grit or Tory, true to Canada hopes the men will each and all measure up thirty-six inches to the yard and sixteen ounces to the pound. There are those who believe that the new Canadian Cabinet presents the strongest line-up since Confederation. It should, for the work on hand is the biggest job that Canada's political leaders have faced since the birth of the nation. Action is necessary. There is a feeling of unrest in the country which must be dispelled. Political favoritism, graft, patronage, inefficiency, and inaction, due largely to the devious methods of politicians who played politics on both sides of the House, must be replaced by straightforward, clean, efficient Government which gets things done. The Union Government takes the reins in strenuous times. If it brings Canada through gloriously to it be the credit, but it behooves all Canadians to be patient and each must do his part. A Government is generally very much like the people represented. Do not forget that. You are part of your Government. If Canada's business life is full of selfishness, graft and red tape, how can the Government be different? The House at Ottawa is being set in order. Partyism has been chased out; and, in sympathy with their parent, we hope that Graft, Political Pull, Red Tape, Inefficiency and Inaction have all gone along for good. Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues have chased the cause of all the trouble. Have you? There is an election coming. Be sure you are represented by a win-the-war candidate and, if you are a farmer, by a man who is big enough and knows enough of the farmer's problem and its relation to national problems to stand up for the rights of the common people and the man on the land. We have Union Government. The next reform asked is that constituencies are fairly represented. Let towns elect town men—lawyers, business men, etc., but let farming constituencies elect farmers. At any rate elect men who will oppose any advances of the privileged interests and who will back up the cabinet in straightforward government.

Easy Work.

Under the attractive heading "Modern Machinery Puts Farm Work in Light Labor Class," and sub-headed, "Men Who Can Only Stand Easy Work Sent to Farms," a leading Ontario daily recently gave publicity to an interview with the head of the Government Employment Bureau in a Western Ontario city.

A young man applied at the Bureau, so the story goes, wishing to procure light labor owing to his inability to stand heavy work. He had a wife and family and had to get work immediately, but explained that his health was bad and he could only take on a light job. The quoted answer of the man in charge of the Bureau follows: "The farm is the place for you. It's all easy work now and the working day is only nine hours." After some persuasion, so the account reads, the Bureau man convinced the rather skeptical applicant that farming was an easy job and just the place for men looking for easy, remunerative and congenial work.

We are rather surprised that one so sure that farming was so absolutely devoid of hard labor even condescended to call it "work" at all. According to some of the reports handed out by officials in charge of labor bureaux and at the head of movements for placing men on farms, the farm is fast becoming a go-easy summer resort six months in the year, and a first-class health resort for the other six, with just enough exercise to maintain a good-sized appetite and keep the circulation from growing sluggish. Yes, modern machinery lightens labor; it does much of the work formerly done by hand, but there is still enough of real hard work in farming to keep it out of the "Light Labor Class." We know the hours of daylight grow shorter at this season of the year, but we do not see that this should