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Back To The Farm

The high cost of living and excessive prices of food stuff continue to attract the attention of the public in general. It is a topic which interests all classes, and our leaders in economic legislation are looking for a solution of the problem. While the producer and the middle man each claim an exorbitant share of profit, the consumers hand goes deep into his pocket to pay the bill. The only logical conclusion is that the demand exceeds the supply, consequently "Back to the Farm" is the urgent necessity. But if the farmer is convinced that he is not getting the value of his labors it will be very difficult to get younger men to heed the call. The problem of the farmer then is the first problem to be solved. How is he to make his labor yield fair prices? The answer is by giving greater heed to system in his methods of farming and by some organization in his methods of marketing his products. The scheme of co-operation is coming more and more into vogue among farmers in some districts and with good results. In his methods of farming the average farmer is also making advancement. Research work and object teaching on the part of our schools of agriculture have been of great benefit and are encouraging the farmer to study out his own individual problems. Farming is coming to be recognized as one of the sciences of professions. More and more is the farmer realizing his own value and the dignity of his occupation as tiller of the soil. The present agitation has tended to intensify the feeling that he is not merely a necessity in political economies but that as a class they are the "Lords of the Land." All through this country we have first class farm lands and also far too many neglected and forsaken farms. Let our young men take hold of these and in our intelligent way cultivate them. The result will be that demands will be in a larger measure supplied and they themselves greatly benefited both physically and financially. Yes; let it be Back to the Farm."

Booming New Brunswick.

(Canadian Courier)

Down in New Brunswick there is a boom in the air. Especially does the city of St. John feel growing pains. President T. H. Eatabrooks, of the Board of Trade contributed a very interesting suggestion for the city's advertising campaign the other day. The chief of the tradesmen would open wide the gates of St. John the first week in March, and hospitably beckon all the newspaper editors of New Brunswick within the walls to discuss certain matters. The problems of St. John would not be the only thing on the programme. The dozens of other cities towns and villages of the province have interests in common with St. John. Mr. Eatabrooks, who knows the situation well thinks that a representative gathering of New Brunswick newspapermen could afford excellent advice to secure a municipal unity of purpose for the whole province.

"The first meeting is in St. John. We hope to attend. Will you call on its Council or by a representative of Trade back us in St. George and its near neighbors. It is counted in the little but like a big thing. It is a gain. It is a opportunity."

the land tax of New Zealand, what it is, its distinctive characteristics and what it does. A synopsis of the tax law is as follows:—

1.—All improvements on real estate are exempt from taxation.

2.—Where the valuation of land assessed to any individual, does not exceed \$7,500 a further exemption of \$2,500 is allowed. This later exemption is gradually reduced, as value increases, and ceases entirely when a valuation of \$10,500 is reached, and is not allowed at all to non-residents.

3.—The amount of mortgage against a tract of land is deducted from the assessed valuation, and is assessed to the holder of the mortgage at its full cash value, and taxed the same as real estate.

4.—The ordinary rate of taxation on land is one penny on the pound sterling, or about one cent on \$2.42.

5.—A Graduated Land tax begins when the valuation of land assessed to any individual reaches \$25,000 and rises by steps of one fourth of a cent, until a taxation rate of four cents per \$5 is reached, when the valuation reaches \$1,000,000 or more. Twenty per cent, is added to this graduated tax on lands owned by non-residents.

The keynotes of this system are:

1.—To allow the common people access to the land for use and cultivation.

2.—To prevent speculation from reaping the benefits of increased land values, which have been created by the industry of neighboring farmers.

3.—To tax the farmer for what he owns not for his industry.

4.—To tax the money-lender for his mortgage, the farmer for his farm.

The system has been in operation ten years, with the following results:—

1.—It has caused the transfer of vast tracts of land from the hands of speculators to that of active farmers.

2.—It has made the people a home owning instead of a homeless people.

3.—It has put thousands of families on landed homes of their own.

4.—It has relieved the congested labor market of the big cities.

5.—It has increased the productiveness of the country, and driven hunger and want from the land.

6.—It has improved and strengthened the civic pride of the people.

7.—It has put a premium on industry, and a discount on idle speculation.

8.—It has made New Zealand the most progressive and prosperous country on earth.

9.—It has driven financial panics from the country.

10.—It has settled the great question of capital and labor.

11.—It has put humanity first, money second.

12.—It has taken the reins of Government from capitalists, and given them to the industrious people.

BY THE WAY

Were you stung?

Good bye Hockey.

The lumbermen report a very light cut on the Magaguadavic.

Read the town accounts carefully. Would it not be a step backward to abolish incorporation?

You never know a woman better than when you first meet her, at the second meeting she has already built her fortifications.

A prominent city official said he would rather be damned for doing something than for doing nothing. Some of us get the same dose for doing either.

If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse trap than his neighbor, the world will make a beaten path to his door.

When you are away from people you can realize their good points indeed, their true character apart from the little rubs and strains which must occur in everyday life.

A traveller stopped at a hotel in Greenland where the nights are six months long, and as he was registering, asked this question of the clerk: "What time do you have breakfast?" "From half past March to a quarter to May," was the reply.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. S. J. Poole, Pennfield, Centre, wishes to express her grateful acknowledgements to all the kind friends who rendered their sympathy in so many useful ways at the time of her late bereavement.

Nestorians Trim St. Stephen

Doubling the score made by their opponents, the St. Stephen High School, the Nestorians again skated off the ice on Saturday morning victors for four consecutive games. The game was a fast one from start to finish both teams showing up well, although the local septette had decidedly the better of the argument in the second half. The ice was fairly hard but had to be fenced off on account of a piece of bad ice. From the first toot of the whistle the rubber went into St. George territory and the St. Stephen boys set a fast pace. After eight minutes play Ensor fooled Dadds on a shot at close quarters and St. Stephen jumped into the lead which lasted throughout the remainder of the first period. Chisholm and McNeil both shot several times but St. George defended well. The first half ended with St. Stephen honors. Score 1—0. Shortly after the beginning of the second half the Nestorians displayed a nice piece of combination; the forward line went down the ice and E. Johnson passed to Stewart who beat out Leeman for the first score. Score 1—1. In exactly the same manner, E. Johnson again started a rush, the St. George forwards passing perfectly, and Hibbard netted the puck putting St. George ahead for the first time. Score 2—1. From the face off the puck went to the St. Stephen end of the rink and Watt shoved the next one in from a mix up. Score 3—1. St. Stephen braced up at this point and played hard to win but St. George was playing too fast for them. Dadds was called upon to spoil some good shots and guarded his net well. A Johnson came into the limelight at this point and got the glad hand from the crowd by a nice run and perfect shot, notching one more for St. George. Score 4—1. The game slowed down toward the end, both teams feeling the pace. From a mixing in front of the Red and White goal McNeil poked one by Dadds making the final score of the game, which ended in St. Stephen's victory with a score of 4—2 in favor of the locals. Chisholm played the best game for St. Stephen coming into prominence time and again by his end to end rushes. The St. George boys all played well. The line was up as follows:

St. Stephen	St. George
G.—R. Leeman	R. Dadds
P.—J. Connell	A. Dewar
C.—B. MacInch	J. Watt
R.—F. Ensor	A. Johnson
C.—A. Densmore	F. Hibbard
L.—G. McNeil	H. Stewart
R.—A. Chisholm	E. Johnson

Referee—V. Young.
Goal judges—Parks and O'Neill.

Canada's Revenue Smashed The Record.

The Customs revenue for the first eleven months of the fiscal year which closed Feb. 28th totalled \$54,081,937. These figures establish a new record, as they are half a million dollars in excess of a like period in 1907, the banner year to date. The total gain for the eleven months as compared with the same period last year has been \$11,461,228.

If the present rate of increase is continued during March the Customs revenues for the year will exceed sixty million dollars. For February alone, the increase was \$1,071,176, the total for the month being \$5,174,824.

Funeral of Hugh McLeod.

The funeral of the late Hugh McLeod was held on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence. The funeral was largely attended showing how highly esteemed the deceased was as a citizen.

The services were conducted at the residence and grave by the Rev. E. V. Buchanan.

DIED

At Milltown, Feb. 26, Mary A. Pinedo, aged 68 years.

At Calais, Feb. 28, Sarah A. Dinsmore, aged 77 years, 1 month.

At St. George, March 7, Myra L. Plude, aged 33 years.

"The Store of Values"

NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR SUIT For Easter !

Our stock of Tweeds, Worsteds, etc., is about complete, and we can show you the latest styles in colorings, etc., for spring.

SUITS FROM	\$17.00	TO	\$28.00
COATS	"	15.00	" 25.00
PANTS	"	4.00	" 8.00

Come in and look them over whether you buy or not; it will pay you to see them.

We have a few lots of Heavy Winter Shirts left, that were selling for 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25; while they last will go for 49 cents.

HANSON BROS., St. George Merchant Tailors and Outfitters

Wall Paper ! Wall Paper !

A new stock just opened and now ready for your inspection.

Every roll of Paper in this store is new. Not one old roll left over; so here you will see new patterns only.

Neat Patterns for every room in the house.

Don't wait until the better patterns are picked over, but come now and make your selection while we have the range of patterns.

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