

## Ontario Farmers' Prosperity Menaced

### Means Heavy Loss in York County and Elsewhere

### By Alarming Scarcity of Available Men

All Rural Districts Offer High Prices for Help With No Hope of Securing Services of Men—West Absorbing All New Settlers and Many From This Section of Canada—Situation So Serious That Markham Township Offers to Utilize Four Hundred Farm Workers in Excess of Present Supply—Federal and Provincial Governments Appealed to, With No Hope of Adequate Relief.

Ontario agriculturists are confronted with a farm-hand famine of the most serious character. It is not merely the annual complaint of difficulty in securing desirable farm help. It has assumed much more alarming proportions. The season for active operations on the farms of Ontario has opened and labor cannot be secured for the most indispensable work. In York County alone, it is estimated that 400 farm hands must be secured in excess of those present within 30 days to prevent heavy losses. Around Newmarket 200 men, capable of turning a furrow and doing the most ordinary farm work, are required for immediate service. Conservative farmers estimate the shortage in each county at 500.

**FARMERS' APPEAL IN VAIN.**  
The farmers say they have appealed to both Provincial and Federal governments, and no adequate relief can be secured, nor even promised. In fact, no hope is held out to them. As fast as new settlers reach Canada, they are rushed to the Northwest.

To add to the seriousness of the situation, the trains out of Toronto for the Canadian Northwest yesterday were crowded with farmers' sons and farm laborers, en route to the farming lands of the remote sections. York County farmers offer \$20 monthly, board and permanent employment for nine months of the year to men. The hope of "cheap homes for all" is the alluring inducement that causes the desirable laborers to pass these enticing offers by for the great West. York County farmers admit they are really in desperate need of help. They admit that they cannot see a shadow of hope in the situation. They say thousands of acres of the richest soil in all Canada must remain uncultivated this season to their heavy loss.

What is even more alarming is that the future holds no promise of an improved farm labor market in Ontario. Their cry is: "What is to be done?"

**More Men, They Cry.**  
"Men, men everywhere, but not a single one for me," is the burden of the Ontario farmer's song. He reads in his newspaper that there are over 2400 farm laborers on the ocean who are bound for Canada. Thinking that he may be able to get one of the multitude to help him on his farm, he writes to the Ontario Immigration Department only to find that the bulk of the immigrants have passed their time on the prairies of the Northwest, and he has to wait his turn in getting a chance to enter the few who remain in this province. Farm operations commence in a week or a fortnight, and farmers are becoming feverish in their desire to get help.

**Has 300 Applications.**  
Mr. Perce, at present located on his desk 300 applications from farmers wanting men. He can do practically nothing but sit them away. In his thirty years' experience he has known nothing to approach the present situation. He is willing to pay \$20 to \$25 for men, besides giving them board, washing and fuel. Boys can get \$15. When letters but no effect, a personal visit is thought to be more effective.

Yesterday thirty farmers crowded into Mr. Perce's office and started for help. **It Isn't Fair.**  
Nothing could be done for them, and no solution of the difficulty is in sight. They are becoming desperate. The Dominion did not ask for help. The farmers are willing to pay \$20 to \$25 for men, besides giving them board, washing and fuel. Boys can get \$15. When letters but no effect, a personal visit is thought to be more effective.

is a subject of dispute. Some hold that the Dominion is to blame, others to the contrary. The fact remains that the farmers are in a desperate straits.

**Single Men Demanded.**  
The cry is for single men. As a rule, there are no married men on the Ontario farms for families of the laborers. The news of the guaranteeing of the Colonization, with 600 farm laborers for Ontario on board, was received with deep gloom. One man on the vessel exhibited symptoms of smallpox twenty-four hours before the ship came to land, with a result that all on board will probably be held for three weeks, just at Canada's "growing season."

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One explanation for the rush thru to the West is offered: that farm operations commence from two to three weeks earlier in Manitoba than in Ontario.

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Amongst those who called on Mr. Perce yesterday was Mr. J. A. Evans of Newmarket. He said that he had received 3000 men in the County of York. Twenty men are being sent away immediately to the school section. He spent the morning with the farmers, and many were taking with them their fathers, mothers, wives and children. He was further told that twenty men were there from the old man who white head protested against the transfer of his family to the West. He was sick at a bottle.

**But West Gets 'em.**  
The need of men is felt so keenly, three trains of eight full cars each left Toronto for the prairie provinces. Young men, with their families, are being sent to the West. The farmers are willing to pay \$20 to \$25 for men, besides giving them board, washing and fuel. Boys can get \$15. When letters but no effect, a personal visit is thought to be more effective.

**Persistence of Chinamen.**  
A Chinaman, with the unobtrusiveness of his race, was standing near the door of the office, and was looking at the farmers. He was keeping a jealous eye on his two bundles. He was diplomatic enough to refrain from further remarks, but he was smiling at the farmers. He was smiling at the farmers. He was smiling at the farmers.

**Failure to Protect Canadian Cattle.**  
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listened to with marked attention. He testified to the hardship to shippers by reason of the embargo. He suggested that the government should have the time limit past which Canadian cattle could not be kept alive, extended ten days, making twenty days in all. This would mean a saving of ten millions to the people of Canada. Very often when the cattle were killed they were sold at a low price.

Another point he called the attention of the government to was the fact that at the cattle markets in London and Montreal, American cattle were being sold at a higher price than Canadian cattle. Would it not lessen the chances of getting the embargo removed to allow United States cattle to be sold in Canada? He suggested that the government should consider this point.

**Suggests a Remedy.**  
He was in favor of putting a quarantine on United States cattle if that would remove the embargo. He would not complain against the government, but so far its acts had been far from satisfactory. He believed Canada's representative should be given the right to British with confidence and ask for what the Canadian people wanted. The government should be held responsible.

**How to Get Buildings.**  
W. H. Bennett, M. P., following up the lead of Mr. Brock, M. P., made exception to a vote of \$100,000 for the buildings at L'Assomption. The fact was that the village had been kept up by the government. He wanted to know on what principle the government proposed to go on in this way. He suggested that the government should consider this point.

**No More Monuments.**  
Mr. Maclean, speaking of public buildings in large cities, contended that all buildings henceforth should be built as business buildings, not as monuments. A building should be put up, adapted to the purposes required. He instanced the customs house in Toronto. That was a good type of building, but it was not convenient as a business building. He thought the government should consider this point.

**Strike of Lake Pilots.**  
Cleveland, March 24.—An order was sent out to-day to all the members of the American Association of Masters and Pilots requesting them not to report for duty until a settlement is reached with the Lake Carriers' Association. It is claimed that upwards of 80 per cent. of licensed men on the lakes are members of the association, and not one of the men will start to work until the question of wages, and conditions is settled.

**Proposed Bridge at Foot of Yonge Street.**  
The proposed bridge at the foot of Yonge Street, between Lake Street and Harbor Street, is being built by the City of Toronto. The bridge will be a steel truss bridge, and will be 100 feet long. It will be built on the site of the old bridge, and will be a permanent structure. The bridge will be built by the City of Toronto, and will be a permanent structure.

**Band of Willing Workers.**  
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Montreal, Que., March 24.—The annual New Ontario invasion arrived here today. The deputation consisted of D. F. Burke, W. F. Fortune, W. C. Doble, W. H. Nelson, Robert Hamer, Neil McDougall and Mayor Chavet of Port Arthur, Peter McKellar, T. Stuart, E. J. Rochon, and James Murphy of Port William, and James S. Dobbie of Bruce Mines.

**Democracy Voted Solid.**  
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**Handy-Men's Encouragement.**  
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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

## PROMISES ARMY SCANDAL

Major-General Sir Hector MacDonald Must Face Court-Martial on Serious Charge.

Has Distinguished Record for Services and Carries Many Medals.

Colombo, Ceylon, March 24.—Charges of the most serious nature have been brought against Major-General Sir Hector MacDonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon. In consequence the Governor of that island, Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, has been authorized to convene a court-martial to try General MacDonald.

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**When Story Looked Out.**  
While the army officials and many of his senior officers were aware that charges were pending against General MacDonald, no intimation of their nature looked out until the dinner of the officers of a Highland regiment, which took place at the hotel where General MacDonald was staying.

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## LABOR UNIONS ARE TRUSTS

### And Strikes a Feature of Civilization Necessary to Social Evolution.

ASSERTS PRESIDENT JOHN MITCHELL

Huntington, W. Va., March 24.—Coal operators, miners, laborers, professional men, bankers and business men, to the number of more than 2000, crowded in front of a local hotel here to-day to listen to an open-air address by President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, on the subject of "Strikes as a Feature of Civilization."

"I am not an advocate of strikes, but there are times when they are necessary to clinch the argument of truth in the interests of the laboring people of this country."

"Strikes are a feature of civilization, and they are merely a means to an end in the great social evolution that is now confronting the people."

"Barbarous countries and states have no strikes; they are unknown there. We want a better understanding between employer and employee, and we come with offerings of peace."

"The labor unions are trusts, just like your doctors' trust, the ministers' trust and the money trust, only we call these associations and corporations, while we style ourselves unions."

**CANADIAN NORTHERN DE L.**  
Mackenzie and Mann in Montreal to Complete Transaction.  
Montreal, March 24.—(Special.)—Messrs. Mackenzie and D. D. Mann were here to-day to consult with the Great Northern people, and it is understood that the final conference will be held to-morrow. It is believed that the deal consists of the Canadian Northern securing one-third of the stock and favorable running arrangements.

**Sale of Building Lots.**  
Suckling & Co. will sell by auction on April 7 the well-known property of "Tannery Hollow," which is exceptionally well situated for manufacturing purposes within five minutes walk from the C.P.R. station and is a desirable site for a large factory.

**Valuable Advice to Mothers.**  
If your child comes in from play coughing or showing evidence of an attack of whooping cough, or if it is sick, or if it is tired, or if it is hungry, or if it is thirsty, or if it is cold, or if it is hot, or if it is wet, or if it is dry, or if it is anything else, give it a bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.