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Give The Farmers A Chance.

The other day one of our out-of-town exchanges exclaimed that the limit had at last been reached in the matter of city advice to farmers. It accused one of our evening contemporaries of having, owing to the rising demand for honey, advised that every farmer should keep a bee.

From different directions, we gather that farmers have already had about all the advice they feel in need of. That well-known ex-journalist from Toronto who has gone farming in order to use his own advice, and who writes in the Weekly Sun over the initials W. L. S. from Cedar Crescent Farm, Clarke Township, likens the Ontario farmers to Job. He doubts whether Job with all his worries had anything on the Ontario farmer of to-day, and goes on:

Daily and nightly the hoarse foghorn of the morning and evening press, the shrieking sirens of the pulp and the howling dervishes at Ottawa and Toronto call on the soil tillers of Ontario to produce food and yet more food, in order to save the Empire. With every passing of the rural mail carrier there is showered upon him, bulletins, leaflets and ponderous tomes, telling him of the urgency of cultivation, the imperative need of fertilization, the overwhelming importance of combatting the insect and fungus enemies. The heavens are darkened with the volume of print from all quarters showered upon Job's parallel; every billboard in town and village shouts its message in his devoted ear. The din stuns him by day; at night, as he awakens from a hideous nightmare, in imagination he sees at the foot of the bed a ghostly visitant, with bony finger pointed toward him and a sepulchral voice echoing the cry, "Produce, produce."

There is a deluge of advice to farmers it is true, but maybe he is not taking much of it, but going ahead with his own ideas. All this effort to urge the farmer to produce must annoy him the more because he knows better than any outsider can tell him that this is about the best time to "produce, produce", that he ever saw or is ever likely to see. He knows that he will get war prices for all he can sell and he is good and willing to produce and sell without being yelled at.

Desperate efforts are being made to get the farmer to do that which he is desperately trying to do, and which the great law of self-preservation is compelling him to do, and which every ounce of self-interest is constraining him to do. The farmer already has more advice than

he can use in his business. What he needs is somebody who knows how to unharness a horse at night without undoing every buckle and hanging up each strap separately on the wall.

Court Of Revision.

TOWNSHIP OF CARRICK

Notice is hereby given that the Carrick Council will sit as a Court of Revision in the Town Hall, Mildmay, on Monday May 27th, at ten o'clock a. m., when, appeals against the assessment will be considered. J. A. JOHNSTONE Clerk.

Shot Himself.

Wilfred Henry Moffat, a young Greenock farmer, who had been assisting his father, Mr. Wm. H. Moffat on the latter's farm near Pinkerton, shot himself through the temple with a revolver in a bush near his home on Friday morning last, and was dead when found some hours later. A neighbor, Mr. Adam Foreman, while working in a field heard two shots fired in rapid succession in a bush nearby, shortly before noon on Friday, but, thinking it was somebody shooting at birds, paid no particular heed to the affair. Hearing later in the day that young Moffat hadn't turned up for dinner, nor been home since early that morning, he recalled at once the shooting he had heard, and on a search being made of the bush where the shots were fired, the body of the unfortunate young man was found with a revolver lying nearby and a bullet hole in the side of the head. Judging from the nature of the wound, death was doubtless instantaneous. The tragedy has cast a veil of gloom over the community where the family are well-known and highly esteemed. The deceased was the sole male assistant of his father on the farm.

The Maddest Man in Town.

We met the maddest man in town on Monday afternoon. He came down off Princess street with his hair standing on end so firmly that his hat (which was a stiff one) seemed to be about a foot above his head, his teeth were set, and he had blood in his eye. We cautiously approached him and asked what the trouble was? He informed us that he had just completed his garden which he intended entering in the garden compe-

tion, and on looking out of the window saw two stray dogs tearing his labors and seed to pieces like a pair of scuteching machines. We tried to cool him off a bit by telling him that it would not likely occur again. He has offered to put up a barrel of flour if any person can show him any use for a dog in the town of Kincairdine, or if there is any justification for allowing your dog to become a nuisance to your neighbor. Here is a good chance for some good reasoner with persuasive powers to win a barrel of flour.—Kincairdine Review.

The Call for Men.

The order calling out all the fit men from twenty to twenty-two will incur great hardship in many homes. In some cases it leaves only a woman on the farm in others only an old man and an old woman. This has been pointed out to the Government but the only reply is men are needed even more than food.

There are those who say "Let the United States send its men; Canada has done her share."

Evidently the view taken by the military authorities is that not only all the men that the United States can send are needed but all that Canada and Australia can send are needed too. We may be sure that no government would issue such an unpopular order if it were not absolutely necessary.

Orders as drastic and heartless as this were issued in Germany, as soon as war broke out; and whatever else may be said of the Germans, we must admit that they have all along been more business-like in their conduct of the war than the British have been. Had they not made far better use of their resources of men and food than the British did they would have been beaten long ago.

To those who find fault with the government for calling out the men it is well to put the questions: "What is your plan? How would you get men? Are you willing to quit and lie down to the Germans?"

The evident aim of the Allied generals is to have at their disposal an immense army of good men with which to smash what is left of the German armies after the present drive has spent itself. With an overwhelming army at their command the Allies will then be able to dictate the terms of peace, and all will agree that, that is the only right way to end the war.

Registration Under Man Power Act.

To the Editor:—

The Canada Registration Board has been created for the purpose of carrying out the registration of the man and woman power of Canada in order that the information so obtained may be utilized to proceed intelligently with the mobilization of the entire resources towards the successful prosecution of the war. Data of military value will be secured, but the main purpose to be served by this Census of all males and females in Canada of 16 years of age and over will undoubtedly be the better distribution of agricultural and industrial labour to the end of securing the maximum results from the productive labor of the Canadian people, especially as regards the essentials of war.

Registration Day:—

Registration Day will be on a Saturday in June, and will give every Canadian affected by the law an opportunity to perform his duty as a patriotic citizen. Registrars are appointed for every federal constituency; these in turn will appoint deputy registrars and assistant deputy registrars in sufficient number to register the entire population. Registration booths will be opened in all of the polling subdivisions in conveniently situated places, such as schools, halls etc. Each person who registers will be given a certificate of registration.

Volunteer Assistance:—

In order to facilitate this large task of registration, Councils, School Boards, Boards of Trade, Fraternal organizations, Red Cross and Patriotic Societies, are invited to assist the registration officials in every possible manner, by providing free of charge suitable buildings such as school houses, halls, etc., and by furnishing volunteer helpers who may assign their remuneration to the Red Cross or patriotic society if desired. The registration booths will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., hence the necessity of providing lighting facilities for the registration places.

Registration a National Duty:—

While none registration entails many penalties of the most serious character, it is expected the Canadian people will look upon registration as a personal national duty, to be performed, not out of a sense of compulsion, but rather in a spirit of pure patriotism, and as an act of encouragement to our gallant overseas defenders.

The few minutes required for registration, or one day's pay for services rendered donated by the willing workers, will be a small sacrifice indeed, compared to those now being made by Canadian manhood in the forefront of the battle line.

For the purpose of registration the South Riding of the County of Bruce in the Dominion House through its municipalities, has been divided into the usual polling subdivisions, with a registration booth in each poll at some school house or public hall, etc. Each polling subdivision will be in charge of a deputy registrar, with assistants under him to look after the work. These assistants in most cases will offer their services from patriotic motives.

This constitutes a registration district. I have been honoured with the charge of Registrar for South Bruce, a charge I felt I could accept with the confident expectation that all good citizens of this Riding would co-operate in order to render the task less onerous and to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Education Necessary:—

It is particularly desirable that clergymen of all denominations, school teachers, employers, members of council and all others who by reason of their position in life have influence, should make known the requirements and the purpose of registration, in order that no false conception of its import may gain ground, or impair its success.

The Call and the Response:—

The people of the County of Bruce responded nobly to the urgent demands of the war, large numbers of our best young manhood have left and are still leaving for the front. They may be found in all parts of the army service. Many have made the supreme sacrifice, others have been wounded or invalidated by sick, all to the immortal renown of Canada. Shall we be less generous in showing our loyalty to the great cause, by simply placing ourselves on record as a united people, on behalf of our own flesh and blood who are battling overseas for what we at home boundedly enjoy.

Let our message from this Riding on Registration Day be one of sympathy and steadfast purpose to our soldier boys. In common with the rest of Canada let our answer to the calls of the Registration Board be the voice of a united people, conscious of the justice of its cause, and animated by a spirit to do all in its power to help that cause.

Geo. D. McKay.

The village council of Teeswater has passed an early closing by-law which provides also for closing of business places Monday afternoons in May, June July and August.

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Sausages Getting Smaller.

The Owen Sound Advertiser is authority for the following which happened in a Canadian city. A woman went into a butcher shop to buy some sausages. She was told that if she could provide paper to wrap it in, she could have one. She produced an old street car transfer slip, wrapped up her purchase and started home. When she reached home she found that the sausage was gone. It had slipped out through the hole punched by the conductor.

Puff Pastry Illegal.

The following productions, in which sugar is the principal constituent, are now prohibited of manufacture: French or puff pastry; doughnuts or crullers; Scotch shortbread; cakes macaroons or like products, with more than 50% cane sugar; home made candy, marshmallow with more than 33% sugar; cakes or biscuits iced or filled with sugar products. A fine of from \$100 to \$1,000, or imprisonment up to three months, or both, are the penalties for the infraction of these sugar regulations, fines to be paid to the Municipal or Provincial authorities, which ever may institute the proceedings. Excess holdings are liable to seizure after May 15th.

One of the tragedies of the day is an old home where the children have passed out and only the old people are left. In some cases it was built or extended to accommodate a multiplying family, the grounds and garden were spacious and easily kept in good shape by those who were continually growing up to help the father, and often the mother, in keeping the lawn nice and the garden well cultivated. But time went on and one

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by one the children passed out to homes of their own, only the old folks were left and they unable to do the work necessary in keeping the place in order. The home is dear to them because of old associations' sake—none other will ever be quite the same. They hate to move and yet long for a quiet place, free from the constant exactions of the homestead. Its hard, very hard, but its the way of the world. Yet one sympathizes with the old people. What a pity it is that young people when they move out have to get so far away from the old home that when they visit it they appear little more than strangers.

J. W. Hunt, tile manufacturer, Holstein, is having to discontinue business, his two sons who were his assistants having been called up under the Military Service Act.