

TOWN ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

Address given at the Board of Trade.

The object in forming the Agricultural Committee of the Board of Trade is to assist in directing the effort of the citizens of the Town of Kentville along the line of greatest agricultural production. That our resources should be fully made use of is apparent, and without a doubt organization, no matter how imperfect, will be an aid in bringing about a full utilization of our energies.

The aim present is to offer a few suggestions as to how our resources may be organized. It is for this Board to aid the committee by giving such as may lead to an efficient organization.

Production effort may quite properly be divided into two classes, that confined to small areas within the town, and that on farm areas which, for the most part, are outside the town.

It should be recognized that production on farm areas is of far greater consequence than that on small lots in our towns.

That our first duty is to furnish all the labour possible for work on the farm, where maximum production cost is possible.

Production within the town should be carried on by the energy available after the want of business have been satisfied. Production within the town to take labour that should go to the country is not advisable. Hence the necessity for exercising the greatest care in avoiding the employment on small town lots of men or horses that could be used to better advantage on larger areas.

Horse and man labour for town production should be that which it is possible to release from time to time from the necessary town occupation and which, owing to its temporary and uncertain character, could not be employed on farm areas.

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With the above thought, clearly in mind, labour in our town may be classified as follows:

1st—That available for working the farm.

2nd—That available for working the home garden.

3rd—That available for working the procurable town lots.

4th—That available for putting in areas of wheat or procurable farm lands.

In an endeavour to obtain information we must recognize the fact that it is entirely up to the individual to decide into which group he can serve best.

It is a time when the Patriotic trend of our citizens will be clearly set forth. He cannot, however, very well get out of being enrolled in one of these classes.

First group—The ones in this class may agree to give one or more days work a week when most needed, or give up their holidays to necessary farm work. They may give their horse or horses, the town people being content to employ such horse help on days unfit for farm work.

Second group—These will work out their own problems without the necessity of much, if any, organization, except as may be advisable for securing seed, fertilizer and possibly preparation tillage.

Third group—These may require assistance in getting land, preparation of it, securing seed and fertilizers, thus making it impossible for those without land to escape production service.

Fourth group—This naturally comprises the business and professional men who can give their horses and help for the development of additional wheat areas for which purpose, if need be, business may be temporarily suspended.

The boy and girl help can be used to best advantage in groups 2 and 3. In some cases particularly the older boys may be of service on farm lands.

But on the whole here is where boys and girls give service.

The physically fit labour in addition to giving assistance in groups 2 and 3, should be able to help in group 1. The small garden area should not constitute the limit of his service.

It will be seen, therefore, that a man may be able to give service in all four groups.

The object of the grouping, however, is to make impossible the escape of any from some form of productively service.

It is difficult to say how the above information should be secured. From reports in the press it would seem that an effort is to be made to determine possible labour available working on land, also the National Committee on food resources are seeking information as to householders in the town and country districts.

Whether it is possible to coordinate effort so that all information required may be secured at the one time, I am not prepared to say, but certainly such would seem desirable. It would seem wise to have a full discussion on this point, and that the Committee be given an opportunity to later determine how best to secure the information.

It is possible that to divide the town into sections, and make a personal canvass will be the best means of securing full and definite information.

W. S. BLAIR.

Our local contemporaries, The Sun, and The Citizen, announce that Mr. W. B. Foster, a man of experience, has been appointed editor-in-chief of these papers.

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BOUNDING UP MEN ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT.

Over Fifteen Hundred Have Failed To Report and They Will Be Sought Out—How to Avoid Arrest or Detention.

(Morning Chronicle)

The apprehension of absentees under the Military Service Act is being actively proceeded with in the City, and many men eligible for the first draft are reporting voluntarily. Action has also been taken for apprehension of those in other parts of the Province, officers being sent out to round them up.

The Department of Justice has figures showing that over 1,500 eligible men have failed to report, and they will be all sought out. There are 5,000 or 6,000 men here from other parts of Canada engaged in relief and railway construction work and the lists thereof are being combed for eligibles who have failed to report. The men when apprehended are turned over at the Armouries to Lieut-Col Flowers to be dealt with, and the 1st Depot Battalion is now growing daily in strength.

What To Do.

With respect to the protection that men of military age should have if they desire to avoid the inconvenience and military police under the Military Service Act. The Chronicle yesterday was informed by the local authorities of the Justice Department of the following:

1. If a man in Class One is in possession of a Postmaster's receipt furnished him when he applied at the Post office in October or November last he will not be molested. No other documents will answer.

2. If a man is not in Class One, and might be taken to be in that Class, because of his age, he should carry with him birth certificate showing that he is less than 20 years of age or born before January 1st, 1883 or is a married man. It is best for all men who fear apprehension to be provided with one of these documents so that he can avoid trouble.

The regulations provide that men may be arrested anywhere by any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, police officer or constable and questioned as to his name, occupation, place of employment, abode, date, place of birth and any other matters, to show whether or not he is within the Class called out, and the man shall if required produce his certificate or such evidence as may be in possession, showing that he has reported, or not at the time liable for service. If he refuses to answer or answers untruthfully, he may be detained and taken before a Justice of the Peace or punishment. Heavy penalties are imposed for non-compliance with the regulations, which also provide heavy penalties for anyone who employs or retains in his service any man who has not registered at the Post Office.

It is on these regulations and others that the constables are authorized in invading the premises where men are employed and investigating the military situation.

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FRIENDS THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE.

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" Conquered Dyspepsia and Restored His Health.



MR. ROBERT NEWTON.

"I was a terrible sufferer from Dyspepsia and Constipation for years. I had faint after eating, belching gas, constant headaches, and did not sleep well at night. I lost so much weight—going from 185 pounds to 146 pounds—that I became alarmed and saw several doctors, who, however, did me no good. Finally, a friend told me to try 'Fruit-A-Tives'."

In a week, there was improvement. The constipation was corrected; and soon I was free of pain, headaches and that miserable feeling that accompanies Dyspepsia. I continued to take this pleasant fruit medicine and now I am well, strong and vigorous."

ROBERT NEWTON, 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.00, machine 25c. At all dealers 67 cent postage on receipt of price by Fruit-A-Tives Limited, Ottawa.

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WHERE A DAY IS FOUR DAYS LONG.



Picture taken 12.15 a.m., June 22nd, from White Pass and Yukon route steamer "Cascon" on Yukon River at Fort Yukon.

In Alaska there is a time when a day is four days long. From the 19th to 22nd of June, inclusive, the sun does not set. It is because of this that the vast country on the northwest of the American continent is called "The Land of the Midnight Sun." It fills one with strange thrills to be in the midst of an open country at midnight and then behold the old 24-hour clock at you with a speed that seems just above the horizon.

First of all, to visit Alaska is an invitation to the tourist to visit the "Midnight Sun" go there annually. Transportation facilities are convenient. Some travel thousands of miles to Alaska, but the interesting part of the journey, the endless beauty of mountains, river, lake, waterfall, forest and glacier scenery, compensate well for the journey. On many of the plains and valleys the vegetation is rich, and excellent crops are raised.

The Yukon, along the Pacific coast from Vancouver to Skagway is delightful. The Canadian Pacific runs an excellent service of passenger coaches on this route. Last summer I took the trip. A White Pass and Yukon Route train brought me from Skagway to the town of White Horse on the Yukon River. There I boarded the steamer "Cascon" and took a trip into the heart of the country.

There were about fifty tourists on the boat. It was the height of June, and we were all participating in the experience of seeing the sun at midnight. Nearly every passenger had a camera in readiness. At 11 o'clock p.m. we were near Fort Yukon. The weather appeared to be a little cloudy, but it was plain daylight. At midnight the light of light had brushed away the clouds and appeared more than ever full of life. The sun was now in Canada. We took many photographs of him as he climbed higher on the stairs of heaven and arrayed himself in his brightest robes.

As we sailed along the banks of the Yukon, I saw many bears and moose, and the birds were singing. The Alaska dogs that draw the sleighs in the winter kept the air full in carrying the sound of their baying to our ears. The homes of the Eskimo were visible in the distance.

DR. A. M. MORGAN, Kentville.

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