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deeds. Some such idea is possible I believe and it would also have other recommendations as well. A great num-ber of people believe that no government should have the power to alienate the estate of generations yet unborn. "ICONOCLAST."

Note.-While we have no advance in-formation as to what the Saskatchewan cheap money commission will recommend or what action the government will take. it is only reasonable to suppose that if the government undertakes to make loans farmers the scheme will provide that farmers who have already mortgaged their land will be allowed to borrow for the purpose of paying off existing obliga-This would mean that a farmer tions. would exchange a company mortgage under which he was paying nine per cent. for a government mortgage at five per for a government mortgage at five per cent., or whatever rate the government may decide to charge. This would give considerable relief, and in cases where the security warranted it we persume the government would be willing to increase the amount of the loan. To secure a just system of land tenure we advocate the substitution of the taxation of land the substitution of the taxation of land values for all other taxes. This would make it impossible for anyone to profit by holding land out of use and enable all who desired land for use to obtain it without first buying out a speculator. Under such conditions most farmers would be independent of mortgage companies.-Editor.

PEACE PALACE OPENED AT HAGUE

The Hague, Aug. 29—In the presence of thousands of people here today the Palace of Peace, Andrew Carnegie's magnificent gift as a home for the per-manent court of arbitration, was dedi-cated. The methorization is a second cated. The gathering included many notable men and diplomats from other countries. At the reception the British ambassador unveiled the statue of Ed-ward VII., and Mr. Carnegie unveiled that of Sir Richard Cremer, the noted peace advocate.

The palace of peace, which was dedicated with impressive ceremonies today, is the gift of Andrew Carnegie, who, in 1903, placed at the disposal of the Dutch government the sum of \$1,500,-000 for the purpose, as expressed in his offer, "of erecting and maintaining at The Hague a court house and library for the permanent court of arbitration established by the treaty of July 29, 1899."

This palace as completed is regarded by architects as one of the most im-pressive modern buildings to be seen in Europe. Rectangular in shape, it forms roughly a square of 85 yards by 86 yards, and encloses a beautiful formal garden. On three sides the building constitutes the court house, and on the fourth or west side are the quarters of the library. The facade of the second floor is adorned with statues, the figures representing science, agriculture, art, navigation, commerce, industry, .con-science, eloquence, will-force, study, au-thority humanity constancy and wisthority, humanity, constancy and wis-dom. To provide the site for this the Dutch government gave \$275,000. The corner stone was laid July 30, 1907.

Favor Disarmament

The chief work of the Twentieth Universal Peace Conference at its opening session here was the adoption of three The first contained a request that the question of the restriction of arma-ments be included in the program of the next international Hague conference. The second voiced protest against the sinister influence of persons interested in armament industries. The third recommended the consideration by peace societies of draft of a general scheme for gradual disarmament. Prof. Quidde, of the University of Munich, proposed this resolution in order that the next conference shall be in a position to discuss the subject with full information at hand. All the civilized nations are represented, the delegates in attendance numbering 950, many of whom were women pacificists.

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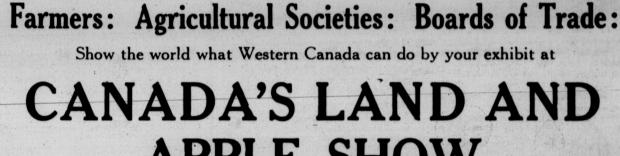
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