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THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1917
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA

THE War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: any fund, institution or association, other than a church or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this Act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, returned soldiers or their families or dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the Minister.

The Act also provides:
(1) It shall not be lawful to make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any war charity as hereinbefore defined, or to raise or attempt to raise money for any such war charity by promoting any bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition, or by any similar means, unless—

(a) the war charity is either exempted from registration or is registered under this Act; and
(b) the approval in writing of the executive committee or other governing body of the war charity has been obtained, either directly or through some person duly authorized to give such approval on behalf of such governing body;

and if any person contravenes any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) This section shall not apply to any collection at Divine Service in a place of public worship.

The Act was assented to on the 20th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to War Charities on the 20th of December, 1917. After that date, collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered War Charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

Regulations and information respecting registration may be obtained from the undersigned.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.
Ottawa, December 2, 1917.

charge of two hundred boys at the farm camp during Regina exhibition. He arranged an excursion to Saskatoon University. During the fall of 1916 he spent considerable time taking a soil survey of part of his district. During the winter of 1916 he attended 19 seed fairs, meeting in this way 1003 people. He also visited 19 farmers' short courses. Many other lines of work including the judging of standing fields of grain, garden and summer fallow competitions, besides judging at school fairs and the making of upwards of three hundred personal visits to farmers of the territory were carried on by Mr. Rayner.

In Manitoba summer fallow competitions, standing field crop competitions, seed fairs, etc., have been conducted by the county agent. Rural credit societies have been organized. Some also aim at conducting farm labor bureau during the coming season.

Do County Agents Wear?

Do farmers appreciate the services of the agent? One Ontario man says "When this office was opened five years ago it was one of my painful duties to go down to—and interview our county council and endeavor to get them to give us a grant of \$500.00 for operating expenses. Believe me, it was no easy job although we accomplished the feat. Our county was divided a year ago and another office opened up, the additional \$500.00 was granted without any hesitation whatever."

"Three years ago I had a meeting in this office when we tried to organize a local farmers' club. Thirty men were present. When we suggested the matter of \$1.00 membership and asked them to market their stuff through the club, the meeting broke up. It was over a year before I could get any of these men in the office again. A year ago we had another meeting in the office, practically the same men present and of the 25 in attendance 23 signed up \$25.00 shares in our county co-operative association. I may say that every day there is evidence of men lining up with the organization who three years ago considered the department of agriculture, and the district representative a huge joke. It was not easy work and the attitude of the average farmer was not even neutral but antagonistic."

Another says "the attitude of the farmers towards the district representative work in our particular county has made a very radical change in the past six years. At one time in the history of the work in this county a petition went into the county council to have the office removed. I feel quite

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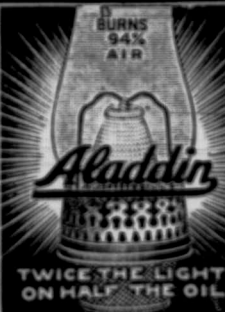
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safe in saying that if any attempt were made at the present time to remove the office from this county that there would be a very lengthy petition go in to have it retained. We find more and more that the farmers are gaining confidence in the work and write in about various problems connected with their work. This enables us to carry on and accomplish a great deal more than we could before they assumed this attitude."

Such are a few phases of this great movement. The services of more county agents would prove very effective in Western Canada in this food production crisis. Since war began county agent service has been greatly enlarged in United States. Plans are formulated for the furnishing of men agents to all the rural counties of the union, where there is need for such work and additional agents to some of the larger counties already organized. They also contemplate a large increase in the number of women agents engaged in extension work. The work will likely be only limited by the number of trained people available. The work of these women agents is scarcely less important than that of the men and will be treated in a later issue.

SHORT COURSE IN ENGINEERING

The eleventh annual course in farm engineering is now announced at the Manitoba Agricultural College. It begins January 15, and continues for two months.

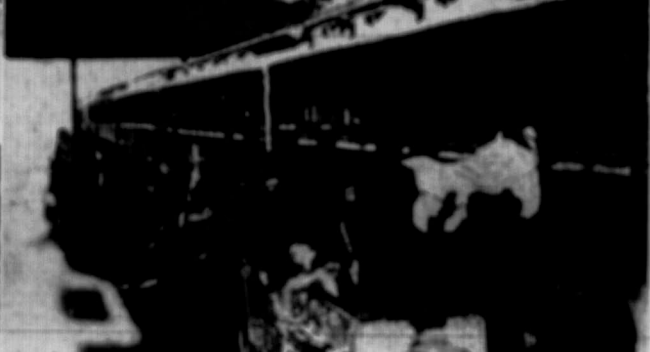
Speaking of the value of the course,

Prof. L. J. Smith says: "The experience in this province and elsewhere with tractors, and especially with gas tractors, is that it is almost folly for an inexperienced man to expect to get satisfactory returns for his investment in a tractor, when the operator does not thoroughly understand his machine. He will lose money from time being lost unnecessarily, from uncalculated breakages and depreciation, and through loss in power and fuel economy, because of his lack of knowledge as to how best to handle his expensive investment. We have for the past ten years been giving short courses for the purpose of helping the engine operator. The money spent on such a course will be saved many times in a season by the knowledge and experience gained."

The course is devoted not only to engineering, but also takes up such subjects as forge shop work, farm mechanics, concrete construction, building construction, farm machinery and physics.

Applications to be enrolled in this course have come in unusually early this season, about twenty students having applied more than two months before the course opens. Write the College, Winnipeg, for information.

"The self-governing Industrial Co-operative Society with its distributive store is an object lesson in democracy—one of the many object lessons for students of popular government."—Joseph Clayton.



Scenes of the Halifax Disaster in which 1,300 people lost their lives, thousands were rendered homeless and \$25,000,000 damage was done.

Upper left, ruins of the Protestant Orphanage in which 200 children were killed. Upper right, the Clayton Building, showing the force of the explosion. Lower left, what is left of the L.C.R. Freight sheds. Lower right, special Red Cross Train taking the injured to Truro.

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