

side of this scheme. Investment in it is made profitable enough to compare very favorably with other high class securities, and so safe as to be proof against anything but earthquakes. Savings certificates and bonds have been issued, both carrying liberal interest rates, and provision made whereby city and country investors alike may put their spare money immediately into production on the farms of Manitoba. An investment in this scheme is a patriotic contribution to the national welfare. The practical working of the scheme and its attractive features are described in some detail in this issue. The interest evidenced in Manitoba should help create action in the other provinces as soon as the Saskatchewan and Alberta schemes are put into operation.

REPRESENTATION FOR CO-OPERATORS

At a time when men are being nominated to contest the federal election on the Farmers' Platform, which is a protest against the class legislation that has characterized Canadian parliamentary history in the past, it is interesting to note that similar action is being contemplated by the members of the great co-operative movement in Great Britain. A congress held recently in Swansea voted solidly on the ticket of direct co-operative representation in parliament. By a vote of 1,979 to 201 it declared that in the opinion of the congress the time has now arrived for the co-operative movement to take the necessary steps to secure direct representation in parliament as the only way of effectively voicing its demands and safeguarding its interests. This action, as pointed out by the Co-operative News, is necessary because while the movement has been making many friends it has also been making enemies and it is now up against some of the most powerful commercial forces and financial interests the world has ever seen.

These forces are doing everything possible both inside the Imperial parliament and out of it to embarrass co-operative effort. The leaders of the movement have been forced therefore, to adopt a course from which they have been holding back for twenty years and to determine to send members to parliament in order that when affairs concerning the co-operators are under discussion there will be men on the ground to see that the interests of those most concerned are kept in sight. Experience in the old country as well as in Canada has shown that party representatives have in many cases been unfaithful stewards of the interests of their constituents.

ROYALTY AT THE HOE

Considerable newspaper publicity recently has been given to the fact that Nick Romanoff, together with Mrs. Nick and their son and three daughters, were seen hoeing in the garden. All of them were dressed in ordinary garb, and seemed to be fairly industrious. There is nothing out of the ordinary in hoeing a garden. The only point being worth attention is the fact that Nick up until a few weeks ago was engaged on a different job. In fact he was the Czar of Russia, and Mrs. Nick was the Czarina. The change may be a little rough on them for a little while, but they will get used to it in time, and no doubt their health and muscles will both be better for it. They will have the further consolation of knowing that things are going rather rough with royalty generally these days.

Max Aitken hasn't been made a duke yet. Why this halt in this celebrated promoter's progress up the social ladder? The advance in cement common since the war broke out must have removed the financial barriers, if any existed.

Sir Henry Drayton has the courage of his convictions. He believes in nationalization as the remedy for Canada's railway afflictions, and he is not afraid to say so. From the public platform he is supporting with great effectiveness the proposals of the Drayton-Acworth majority report. It is said that the railway interests affected are complaining of this activity on the part of Sir Henry, but the people have a right to receive at first-hand expert opinion on a matter that so vitally concerns them. Freedom of speech would have short shrift if it were left to the tender mercies of some of our railway magnates.

Some of the economists claim that food prices cannot be kept down. By the same process of reasoning they would probably have maintained that food prices could not have been kept up, but for the fact that the food monopolists have demonstrated how the trick can be done.

Canadian steel interests have prospered amazingly since the war broke out. Just now, when we are paying about 10 per cent. of our war expenditure, would it not be pertinent to ask why it is that the steel interests are not asked to pay back from their war profits that \$17,000,000 of the people's money that was handed to them a few years ago?

If you want a title the best way to get one is first to get hold of a million dollars by fair means or foul.

The protective tariff is preventing prosperity in Canada. It should properly be known as the preventive tariff.

Good plowing is the foundation of good cultivation. The plowing match is therefore something more than a contest of skill, it is a stimulant of better farming in general.



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