

The Semi-Weekly Colonist

A CHINESE REPUBLIC.

The error in regard to the character of the Chinese people arises out of the opinion that the country has had no experience in self-government, whereas the contrary is the case. Self-government has been in vogue in China for many centuries, and to a degree which Occidentals can hardly appreciate. An Englishman who had lived more than a quarter of a century in China, and whose position brought him in contact with all grades of society, said to the Colonist, long before the present movement began, that the outside world could not appreciate how very little the imperial government touched the everyday life of the people. "There is no place in the world," he said, "where there is greater individual freedom than in China," and he added that this universal liberty of action was what made it possible for so many millions to live in so relatively small an area. Their very necessities had compelled the people to act up to the motto of Confucius, "Do not unto others as you would not have them do to you." He said, and it was fourteen years ago that he said it, that this unappreciated quality of the Chinese people would one day make them the greatest nation in the world. Allowing for some exaggeration in this expression of opinion, it must be conceded that the events of the last few weeks have placed the people of China in a new light before the rest of mankind. Japan astounded Europe and America by shaking off her ancient feudal system. Prince Ito once said: "In three centuries and without shedding a drop of blood we abolished the feudal system, a feat that required three centuries and incalculable bloodshed to accomplish in England." In China we seem about to witness another demonstration of the amazing quality of Oriental peoples.

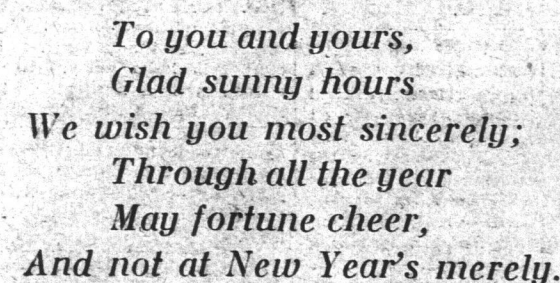
At the present prices of land and labor, farming is more a business than ever it was. We do not assume to be able to tell a farmer how to grow crops, but there are certain elementary principles applicable to all lives of productive industry, and it may do no harm to remind those who till the soil of them. A farmer's capital is his land. To a certain extent his stock and machinery may be regarded as capital, but the fundamental capital is the land. An estimate was made some years ago that in the United States fully 25 per cent. of the land that had been cleared for cultivation was not cultivated. It was taken up by buildings, roads, lanes, yards, fence corners and odds and ends that for one reason or another were not in crop or pasture. A certain portion of this unused area cannot be tilled. Farmers must have houses to live in, barns for their stock and barnyards; but, eliminating these, there remains nearly 20 per cent., so it has been estimated, that might be tilled but is not. Whether that is too much or too

Montreal is going to have an apple show next fall. Here's a tip to the management: Just fill out the blanks in your first prizes with the words "British Columbia," and save future trouble.

Col. Hughes having expressed his opinion that there should be a uniform color in the uniforms of the Canadian militia, a graceless contemporary suggests that the color should be orange, at which, we have no doubt, the Colonel

A correspondent writes us to say that we were in error in saying that the new "conveyor" bridge over the Tees is the only one of the kind in the world, for he says there are two similar bridges in Germany. The error, if it was one, was ours only in the sense that we took the statement as printed from the illustrated periodical in which it originally appeared. Our correspondent likens such an error to mistakes in geography which are made in English newspapers. We fail to see the resemblance. A man may be forgiven for not knowing that there is a bridge of a certain kind over a certain river, but hardly for not knowing that there is such a river, when he assumes to write about the waterways of the country in which it is.

It is expected that a \$50,000 federal building will be erected in Penticton.



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This system plays a great part in the very complicated calendar were the changes. Caesar the time and winter of all the seasons. To be agreed that the except each 166. To bring solstices might compellish, which the year, he decreed that the January 1st, 4 that was Caesar at each month. After when August, he took a day to August, so him should have after his great together, August and gave it to winter and gave it was found in a vice, and owing month assigned century are a management made ends too long 28 years. It is so much that Gregory XIII struck out of that century of 400, should 900 was not in the year 26 will only amount error is too small. We have near