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THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

The record kept by the Dominion Department of Labor reveals the fact that the cost of living is still increasing, and that it reached the highest point on record during June. In other words, the increased wealth farmers create through using improved methods of agricultural practice and modern labor-saving machinery, and the increased wages the city laboring men obtain through the efforts of their labor organizations, are being taken away from them through the increased prices they are forced to pay for the necessities of life.

As Farm and Dairy showed in the series of articles published last winter, it is not the middleman that is mainly responsible for the increased cost of living so much as it is the financial interests which are operating under the protection of the country's laws. The increase in the cost of living is due in part to the combines and mergers which are operating behind our high tariff walls, but it is due still more to our system of land taxation which enables the holders of land in our industrial centres to, in many instances, become wealthy through advancing the values of the land in these centres.

As the value of the land in our cities increases, until in some cases it is worth millions of dollars an acre, the cost of doing business on that land increases in proportion. This money is taken out of the public by the increased prices the people are forced to pay for the goods handled by the concerns doing business on such land. In time we will see that the high cost of living can be prevented only by lowering our high tariffs and taxing land according to its value. Once "e commence to tax land according to its value, the cost of doing business in our industrial centres will show a great decrease. We may try all other expedients, but in the end we will have to adopt both of the foregoing reforms as Great Britain is now doing. It is to the credit of our farmers' organizations that they realize their importance and that they are pressing for both re-Farmers everywhere should forms. back them up.

BE INTERESTED

When we find a man who has made a great big success of his vocation, whatever it may be, we can take it for granted that that man is an enthusiast, that he likes the work he is in, and would rather do it than any other kind of work.

This applies particularly to ease of the pure tred stockman. He of all men must be an enthusiast and a lover of better stock. An editor of Farm and Dairy recently heard related an instance that shows how wrapped up in their work are our successful breeders of dairy cattle. One of our old and successful Ayrshire breeders, Mr. Wm. Stewart, of Menie, Ont., who at world's fairs and in our own Canadian fairs, has done so much to make the reputation of Canada Ayrshires, actually got so ent talking about cows that half of his life dropped out without his knowing it. Here is how the story was told by another stock-

man . "It was at the Guelph Show the first year that they had a dairy test that this incident happened. boys had gone out to dinner and when we got back the dairy quarters were full of people. A bunch of people were standing behind Mr. Stewart's cows. Mr. Stewart joined the crowd, and pretty soon he was talking cow faster than any of them. The hours passed rapidly enough, the electric lights were turned on and the rest of

us started to get hungry. Present-Rettie walked over and said, 'Stewart, are you going to supper?'
Then Stewart woke up. He had been so happy talking cow that to this day he had no idea where that afternoon

went to."

brings success in farming-and in all other occupations. Have you that enthusiasm?

FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Every year thousands of families in various parts of Canada move to the city to give their children the benefit of a "higher education." radical change means a great sacrifice on the part of the parents for their children. We have recently heard of a novel plan adopted by the parents of a Nova Scotia community to give their children the advantages of higher education and vet remain on the farm.

There were several families in this community with children that had already gotten all they could from the country school, as it is ordinarily found, and if the children were to go further a move to the neighboring town was necessary. These parents got their heads together and agreed that each of them would contribute a certain sum to the teacher's salary over and above that usually paid. With the additional salary inducement they were able to employ a thoroughly well trained and well educated teacher to take charge of the country school and give their children the education they needed right at home. This plan worked to perfection, and at the same time was cheaper than boarding their children in the town while attending school, and was certainly much better than moving the family off the farm.

These parents realized that the day is past when a common school education is sufficient for the young man or woman. There are thousands of other parents who are face to face with the problem of giving their boys and girls this education. The experience of these Nova Scotia people may be of value to others in solving the problem of higher education for the young people on the farm.

KEEP CULTIVATING

"Corn should be cultivated twice a week at this stage of its growth," remarked Mr. E. Terrill of Wooler, Ont., to an editor of Farm and Dairy recently. "My biggest regret in leaving home to judge these prize farms was that I had to leave the cultivating. There is no work that pays like it at this time of year."

Mr. Terrill has attained a reputation as a grower of good corn chops and his words should carry weight with his brother farmers. Corn is behind this season. Continuous wet weather in the spring hindered planting and continuous drought since has hindered growth. We notice, however, that in those fields where the cultivator has been kept going continuously, corn has not suffered from the drought.

Persistent cultivation will ensure a good crop this year, will keep down weeds, and put the land in the very best shape for the crops of next year. Keep cultivating.

Civility is a charm that attracts the love of all men, and too much is It is enthusiasm such as this that better than to show too little.

In a recent issue of "Toronto Saturday Night" appeared an illustration, reproduced from a photo, of an

automobile mired in A the mud on an open Warning. western prairie-as un-

promising a looking place as one could well imagine. But the wording under the illustration was "In Lovely Tuxedo Park." That open stretch of prairie, a couple of miles from the outskirts of the town, had been subdivided into building lots and is being sold at several hundreds of dollars a lot to investors in Eastern Canada, where they can be found foolish enough to buy land that they have never seen. Farm and Dairy readers who have money to invest should go slow in taking as fact the glowing pictures that are painted in the prospectus of any Western Land Company. There are plenty of legitimate opportunities for investment right at home without paying our money into concerns of which we know nothing and for land that we never saw. This open stretch of prairie, advertised in the east as "Lovely Tuxedo Park" is but a sample of the promotion schemes that are being floated for no other purpose than to get the money of the small investor. And many of these investors are farmers. Beware of all such get-rich-quick schemes. The only man who gets rich by them is the

promoter. Why Tax Improvements

(Toronto Saturday Night)
And, after all, why should we tax
buildings at all? Taxation, to be
just, should be for benefits received, it is as certain as anything can be that buildings receive no benefit from government and that a tax on ings cannot be for benefits received. not advance one cent even though government should spend one hundred million dollars on road improve-ment, police, lights and on good gorernment of any form whatever.
But the value of land absorbs the

entire expenditure of government.

Just cease to give good government
for a single year and you will see
how true this is. Over and above all for a single year how true this is. Over and above all this, to tax buildings and improve-ments and the product of labor, gen-tate discourage labor. But to erally, is to discourage labor. But to tax the land is simply a question of

when the effect of governmental services begin to add advantage to site or location (ground) the ground receiving this advantage should be debited with the cost, just as surely as John Smith should be debited with just as surely the groceries he orders sent up to his house. When, added to all this, it is impossible to levy any tax sare it is impossible to levy any tax sar a land tax equitably between ma and man, it is clear that so soon as we begin to levy taxes in a busines-like manner, the tax on buildings and industry and labor will be banished, to the boneyard.

His Own Uplifter By C. R. Barns

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