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CHANGE OF TIME.

The so-called "Daylight Saving" scheme has met with rather a rebuff owing to the opposition of the rural population. In cities and towns it met last year with general approval, and if the question had been left to them they would probably have given an unanimous vote in favour of the renewal of the Act, but the opposition of the farmers was so strong that the Government could not withstand the pressure. The result is, that while many cities and towns and the railways and banks have put on their clocks an hour, the farmers will be carrying on their business according to standard time. A certain amount of confusion in a variety of ways has arisen. One would imagine that the farmers must think that the passage of the proposed Act would compel all farmers to begin work an hour earlier than they wanted to do; whereas the Act would have no such effect; and if the farmers did not wish to get up an hour earlier, all they had to do was to arrange to get up an hour later than the nominal time, and from April to October get up, say, at six instead of at five.

It is surprising how people are led away by foolish clamour. We are no better in this respect than our forefathers, many of whom, when the change was made in 1752 from the old style to the new style, and as a necessary consequence eleven days were dropped from the calendar and September 2nd, 1752, was followed by September 14th, set up the cry "give us back our eleven days"! We heard of a farmer in a back township of Ontario who, when the Daylight Saving Act was first introduced, fiercely denounced Mr. Borden for assuming that he had power greater than the Almighty by passing a law affecting the rising of the sun! As we write there is an amusing and exasperating muddle in Courts and legal offices; Judges and officials at loggerheads; clocks being put on an hour, then back again, etc., and the world's spirit of unrest has invaded even the staid and dignified precincts of halls of justice.