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THE ENLARGED PROVINCES

Hon. Dr. Pugsley made a strong point yesterday in parliament when he pointed out that the maritime provinces have an interest in the new territory that is to be annexed to Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

The government has adopted a singular device to satisfy Manitoba and Ontario in regard to the Hudson Bay ports. The last named province is not to have its territory extended to those ports, or either of them, but it is to be permitted to be a landowner in Manitoba, being given a strip on which it may construct a railway and build terminals; but the property is to be under the legislative jurisdiction of Ontario.

It is also to be noted that the Dominion retains the crown lands in the new territory annexed to Manitoba, but hands over to Ontario the crown lands in the new territory of that province. Manitoba is given increased Dominion subsidy, dated back four years. Why should Manitoba be granted a subsidy more than any other province? This question was raised by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and should be answered by the government.

In connection with the Corporation of the Boys' Home of Montreal there is a boys' farm and training school at St. Lawrence. To this boys who have fallen in to the clutches of the law are taken. It has been open for some three years, and the report says:

"Of thirty-five boys who have left us, six are doing well as farmers and prospective farmers in the northwest. The rest are mostly in the city, but all are doing well but one, who is in the penitentiary, having been more than a boy when committed, and having run away and been committed to more severe discipline for other faults. Of these boys who have run away in the earlier days of their commitment, more from a truant disposition than badness, all but one have got back to the farm again. It would be difficult to give so good a record of any eighty boys in the best parts of our city. After being a while with us they become attached. They take a pride in the farm and count it a home. No less than twenty old boys voluntarily revisited the farm during the past year, and they are proposing to have an old boys' celebration."

It costs about \$240 per year to keep each boy, and as the government grants but \$142 the balance must be raised by public contribution. As the farm is developed the cost per boy is expected to be reduced. The following is an interesting extract from the report of the superintendent:

"They had commenced the year with forty-two boys; seventeen had been admitted on magistrates' warrants; there was one voluntary case; sixteen were discharged, and one ran away, leaving on December 31st forty-three boys. Their average had been forty boys. Of the sixteen discharged, fourteen were pardoned for good conduct, remissions being earned as shown by their position according to the marks system; eight were returned to their own homes, and all were placed in employment, four of them being drafted out to the harvest in Saskatchewan in August. All are doing well. Of the fifty-nine boys on the books during the year twenty-two were fatherless orphans; twenty-seven were English, ten Irish, seven Scotch, ten Hebrews, one German, one Austrian, one Negro, and one United States citizen.

"The staff consists of a superintendent, matron, school teacher, farmer instructor, carpenter instructor, gardener instructor, cook, serving maid and a laundress. There was a herd of twenty milk cows, seven heifers, three calves, two brood sows, two lambs and four horses. The statistics of production during the year showed some remarkable results in every department, farm, dairy, vegetable, fruit, live stock, firewood, maple syrup, beans, peas, and building as done by the boys. The work in all these departments has been accompanied by competent instruction of the lads. There was little sickness, and only one case where the cases had not been of long standing."

"If for an expenditure of \$240 per year for two or three years a boy can be turned from evil ways and made a factor in the building up of the country, honest and industrious in his career, it is surely a wise expenditure."

Manitoba, with its enlarged territory will no longer look like a postage stamp in the middle of the map of Canada.

The Liberals held the seat in a British by-election on Monday. The August government is not losing ground, despite the violent attacks of the Unionists.

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A SORDID BARD. Louisville Courier-Journal. I never loved a sweet gazelle With limpid eyes.

WANTED THE EARTH (Judge) Howell—Did you ever want the earth? Powell—Yes, once, when I was fool enough to let a fellow take me up in his airship.

A HOUSEWARMING "I want a dress to put on around the earth," said the woman in the department store.

GETTING BRIGHTER (Washington Herald) For two months life has strewn been. But has more zest.

INSULT TO INJURY (London Opinion) "How dare you throw that snowball at me like that?" "I didn't, sir. I threw it at that funny old woman who's wiv yer."

POST-BELLUM (Pack) First Italian—What was he decorated for? Second Dillo—Bravery in the aerial service in Tripoli.

THE STRANGE PART (Judge) Mr. Dresser (with the evening paper)—Here's strange news. A New York child hid for thirty hours in her mother's clothes closet!

AS SOME OF US KNOW (Fleigende Blaetter) "What have you got in that locket, Lisette?" "A lock of my husband's hair."

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