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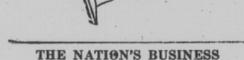
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THE NATION'S BUSINESS

Stirred up by the recent articles running in The Financial Post showing how impracticable were the efforts and how inefficient were the methods of the Departments of Trade, Agriculture and Labor in meeting the present emergency, the Government is responsible for the following inspired despatch which has been sent out from Ottawa:

"The government is planning an active campaign to stimulate agricultural production of all kinds in 1915. Hon. Martin Burrell is arranging for a series of conferences throughout the Dominion in January and February, at which the farmers of the various districts will be called together and given full information as to conditions in Europe, and the great demand for food supplies by the allies while the war is on. The best means of meeting those demands will be fully discussed by the farmers and those who address them."

The Post's articles on this subject have not been intended as criticisms of the Government, but rather of the system under which Cabinet Ministers are selected. As a rule, the selection does not fall upon the best men available for the vacant posts, men with successful experience in the fields which they are called upon to administer. On the contrary, the appointments are generally awarded in return for party ser-

vices or with an eye to the political influence the new Minister may wield in his section of Canada. The result is that, under this system, party interests are frequently considered before public advantage. The Financial Post has been urging that in this, the greatest opportunity for extending Canadian trade which has ever occurred, the Ministers referred to above have not risen to the emergency. Though no doubt directed with the best of intentions, their efforts have been quite inefficient.

This will be seen by referring to the despatch above quoted. Mr. Burrell proposes to tell the farmers throughout Canada of the great demand which has arisen for foodstuffs on account of the war. Thanks to their local newspapers, however, every farmer in Canada already knows all about this, and further thanks to the urgent suggestion of a brainy railway man who started a campaign early last autumn, in which he was supported by these papers, there are few farmers who have not already prepared for the greatest crop on record next year.

That part of the campaign is, therefore, wasted effort, and consequently inefficient.

Suppose Mr. Burrell's scheme were, as he seems to think, the one thing needful, where is he to find his big corps of lecturers? The Provincial Governments are now at their wits' end to find such men. He will be compelled to appoint, in most cases, incompetent party workers—a class of men who seldom show much capability. More than that, what will the cost be? Good men cannot be got under \$30 to \$40 a week, and another \$25, perhaps \$50, will have to be added for expenses, travelling, supervision, etc., say, \$75 a week. Most of them will not be worth their salt, and the attendance at their meetings is likely to be small.

The Financial Post makes this suggestion to this well-intentioned Minister: There are in his department, in the agricultural departments of the provinces, in the agricultural colleges, and on the farms, a number of very able, enthusiastic, public-spirited men whose practical experiences if followed out would enable the average farmer to double the present average income from his farm.

A committee of the best of these men could concentrate on a series of the most practical and telling suggestions. This is the work now being done by the splendidly-edited agricultural newspapers—which, by the way, Hon. Mr. Burrell in his capacity as party man proposed to suppress. The

best of these agricultural papers are not read by the mass of farmers, but only by the more enterprising class. There are, however, few farmers who do not read and swear by their local weekly. The Government should, therefore, arrange to present this series of practical and timely suggestions in the form of well-displayed announcements in these local weekly papers, regardless of whether they are Liberal or Conservative. It is a business, not a party, proposition. In this way all the farmers of Canada would have an opportunity of profiting by the advice of the best agricultural experts, and the cost should be much less than the totally inefficient plan proposed by the Minister of Agriculture.

If this suggestion were intelligently carried out it would give a tremendous impetus to the increase in quality and quantity of farm products to be sold and turned into money. The farmers are the most generous spenders when money is plentiful, and the investors, merchants, manufacturers, financiers, and other business interests for which The Financial Post is the mouthpiece would all also greatly benefit.

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EDITORS MAIL BAG

Jan. 2nd, 1915.

Editor Graphic,
Dear Sir:—
Allow me to ask through your paper, if the bridge at Matapedia is supposed to be guarded. There is a shanty built at one end of the passenger bridge—which brings up the thought—is a single sentry of very much use, anyway, on a double bridge like that?
I venture to say that anyone could blow up that bridge at any time, day or night. About a month ago, I made a business trip across to Flatlands. I saw absolutely no person in the shape of a sentry either on my way across, or my way back, a couple of hours later. Now, it strikes me that this bridge is just as important as any other in Canada, when it comes to the transportation of troops. If ALL are not going to be guarded, why guard ANY?
As to the duties of a sentry—do they realize that this is war-time, and that martial law says that "any sentry found absent from the post of duty, shall be court-martialed and shot?" And that "any sentinel allowing a stranger to pass unchallenged shall be court-martialed and shot."
I venture to say that not one single stranger has ever been challenged on the Matapedia bridge. Surely these men do not realize the grave nature of their work. Some one should have properly instructed them when they were appointed. Military law does not seem to mean much in this part of Canada.
Yours etc.,
COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

BLESSING OF BELL

The blessing of the large bell for the church at St. Anne de Restigouche will take place on Sunday, Jan. 10th, at 2 p.m. His Lordship Bishop Blais of Rimouski will perform the ceremony. All friends are invited to be present.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE HOLY LAND?
British and French News are Discussing the Question Raised by New Conditions

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The London Globe in its recent article on the formation of a Jewish kingdom. Thus w prophecies of Moses and other sets be fulfilled, concerning the renaissance destined to pre the coming of Christ.

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Report of the Shives Athol for December.
ADVANCED DEPARTMENT No. enrolled, 24.
No. daily present on an average, 12.
The following are the names of those who made 65% or over yearly examination.
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No. daily present on an average, 25.
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