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has been familiar with the country near St. John for many years, tells the Times that there has been much improvement in farms and buildings during the last ten years; but it is clear that a great increase in the number of cultivators of small farms on the intensive plan is not only possible but desirable.

Once the people who have money to invest can be convinced that they need not send it to Mexico, Colorado or California, or even to New York, to get a reasonable return, there will be a better outlook for the development of New Brunswick. Our people are made to see that the Canadian west is not superior in general advantages to the east, and that, with proper methods, agriculture here can be made both a pleasant and profitable business; the rural communities will begin to get back their own.

There is encouragement in the example of other provinces, and of many American states. We are told, for example, that modern methods in agriculture are now commanding the attention of the business and professional men of the state of Illinois. They found that the conditions were not satisfactory, and this is what a Chicago writer tells us has happened:—

"Business men took the lead and thousands of citizens of the state are enthusiastically following, until now a tremendous force is working through a score of institutions and movements, state and national, to extend and intensify the cultivation of Illinois land—to bring into bearing now worthless areas and increase the acre yields. Good roads are sought, and improvement in every way that will help the farmer get more bushels to market at a less cost per bushel. And this crusade for better agriculture and more of it, must secure results, because of the kind of men that are behind it. The Illinois Bankers' Association has launched a campaign for bringing new methods to the farmer, the railroads and traction companies are arousing interest and offering prizes to encourage better farming, the state agricultural college is extending its efforts further, the Good Roads' Association is making a stronger appeal than ever for state assistance, the telephone and interurban railways are doing their part to advance the farmer, the Illinois Society of Engineers and Surveyors is pressing the reclamation question, and the state itself is co-operating by the appointment of special commissions to study and promote conditions."

The plan of sending experts among the farmers had been adopted in Illinois. The college of agriculture had trained many farmers, conducted experimental farms, issued bulletins, and in a general way had done great good; but something was still lacking. After careful enquiry by a committee it was decided that a federal government agricultural expert should be stationed in each county, under direction of the state agricultural congress. This plan is in operation in many southern states, and congress will be asked to make appropriation for Illinois. The National Fertility League, organized in Illinois, aims to secure state and federal legislation to enable the colleges to maintain a soil expert in every county in the country, and conduct experiments in every township, for building up the soil and increasing production.

A point to be emphasized in connection with this great movement in Illinois is that, not only are the state and federal governments taking a hand, but the business men, bankers, railroad companies and other large interests are giving their hearty co-operation in the general educational campaign. Under similar conditions what a boom we should have in agriculture and immigration in the province of New Brunswick.

Doctor Melvin's report on city health conditions is a most encouraging one. We need a considerable reorganization in public health matters. Incidentally the public would be glad to learn how far the authorities have proceeded with their campaign for sanitary slaughter houses.

Honest labor had nothing to do with the crimes of the McNamara brothers, but their confession is an awful warning to the labor organization against the danger of becoming in any way associated with violent methods. The logical labor union in the present case is the one that has demanded that one of the McNamaras, at least, be hanged.

Read the proposed new charter. Electors should familiarize themselves with every paragraph of it. And, in the meantime, do not pledge yourself to any candidate for a commissionership. Wait till you see who are nominated, and then select the best man, being guided by nothing but the best interests of St. John. In choosing a commission, that should be the guiding principle and nothing should be permitted to interfere with it.

MILD CORRECTION.

Old Gentleman—"Do you mean to say that your teachers never thrash you?" Little Boy—"Never. We have moral lessons at our school."

O. G.—"What's that?" L. B.—"Oh, we get kept in and stood up in corners and locked in and made to write one word a thousand times and scolded at and jawed at, and that's all."

Woman's Home Companion.

ONE METHOD.

"Have you thought of any way to keep your boys on the farm?" "Yep," replied Mr. Cornsness; "raisin' raisin' crops an' turn the pigs over to rabbits an' partridges."

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Lasting as eternity.

Not a sweet voiced bird
Lives and sings and flies away
But some heart is gladdened; nay,
Not the music of a day
Passes all unheard;
Still there is an ear that hears
All the music of the years.

Not a kindly deed
That a loving hand has wrought,
Not a soft-born word to naught;
By the creaking wheels is brought
Not a truthful creed
In forgetfulness long lies,
It must grow where falsehood dies.
—Columbia Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



VANISHED QUICKLY

"By the way, old man, you haven't forgotten that five you borrowed from me about six months ago?"
"Oh, dear, no."
"But you said you only wanted it for a short time."
"And I told the truth. I didn't keep it twenty minutes."

DEATH LIST SHORTER IN NOVEMBER

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It was formerly supposed that it spread from place to place and from person to person by means of a mist carried by the wind, and that, therefore, there was very little use in trying to avoid "catching" it. This is now partly definitely known not to be the case. The contagion or poison of — zenza almost certainly passes from person to person upon close contact one with another in much the same way as any of the other contagious diseases. Its rapid spread is easily accounted for because of its intensely contagious character, as great, probably, as scarlet fever or small-pox; also, from the fact that one is not rendered immune to it because of a previous attack, differing in this respect from many contagious diseases, and because of the very greatly increased amount of travel and intercourse now as compared with that of other times.

Influenza is rather more likely to affect the well-to-do and comfortably housed than those not so well off in these respects; it is a little more apt to poison males than females, and those between twenty and sixty, than either the older or younger, especially the latter.

Although, as is usual with most diseases, it-health and depressed conditions do something to favor an attack, robust health is no preventive, and the disease is as liable to be as severe in the latter as in the former class.

If one is exposed to, and contracts the disease, it will appear in from one to five days after exposure; this is called its incubation period.

Its Chief Danger

The chief danger from influenza does not lie, directly, in the disease itself. It causes only a very slight rise in the temperature, but the diseases which often follow it, and which it seems to prepare a way for, such as pneumonia, pleurisy, pneumonia, are often very severe, indeed.

The nuptial of all this is, that when one attacked with influenza, he should not regard it as an inevitable stroke of fate, nor, if he is able, go about among his fellows as usual. He should confine himself to his home for ten days, the usual length of the disease, and even then take special precautions not to impart it to members of his family.

For this reason no time should be lost in calling in the medical attendant, who, alone, is, of course, capable of pronouncing upon the character of the disease. While the disease is in the house none of the family should mingle with the public in places of general assembly, such as churches, schools, theatres and so forth.

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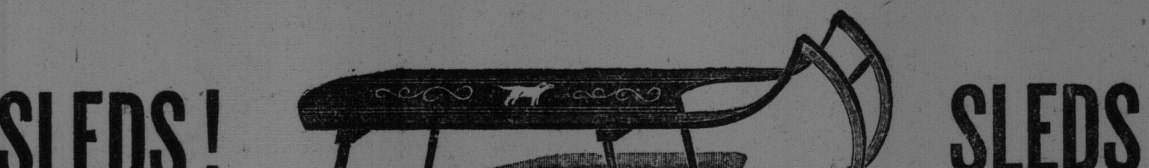
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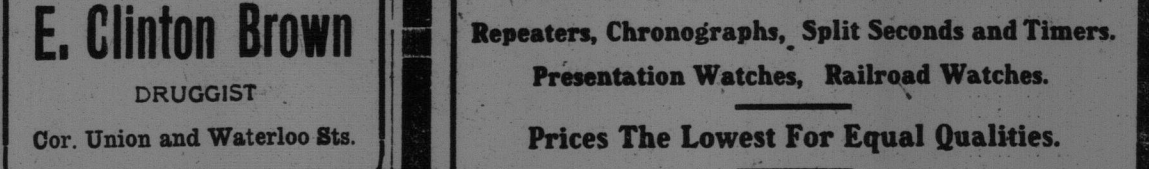
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