

problems of rural development in this country during the past three years, following twenty-five years experience in farming, land surveying and town planning in other countries.

The report deals comprehensively with the social conditions and tendencies in rural areas and the prevailing systems of land settlement and development. It indicates the rural problems requiring solution in order to secure the proper development and economic use of land for purpose of efficiency, health, convenience, and amenity. The great injury which land development in Canada suffers, from speculation, neglect of public health, and want of expert business administration of land settlement, is considered. Incidentally, the problem of returned soldiers is dealt with, and the connection between land development and such questions as taxation, unemployment, and high cost of living is clearly shown.

Having regard to the need for more attention being given to production in Canada; to the extent to which production is impaired by speculation in land, by neglect of public health, and by haphazard systems of development; to the importance of increasing the supply of human skill and energy and of capital derived from production instead of by borrowing; the problems dealt with in this report are of vital and current interest to the people of this country.

There are five appendices by competent authorities, and the concluding chapter gives an outline of proposals and makes general recommendations to cover the conditions as presented.

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A Club in Boston has for its object the study of mushrooms, for their scientific interest, for their beauty and for their attractive qualities as food. Through the summer and autumn the club has an exhibition of mushrooms once a week at which a number of members come together to compare and identify their fresh collections. Fifty to a hundred kinds are sometimes exhibited. The Club has a large collection of dried mushrooms which are sometimes exhibited in the winter and it has a library of mushroom handbooks and journals. Poisonous species are shown and much pains taken to make them known so that they can be avoided. Membership in the Club is not confined to residents near Boston, and correspondence is carried on with those living at a distance. Persons interested in mushrooms can obtain further information from the Secretary, Miss Jennie F. Conant, 26 Prospect St., Melrose, Mass.

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