



War to Peace

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Land and Loans—to Help Soldiers Become Farmers

IT is anticipated that a great many soldiers who have served with the Canadian, British or Allied forces may want to become farmers in Canada. The vital need to-day is to increase production and the acreage under cultivation. It is thus in Canada's best interests to give these soldiers every assistance. The Government has therefore been developing a programme that includes the providing of land, the granting of loans and the training and supervision of those inexperienced in farming.

The Present Plan.

Under the Soldier Settlement Act, 1917, an eligible returned soldier is entitled, in addition to his ordinary homestead right, to a free grant of one quarter-section of Dominion Lands on homestead conditions.

For this purpose the Government has suspended homestead entry by others than soldiers on all remaining homestead lands in the Western provinces within fifteen miles of railway transportation, pending enquiry into their suitability.

As soon as a soldier goes on the land, the Board has power to grant him a loan up to the maximum of \$2,500.

This loan is granted to settlers to help them acquire land for farming, discharge incumbrances, undertake improvements, erect buildings and secure necessary livestock, machinery and equipment.

It is not given as an actual advance of cash, but in the form of payment for expenditures. In this way the settlers' transactions are carefully supervised.

The loan is made at the low interest rate of five per cent. It is repaid in twenty annual instalments. The first two payments may be deferred by the Board when desirable.

The New Proposal.

The Government have found it necessary to broaden these original plans for the following reasons:

(a) It has been found that only a limited amount of suitable homestead land is available for soldier settlement.

(b) Some Crown lands are held by the Provinces.

(c) Homesteading may not suit all the returned soldiers.

It is now proposed that the Provincial Governments co-operate with the Soldier Settlement Board in acquiring suitable lands at present held uncultivated by private owners. The Dominion Government has announced its intention of introducing necessary legislation along these lines at the opening of the next Session.

The lands so bought will be re-sold to the soldier at cost price. It is suggested that the purchaser be required to make a cash payment of one-tenth of the purchase price. The balance will be payable in equal annual instalments extended over twenty years or longer.

The amount of the land purchased by this plan, if it is approved by Parliament, will be limited in value to \$5,000. Interest will be charged at a low rate of five per cent.

When these new proposals for land purchase become effective the Board will be able to loan the soldier settler up to a total of \$1,500 for the purchase of livestock and equipment in addition to the loan for the purchase of his land. It will be granted on practically the same terms as the loans now allowed.

As the soldier improves his farm the Board may advance him a further \$1,000.

Who May Apply

The Act applies to any one who has served with an honourable record in the Canadian or Imperial forces in the present war, or to any Canadian who was on active service with the Allied forces, or the widow of any such person who died on active service.

The Board will loan money only to those who have had sufficient experience or training in farming. Each applicant may be required to appear in person before the Qualification Committee in his district.

Training

Those soldiers who have had insufficient experience in farming will be helped by the Board to secure the necessary training to qualify them for the loans.

Special instructional courses are being arranged with the agricultural schools and experimental farms.

Farmers will be asked to co-operate in giving the soldier practical training and knowledge.

Expert Assistance

The work of the Soldier Settlement Board is carried out by Supervisors in each of the provinces.

These supervisors have under them a staff of land appraisers to value the land, and farming advisors or practical farmers in the community to advise the soldier after he has definitely settled on his farm.

Qualification Committees are being appointed in each Province to advise the Board as to the qualifications of each applicant.

Results

Loans, amounting to over 1½ million dollars, have already been granted to over one thousand returned soldiers.

Since the regulations were completed last July, over eight hundred soldiers have made entries on Dominion Crown Lands under the Soldier Settlement Act.

Offices of the Soldier Settlement Board are located at following: Post Office Bldg., EDMONTON, Alta.; Post Office Bldg., WINNIPEG, Man.; Post Office Bldg., VICTORIA, B.C.; Post Office Bldg., REGINA, Sask.; 32 Adelaide St. E., TORONTO, Ont.; Drummond Bldg., MONTREAL, Que. In New Brunswick the Board is temporarily represented by the Secretary of the Provincial Farm Settlement Board, St. John; in Nova Scotia, by the Secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, Halifax, N.S.; and in Prince Edward Island by the Minister of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

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Repatriation

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The Better 'Ole Here From England

NEW FILM MADE TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR THE PICTURE SENSATION OF TWO CONTINENTS

The moving picture sensation of two continents is coming to Kitchener on February 17th, 18th and 19th. This is the announcement that citizens have been waiting for. It is "The Better 'Ole". The reason is has not been here earlier was because it was im-

possible to pry loose from Toronto the only two films in Canada. It has been showing there now for five months and still the big theatres are turning away crowds daily. But, after long waiting, another and brand new film has been secured from England and comes to Kitchener for its first run, in a fortnight.

"The Romance of Old Bill" is just a simple story. Its worth lies in its symbolism. Mankind is always searching for symbols to carry its thought. Odin spells valor, Arthur spells chivalry, the Hindu spells barbarism, the sky is heaven, the sea is eternity. And the great war has its symbol to Britons—it is Old Bill.

Old Bill epitomizes for us, and for millions of others, the old army that rose to the call. By the law of association of ideas, Old Bill has come to stand for the war, as Tommy and Tommy's people know it. He embraces the whole British army, not in his outward unsmooth construction, but in what he stands for—dogged devotion to duty, unflinching humor and unflinching valor. It is the laugh in the face of death that wins great victories the laugh, not of levity but of pride of race—the common possession of British and British peasant. Surely Old Bill stands for this. The adventure of Old Bill's head venture which became his romance is only typical of thousands of incidents

of the great war but it will convey the message of cheer, the message of "carry on," of the men in the trenches to those who wait in the homes from which Tommy has gone to our colonies and to our allies. It is a romantic romance modest as it is. Bear these vital messages at this wild moment as no other story can to-day. When Captain Bairnsfather created Old Bill he builded surer than he knew. The Walrus-mustached figure of this Old Contemptible, together with his satellite, Alf and Bert, is part of an imperishable history of the war. It will typify for centuries the matchless bravery and the dauntless good humor of the men who

saved Europe. Captain Bruce Bairnsfather's creations are always welcome and his three best figures Old Bill, Bert and Alf, are sure of a cordial greeting in Kitchener when they make their bow in the film version of "The Better 'Ole" at the Allen Theatre the week of Feb. 17th.

APPONT DIVISION FREIGHT AGENTS OF GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Edward has been Division Freight Agent of the Grand Trunk at Ottawa for the past six years. Mr. Weatherston who succeeds Mr. Edward at Ottawa has been Division Freight Agent of the Stratford Division since 1911. Mr. Snell, who goes to Stratford was formerly Commercial Agent at Moncton, N. B.

Do You Like the Boy Who Brings Your Paper?

The lad who brings your News Record has graduated from the "newsboy" class; he now is a "news merchant." He is buying his papers at wholesale and is retailing them to you and his other customers on his route. The more customers he has, the greater number of papers he can sell, the larger will be his income. He makes a profit of one-third on every paper, and if he can build up a route of a couple of hundred customers he will make a tidy sum every week.

Our aim and his is first of all to give a prompt, regular and satisfactory service. If you are dissatisfied in any particular, or can make suggestions that will improve the service, will you not take enough interest in the welfare of YOUR boy to tell him and us about it? We will help the lads in every possible way; help them with their delivery, with collections; with securing new customers; and he and we invite your co-operation.

Every new customer is a boost. Every dissatisfied patron is a knock.

If you can suggest to YOUR carrier a new customer, or help him get one, you are helping along a good cause.

An Honor Roll for News Boys

An honor roll will be established and the names of the carriers who have made perfect deliveries during each month will be published, and a reward made. Assistance will, wherever necessary, be given the boys in collecting subscriptions in arrears.

Instead of rendering weekly or monthly bills, a red tag will be given each subscriber and when he pays a week's or month's account, the carrier will punch the ticket.

The new system has for its object the better serving of the public. The aim is to have the newspaper delivered earlier and without slips. Both the reader and the carrier will benefit from it. The assistance of our subscribers in making it a practical success is cordially invited. Every customer will greatly assist and encourage his particular boy by paying regularly and promptly, by giving him suggestions for satisfactory service, and helping him to receive new customers.

THE NEWS RECORD

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather's "The Better 'Ole"

From the famous London stage success "The Romance of Old Bill"

BRINGING TO LIFE THOSE THREE FAMOUS MUSKETEERS, OLD BILL, BERT AND ALF, IN THE GREATEST CINEMA OF THE DAY.



THE FIRST MOTION PICTURE TO DEPICT THE INDEFATIGABLE "CARRY-ON" SPIRIT OF THE BRITISH ARMY

AT THE ALLEN

Early in February. So tremendous is the public demand for this picture that Toronto absolutely refuses to release either of the two films that have been showing there every day and evening for the past five months. An extra film is being made and will be released first for Kitchener.