

EDITORIAL

MR. FISHER AND THE FARMERS

Let us for a moment examine the question as to whether Mr. Fisher has really benefited the farmer or whether he has simply had the fortune of becoming Minister of Agriculture at the beginning of a prosperous era and of arrogating to himself the title of originator of prosperity when that prosperity is really due to natural causes.

What has Mr. Fisher done to benefit the farmer? Has it been along the line of reduced protection on manufactured articles? When Mr. Fisher entered into power he was going to free the farmers from the high price of goods. If we study the tariff we find that the Liberal tariff averages twenty-eight per cent. This is exactly the average tariff under the Conservative regime. Mr. Fisher, therefore, has not taken one cent off the duties paid by the farmers for the goods they buy. Mr. Fisher in parliament has not raised his voice against the heavy prices the farmers have to pay for what they get. In this Mr. Fisher has not been true to his trust, and it cannot be said that his efforts for reduced protection have benefited the farmer.

Mr. Fisher claims that he has just about made the farmer financially. Under the twelve years of Liberal rule the export of Agricultural products doubled. This Mr. Fisher considers proof positive that he has benefited the farmers.

While the exports of agricultural products have doubled the values of railway stocks have trebled and the riches of manufacturing establishments have quadrupled. The development of the farmer has lagged behind the development of almost every other industry in Canada. Mr. Fisher may tell the farmers how fast they are going but they can see for themselves they are not going so fast as the rest of the country. If Mr. Fisher is responsible for this condition of affairs he should not boast of it.

GEO. E. FORD.

Many of the practical politicians are predicting with great certainty that Mr. Geo. E. Ford is doomed to lose his deposit. Two old-party politicians are in the field and the local vote swingers are rubbing their hands in glee over the fact that the ordinary farmer has not any class sense but will vote for professional men against their own interests.

This may be so, but if it is, there is great need for a revival of hard thinking among the farmers. As long as a man will vote the Liberal or Conservative ticket just because the man running is labeled Liberal or Conservative, there is little hope of reform. The dishonest politician and the government looter considers the hide-bound party man his best friend. When the country finally awakes from partizan politics and when the voters come to vote for the man irrespective of party ties, simply for himself and what he stands for, then corruption and dishonesty will disappear from Ottawa. As long as honest and good men vote the Conservative ticket as such, thereby endorsing such men as Foster and Fowler, or the Liberal ticket as such, thereby setting their seal of approval upon such men as Pugsley and Sir Frederick Borden, there can be little hope of a true reform. As long as men will cling to partizan politics, politics will simply consist of voting one set of rogues out and another set of rogues in.

Mr Ford's candidature is in the nature of a protest against the old idea of election politics. Mr Ford is an honest hardworking farmer who is so busy tending to his farm duties that he has no time to go around organizing the county in his favor. If this is the kind of man the voters of Missisquoi desire to send to parliament let them vote for him. If they want something different let them vote for someone else.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CABINET

The Minister of Agriculture is regarded as one of the strong men of the Cabinet. The Liberal gaffers look to him to a great extent to use his influence with the farmers in such a manner that the present Liberal cabinet may remain in office.

So far as we know the Minister of Agriculture has not benefited personally in a corrupt financial way from the administration of his Department. Nevertheless his tenure of the position of Minister of Agriculture works for evil.

Up to the present the Minister of Agriculture has been looked upon by many farmers as their patron saint. The farmers in many instances are finding that their patron saint is working against them.

Mr. Fisher, in holding office with such men as Sifton and Enmerson and Pugsley and the rest of the crew, is using his personal influence to maintain a corrupt cabinet in power. Mr. Fisher tends to his little duties as Minister of Agriculture and tries to persuade the farmer that he is the only man fit for the office. If the Laurier Cabinet goes out of power he goes out. Therefore, is the conclusion of Mr. Fisher, the farmers should support the present Liberal government in order that he himself may remain in office.

Mr. Fisher, had he the interests of the farmer at heart, would have resigned his position of Minister of Agriculture years ago. He has shown himself to be incapable of self-sacrifice for the benefit of the class he is presumed to protect. The country will consider Mr. Fisher insincere in his professions of honesty when he stands by the corruption rampant at Ottawa and wants it to continue that he may continue to be Minister.

Fielding at Coburg sneered at Borden's government ownership plank because it would take a lot of money to buy the railroads. Canada has been giving millions of money to railway magnates in order to induce them to enter into a most profitable business. Canada will have to acquire the railroads some day. When Mr. Fielding talks of how much the railroads will cost he is only showing his own incompetency. Why did he want the C. P. R. to get \$3,630,000 of government money a few years ago and put through one of the greatest steals the C. P. R. has perpetrated on Canada under the Liberal regime? The government gives the railroad a franchise gives them money to build them with and then a Cabinet Minister whines because it will cost money for the people to reacquire what they gave.

We believe in fighting the battle of the plain people. We differ in this respect from the Minister of Agriculture who believes in neglecting the battle of the little fellows in order that he may hang on to office and be patted on the head by the big fellows.

The Ottawa Liberals believe in taking money away from the little fellows and giving it to the big fellows. We believe in taking money away from the big people and giving it to the little ones.

We believe in taxing the railroads for the benefit of the farmers. The Ottawa Liberals believe in taxing the farmers for the benefit of the railroads.

Clipped From Contemporaries

San Francisco is tolerant towards the theories of Confucianism, but the practice is as shocking as a seismic disturbance. A British subject converted to the ancient Oriental philosophy arrived with his two Chinese wives and is to be promptly deported.—Toronto Globe.

Among the banners displayed at the Fielding meeting was one bearing the legend, "Canada the Bread-basket of the World." This would be grimly ironical to the army of the unemployed, for whose maintenance this winter committees of citizens are now considering emergency measures.—Mail and Empire.

Thoughtful Pointers

- Profits are unpaid wages.
- When money talks it gets a hearing.
- You can't make a lasting impression on a soft man.
- Truth is not always a thing of beauty but it can annoy forever.
- The man with the hoe may raise wheat, still he is not the man with the dough.
- A certain farmer sizes up the situation thus: "You raise the chickens and the booblers get the eggs."
- Successful politics is the art of hypnotizing the victim into believing that it is a patriotic duty to look pleasant while being robbed.
- If the salaries of railroad presidents was split up and divided amongst the telegraph operators there wouldn't be so many railroad wrecks.
- Four hundred unemployed workmen recently marched to the council hall in Glasgow, demanding work, declaring that 100,000 children in that city were hungry. At the same time it was announced that Andrew Carnegie has decided to give another \$60,000 to the city for library purposes!

CORRESPONDENTS

Live News from the Surrounding Towns and Villages.

IRON HILL

Rev. E. M. Taylor gave a temperance address at the Union Church on Sunday which was listened to with a great deal of interest by those privileged to be present. We regret that every tax payer and voter had not been present, also every member of the W. C. T. U., to listen to facts and figures as well as Bible admonitions against the use and abuse of spirituous liquors. The text used was "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging."

Arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. Almon Burt; Mr. and Mrs. C. Temple of West Albany, Vt., at Mr. E. W. Beard's; Mrs. L. D. Traux of North Troy, Vt., at Mr. C. F. Shufell's; Mrs. G. M. Sweet, of East Hill, at "The Highlands," spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. M. Ruiter.

Departures: Mrs. Eliza Sweet to Sweetsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Mitchell moving to their farm near Broume Corner; Mr. S. W. Benham from a trip to West Shefford and Waterloo; Miss Maude Beard to her home in Newport, Vt.

Fires on the mountains still smoulder, despite the fact that considerable rain has fallen.

The Box Social at Mr. Thos. Jones' on Sept. 24th was a success. Many boxes were sold, one going as high as \$1.10. Proceeds amounted to \$10.10.

The Ice Cream and Melon Social given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCrum, in the hall, was also a very pleasant and quite an uncommon feast. Every one enjoyed their fill of the luscious fruit and delicious ice cream. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. McCrum also the ladies for their usual help. Proceeds \$11.00.

Harvest thanksgiving service and supper drew a large congregation to listen to the very able and practical address on Thanksgiving given by Rural Dean Jenkins. About one hundred partook of a most sumptuous feast which was given free by the ladies of the congregation. The tables and hall were very prettily decorated for the occasion, also the church most tastefully arranged with the tokens of God's unending promise. "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat; summer and winter; day and night shall not cease." A sincere vote of thanks was given to the devoted band of workers. At the Harvest service on Sunday collections for Diocesan Missions were: West Bromé \$3.00, Iron Hill \$9.32.

The Ladies' Guild will meet with Mrs. John Raymond October 14th. A good attendance is hoped for.

DUNKIN

Nearly every one in this vicinity is suffering from a more or less severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. N. L. Potter has returned from a protracted visit in Vermont. She was accompanied home by her son and daughter, Abner Potter of Eden, Vt., and Mrs. Nathan Dodge of Johnston, Vt.

Miss Avis Millmore was the guest of Miss Agnes Crowell at Cloverdale Farm over Sunday.

A family named Underhill has moved into Wm. Learned's house near the village.

Joseph Aiken has moved near Glen Sutton.

Mrs. Hiram Rollins visited her mother Mrs. Fawlow on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Walbridge who has been visiting friends and relatives around here for some time has returned to her home in Berkshire, Vt.

Mrs. P. Q. Clark and daughter have returned home to Nort Troy, after a visit with her father D. E. Aiken.

E. W. Davis has bought Robert St. John's farm.

EAST BOLTON

Mr. Clayton Wing who as was reported, has been suffering from appendicitis was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital last Thursday and operated upon the same day. At last reports he was progressing favorably.

Miss Jessie Emerson of Sutton Junction, commenced her duties as teacher of the Chaunal school Tuesday, the 6th inst.

Mr. Ezra Ball has been quite indisposed for a few days, but is out again. The friends of Mr. Wm. Boring will be pleased to see him in our midst again after having spent the summer in Uncle Sam's domain.

Mrs. D. Randall spent a few days in

Magog last week the guest of Mrs. T. A. Vaughan.

Miss Myrtle Vaughan of Magog has been visiting friends in town for a few days.

POTTON

Miss Arvilia Fullerton is teaching school at Owl's Head.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. J. Miller was called suddenly away from home by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Downes at Sutton Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes of Province Hill buried their infant on Saturday of last week.

Mr. Moses Planchard after visiting old friends in Potton returned home on Saturday last.

Mr. Abner Potter from Moristown, Vt., is in town for a short visit.

The Ladies Aid Bee with Mrs. Carpenter on Friday evening.

Mrs. Wheeler of Leadville, was buried on Monday of last week.

The electric lights commenced running again Friday evening. Owing to the low water, Mr. Bessette could not run for several weeks.

NORTH STANBRIDGE

Mr. Eugene Blanchette is making extensive repairs to his house.

Mr. Joseph Daudelin has moved into his father's tenement house, and will work the farm next season.

Mrs. Peter Duclou, who has been ill for sometime, recently passed away to join her husband who died two months ago.

Mrs. A. M. Kemp, had the pleasure of entertaining a family of four generations, last Sunday. The party consisted of Mrs. John McCabe, sr., Manchester; her son, Mr. John McCabe and family Cowansville; Mr. Irvine McCabe and his two children, also of Cowansville; completed the four generations. Mrs. M. Ruiter of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCabe of Manchester were also of the party.

MANSONVILLE

On Wednesday evening a large number of people from the village and vicinity gathered in the Town Hall to give Dr. Paintin a send-off. After refreshments were served Mr. D. A. Manson presented the Doctor and Mrs. Paintin with a handsome clock from his many friends of the town. He was also presented with a medicine case in behalf of the Canadian Order of Foresters of the Court of Glen Sutton.

After the Doctor had thanked his friends for their kind remembrances, the Revs. Messrs. Miller, Carpenter and Garner made short speeches, wishing him success and happiness in his new field of work. The evening was closed by Rev. Mr. Miller pronouncing the benediction.

Mrs. Paintin left Friday for Montreal and the Doctor Sunday evening. They will leave there the middle of the week for Regina, Sask. The best wishes of many will follow them.

SWEETSBURG

Death and Funeral of Miss Francis Pickel

The sad news was received here on Thursday last of the death of Miss Francis Pickel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pickel, of West Charlestown, Vermont, who died on Tuesday evening, Sept 29, after an illness of only a week with gastric fever. The funeral was held at her home on Friday afternoon at half-past one, the Rev. Dickson, Baptist minister of West Charlestown, Vt., and Rev. Mr. Murch, Episcopal minister of Newport, Vt., conducted the service. The bearers who bore the remains to their last resting place, were Messrs. Harper Pickel, N. Vincent Jones, Clement Catly, and Leslie Skinner. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss a sorrowing father and mother, two sisters, and three brothers, two of the brothers being in the far West unable to attend the funeral.

The deceased was 24 years of age and had spent the greater part of her life in Sweet-burg, where she had hosts of friends, who extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Sam McLaughlin of the E. T. bank at St. Johns spent a few days with his mother Mrs. C. McLaughlin.

Mr. Clement E. Catly spent the latter part of last week at West Charlestown and Newport, Vt.

Mrs. Norman Vt. cent returned to Newport, Vt., after spending several weeks at Sweetsburg.

Burnt at Sweetsburg, Oct 1st, 1908, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boright.

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Again Moving

The Royal Guardians, late the A. O. U. W., have removed their Lodge furniture from the Smith Hall, Main street, to Boisvert's hall at Sweetsburg, and with the Foresters, will hereafter hold their meetings there.

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