

About Stockers.

The scarcity of labor has this year greatly discouraged Ontario farmers, and it is not certain, or even probable, that conditions will be more favorable next year or for some years to come. A permanent increase in the cost of labor means a measurable diminution of profit and a corresponding decrease in the capitalized value of farm lands. When to the list of competitors for what labor there is are added the contractors for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway it will be seen that the outlook for the farmer is somewhat gloomy.

Various plans for getting over the difficulty have been suggested, but those devised with a view to increasing the supply of labor furnish little hope of relief. Apparently this must be sought in another direction, namely, lessening the amount of labor required on the farm, and that can be secured only by a change of farming methods. Grain-growing in Ontario is too capricious to be safe. Dairy farming involves too much toil even when the milk is sold to creameries or cheese factories. Fruit-growing cannot be made profitable except in limited areas. Making live stock ready for the British market involves a heavy outlay of labor, but in the production of "stockers" the work and trouble may be reduced to a minimum.

Up to three years of age a steer or heifer gives very little trouble if properly treated. When brought up on an ordinary farm, where the ranching treatments are out of the question, the animals should be dehorned and housed like sheep through the winter in shelters provided with facilities for watering and feeding them without the necessity of tying or otherwise restraining them. The farmer who sets out to raise "stockers" cannot afford land for pasture. He must raise fodder and cut it for his cattle during the summer, and feed it to them as preserved in silos during the winter. A farm worked in this way will maintain several times as many stockers as it would if allowed to run into pasture. Fodder corn, vetches with oats, clover, alfalfa, rape, and other succulent plants are suitable for this purpose. The farmer will, of course, be kept busy enough, and so will his team, but he will be able to do with less hired labor, which is the thing chiefly desired at present.

It is natural to ask what the outlook is for a permanently profitable market for stockers. Not long ago it would have been unwise to undertake such a business, but for the past half-dozen years the risk has been reduced to a minimum, and present conditions seem likely to remain stable. Stockers may be disposed of in several different ways. They may be sold to Ontario farmers who "finish" cattle for the British market; in this case the two classes of operators supplement each other's efforts by a division of labor and of risk. They may be exported to the United States to be finished for the canned meat trade. Or they may be sent to western ranches to be finished by a year or more on the nutritious natural grass.

Every industry has its ups and downs, and the raising of stockers is no exception. Prices fluctuate and sometimes the very bottom appears to fall out of the market. The farmer who relies solely on stockers, however, is in no danger of being left with perishable material on his hands. If prices are very good he can sell without waiting till his animals are full grown. If they are very poor he can, if he is a man of foresight, keep his animals at least long enough to enable him to set off the increase in weight against the diminution in price. One precaution he must not neglect is to have the animals well bred; another is to have them in fair condition. The observance of these requirements makes his cattle readily salable in the United States, where the urban population is rapidly getting on the agricultural classes.—Toronto Globe.

A Call to the Provincial Sunday School Convention.

The Nineteenth Provincial Sunday School Convention will be held on the 13th, 14th, 15th of October, 1903, in St. John's Presbyterian church, Chatham. Wm. C. Pearce, of Chicago, the new international field worker is appointed by the international executive to be present. Mrs. Alonz Pettit, of New Jersey, comes from the International Primary Department to instruct primary teachers. It would be to the interest of every Sunday school to send the primary teacher as one of the two delegates to which each school is entitled. Every county primary superintendent is requested to be present. Two sessions of an institute for primary workers will be conducted by Mrs. Pettit and Mrs. D. A. Morrison, of St. John, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., previous to the opening of the full convention 30 p. m. on Tuesday evening the 13th.

Who may go to the convention? Everybody who has an interest in Bible work, and the future of our country should be interested in this convention. Patriots and christians all should go. All sessions are public, but free entertainment can be provided only for regularly appointed delegates. Each school has the privilege of sending two. If a school cannot send two, be determined to send one. Each county convention may send two. Members of the Provincial executive

will of course be expected. Each pastor is a member of this convention, and it should be the effort of a superintendent to secure the attendance of his pastor. The Provincial executive desires the presence of pastors and asks their aid. All names of delegates should be sent to Mr. Samuel McLoon, Chatham, N. B., not later than Monday, October 5th. In sending a name be sure to add Mr., Mrs. or Miss. Pastors will please send their own name. If after sending a name it is found they cannot go, quickly notify S. McLoon. If another person is substituted, give the name of substitute and whom this one substitutes.

HOW TO GET THERE.

All persons travelling on the Canadian Pacific, the Intercolonial, the Albert and N. B. southern railways will please ask for a standard certificate when purchasing first class ticket going. This certificate signed in convention, will be changed for a return ticket at the station, when starting back.

Through tickets to Chatham can be taken at Canadian Pacific stations the Passenger Agent, C. B. Foster, is asking the I. C. R. to honor their standard certificate for free return ticket. The Canada Eastern will issue a round trip ticket for one first class fare. The Central railway will grant half fare if ten travel over its road.

The boats on the St. John river will give delegates, going to join trains in St. John or Fredericton, a return ticket for single fare. The Miramichi boat will grant to delegates the round trip for one fare.

The committee can offer no redress to those who neglect the above directions. Will the pastors please use standard certificate instead of usual permit.

The above applies to all visitors and delegates. To attend a convention of such benefit to church and nation, we ought to persuade many christians over and above those to whom can be given free entertainment.

The reception committee can be recognized at trains and boat by their red badge. They will meet all the day trains, but not the after midnight express from the south.

A. LUCAS, secretary.

In The Balkans.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—While there is little fresh news this morning in the Balkans, it appears from the despatches received here that both Turkey and Bulgaria are actively preparing for the possibility of war. The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Monastir comments on the skillful disposition of the Turkish troops for delivering a quick blow against either Serbia or Bulgaria. There are 10,000 soldiers in the vilayet of Kosovo, 70,000 with 300 guns in Adrianople vilayet, 50,000 in Monastir vilayet, and 150,000 in Salonica, the last mentioned force forming a huge reserve.

MR. H. F. GROSVENOR of Meductic has won many prizes on his grapes at the Exhibitions this year. At Sherbrooke he won three firsts, at London, Ont., the heart of the grape county he won two first and two second, at Halifax six first, at Charlottetown four first and at Fredericton and Woodstock he received firsts without competition.

Intercolonial Railway.

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MONDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1903.

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An English landowner, out unusually early one morning for a walk on his estate, in turning a corner came suddenly upon an Irishman whom he knew as an inveterate poacher. This is the conversation that took place between them:—

"Good morning, Pat."
"Good mornin', yer haner. An' phwat brings yer haner out so airly this mornin'?"
"I'm just walking around, Pat, to see if I can get an appetite for my breakfast. And what brings you out so early, Pat?"
"Och, be jubes, Or'm jest walkin' around to see if Oi can't git a breakfast for me appetite!"

The Star says:—"Other People's Money is not only one of the cleverest comedies ever presented at the Opera House, but it is put on by a company of which every member is thoroughly competent in his or her particular line. The dialogue is crisp and original with more fun of a really clever nature than is contained in most pieces, and the gradual development of the story brings out some very amusing situations. It is a first-class show."

MARRIED.

YOUNG-STEWART.—At Woodstock, on the 22nd instant, by the Rev. F. Allison Currier, A. M., Mr. Clarence R. Young, of Carleton, to Miss Margaret A. Stewart, of the same place.

MERRITT-BOYER.—At the minister's residence, Florenceville, N. B., September 23rd, by Rev. A. H. Hayward assisted by Rev. W. H. Smith, E. A. Othniel R. Merritt, of Bristol, N. B., to Luella A., eldest daughter of D. V. Boyer, of Bristol.

SIMMONS-McINTYRE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Thomas McIntyre, Richmond, September 22nd, by the Rev. A. W. Teed, Rector, Nora Neales McIntyre to Warren Perley Simmons, of Lindsay, Carleton County, N. B.

CUNNINGHAM-KIDNEY.—At the residence of the bride's mother on Wednesday, 23rd September, instant, by Rev. J. A. Ives, Miss Annie P. Cunningham to Mr. Robert E. Kidney, all of Weston, Carleton County, N. B.

DIED.

WILEY.—At Monticello, Me., September 6th, Marion Kathleen, aged one year and one month, only child of John H. and Catherine Wiley.

GREEN.—At Perth, September 26th, Martha Louise, aged three years, only child of Sterling and Maria Green.

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