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## APEASING THE FARMERS

Dr. Andrew MacPhail of McGill University contributes a most interesting article to the last number of Toronto Saturday Night, under the caption of "The Appeasement of The Farmer." Dr. MacPhail is a gifted son of Prince Edward Island, who has given close attention to economic problems, and is therefore well qualified to speak with authority on matters concerning trade and taxation. Although his sympathies are naturally with the Liberal party he is not and never has been in politics, and it is to be presumed that he does not give publicly to his views with the object of making votes for this or that political party.

Dr. MacPhail after some caustic references to the protective system and its doubtful benefits goes on to say that "the farmer is coming in for much consideration from conscientious protectionists. He has long since been prevented from buying abroad; and the chance which was offered of selling abroad was denied to him on September 21st. He must be appeased for he is too useful to be discouraged. He is an insatiable consumer and he provides deposits for banks. His money is useful when it is directed into proper channels; and the financial prestige would be much embarrassed if the supply should cease." The learned doctor's views are scarcely in accord with those expressed by Flag-Flapping Tory politicians who went about the country during the last election campaign. The farmers were then led to believe that if they supported reciprocity they would lose their home market, and that the country would be flooded with agricultural produce from the United States, Denmark, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Timbucto and elsewhere. Dr. MacPhail, who knows what he is talking about, tells us that our farmers on Sept. 21st were denied the opportunity of selling abroad. It is scarcely necessary to ask who denied them this chance, for the active part taken in the late campaign by the representatives of the "big interests" of the country is still fresh in the public mind.

Dr. MacPhail notes the fact that the present government (no doubt with the object of making some amends for the wrong done on Sept. 21st) has concluded that the time has arrived when something should be done for the encouragement of those engaged in the cultivation of the soil. In the speech from the throne delivered at the opening of Parliament, agriculture was described as "the great basic interest of the country" and this being so Dr. MacPhail concludes that "it bears the whole support of the fiscal fabric which protection has reared." Dealing with the government's proposal to relieve agriculture by grants of money, Dr. MacPhail offers this pointed criticism:

"It is proposed that grants of money be given based upon population. If the money were given to one province at the expense of the rest 'the proposal would find favor in one province at least, and it would be consistent with the policy of protection. But to take money equally from all and give it back in the same proportion will appear to the farmer as a stupid jest. He can spend his own money better than any Government can spend it for him. Instead of that, he is invited to send his dollar to Ottawa, and he knows very well what his dollar will look like when he gets it back."

Most level headed farmers will readily discern a lot of common sense

in what Dr. MacPhail says on this subject. The farmers comprise the greater proportion of the population in Canada, and this being so it must necessarily follow that money contributed from the public treasury to encourage agriculture will be money previously extracted from the pockets of the farmers of the country. It will not be a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, but a case of robbing Paul to pay Paul. Under a fiscal policy which would permit the farmer to buy and sell, wherever he can do so to the best advantage, those engaged in the noble calling of agriculture would not find it necessary to ask favors from the government. As Dr. MacPhail well puts it "any government which is anxious to help the farmer has an easy remedy at hand, and that is to get off his back and leave him alone."

We are often reminded by Tory papers and protectionists that our farmers do not raise sufficient for our home markets and that it is necessary to import farm produce to supply the country's demands. The principal reason for the high price of potatoes and other farm products at the present time is that the farmers have none to sell. Dr. MacPhail in discussing this phase of the question says:

"The cause is not far to seek. A farmer is not a speculator. He does not deal in futures. When he plants a crop he makes an investment of a most precarious nature, subject to the chance of all the elements; and being a prudent man, he bases his hope of profit not upon the highest price he has ever received, but upon the lowest. As the lowest prices yield him little profit, or even a loss, he is anxious to make that loss as small as possible, and so he limits his crop to little more than his own necessities. The market then receives only such chance surplus as there may be. That is the immediate cause of the high price of food in Canada."

The average York County farmer will agree that Dr. MacPhail has sized up the situation pretty accurately. In this county last autumn potatoes were plentiful at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per barrel, and the majority of our farmers not being speculators disposed of their stock at the then prevailing price. The price has since advanced to \$2.50 per barrel, but the farmers who sold out last fall are deriving no benefit from the increase. It is only the big farmers who grow potatoes on a large scale and can afford to store them, that gather in a big profit in times like these. How many farmers of this kind have we in Central New Brunswick today? The number is not very large and it is a safe gamble that a majority of them voted for reciprocity in September last.

Dr. MacPhail puts the whole case of the farmer in a nutshell when he says in concluding his article:

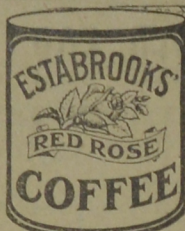
"Occasional high prices are of little benefit to the farmer, and they are disastrous to the community. Occasional low prices are disastrous to the farmer and to the community also, because they discourage increased production. THERE CAN BE NO PROPER FARMING IN CANADA UNTIL PRICES BECOME STABLE BY THE STEADY EFFECT OF THE WORLD'S MARKETS, AND THAT CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE REMOVAL OF ALL ARTIFICIAL RESTRICTIONS UPON TRADE."

The capitals are ours and we have pleasure in commending Dr. MacPhail's closing statement to the members of the New Brunswick Government and Legislature, to the various Boards of Trade, who are endeavoring to promote a vigorous immigration policy, with a view of settling our vacant farms and giving a greater stimulus to agriculture in New Brunswick.

Party feeling ran high in South Renfrew during the recent bye-election. The Toronto news tells of a man who became excited at a funeral service in church and called out: "To h— with Maloney vote for Graham." The same paper tells of a man who visited a place called Shamrock to canvas for Graham. He was so badly beaten that he had to be taken to the hospital for repairs.

A delegation from the temperance federation waited upon the provincial government at St. John yesterday and asked for the enactment of a prohibitory law. Premier Flemming in his reply was delightfully non-committal but he promised that the matter would receive the earnest consideration of the government.

Borden Government lost its first contested bye-election. Straws generally show which way the wind is blowing.

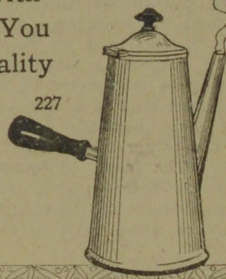


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The Borden Government lost its first bye-election. What else could they expect?

## ITALIAN WARSHIPS BOMBARDING BEIRUT

London, Feb. 24—Three Italian warships are bombarding Beirut, the principal seaport of the Turkish province of Syria on the Mediterranean, according to a special despatch received here this morning. A terrible panic prevails among the inhabitants of the city, the majority of whom are Christians.

Beirut, Syria, Feb. 24—Sixty people were killed and a large number of others wounded as a result of today's bombardment by the Italian warships. These are the official figures, but it is probable that there were many more casualties.

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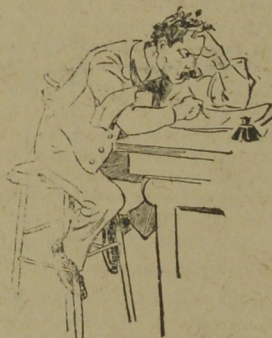
## An Assortment Of Temptations

That's what we are now showing in our down-town window. They are attractive enough to lead lots of folks to "produce the coin" to secure some of them.

They are too numerous to name here. Have a look at them.

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The heavy wind yesterday afternoon blew down a sign on Howard Roger's furniture store on King Street and broke one of the large plate glass windows

## CAR SHIPPED

Messrs Burpee and Watson of St. Marys provincial agents for the Elmore Valveless Car shipped a four passenger car to St. John yesterday. The purchaser was Dr. Corbett.