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LOP SIDED DEVELOPMENT

The Toronto Globe in the course of an editorial lamenting the decline of the population in the rural districts of Ontario as disclosed by the recent census has this to say:

"Between 1901 and 1911 the rural population of the Province declined 52,194, and it looks as though the loss has been much greater since 1911. Cannot rural Ontario, which has mothered the Canadian West and helped to preserve English-speaking civilization in some parts of the Western States, keep her own sons on her own broad and fruitful acres? Here is a problem which should engage the study and energy of the Government and of every agricultural agency in the Province. All who have special knowledge of the question admit the need of more intensive cultivation, of radical changes or improvements in production and distribution, and of better organization. The census returns should stimulate efforts to correct the lop-sided development of the Province, and bring city and country into closer relations and nearer to a proper equilibrium."

In the Province of New Brunswick the rural counties, with the exception of those in the Northern section of the Province where the Acadians predominate, have not held their own in population in the last decade. Accepting the official figures for York-Sunbury as correct this electoral district shows an increase of population for the last ten years of less than 500, which is 300 less than the increase recorded for the city of Fredericton alone. The towns of Marysville and Devon scarcely held their own, while the rural sections of the constituency actually declined in population. A fair estimate of the natural increase of population is two per cent increase per year, and had this constituency been able to hold its natural increase the population today would have been about seven thousand greater than disclosed by the census returns. As the Globe well says something should be done to correct the lop-sided development of the province and bring city and country into closer relations. If the farmers of the country are making money hand over fist, as some city people seem to think, it is surprisingly strange that so many of them are always on the lookout for a chance to sell out and move to town. The cause for the continued exodus from the rural districts should be ascertained and a remedy prescribed, that will be the means of checking it.

The result of the late election shows that Ex-Premier Meighen utterly failed to measure up to the advance press notices. He experienced the bitterness of personal defeat at the polls, his own province went solidly against him as did five other provinces, and the party which acknowledged him as its head returned but fifty members in a house of two hundred and thirty five. It is perhaps not a matter for great surprise that Hon. Mr. Meighen should desire to continue as leader of the Tory party, but it is surprising that the party should show a disposition to retain his services in that capacity. Perhaps it was with the intention of curbing men of the Bob Rogers type, who are demanding a house cleaning, that he took such hasty action with a view to providing himself with another seat.

No doubt Tories of the die hard stripe who believe that their party has a divine right to rule, would like to see members of the Liberal cabinet opposed when they seek re-election, but reasonable people will see nothing to gain by adopting such a course. No opposition was offered to members of new administrations who

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NEW MINISTER IS GRAPPLING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The unemployment situation has already been given serious consideration by the members of the King cabinet and is being kept under view from day to day, according to a statement made today by Hon. James Murdock the new minister of labor. For the present the new government is carrying on the programme of relief laid down by its predecessor, bearing one-third of the cost of relief work, where the provinces and municipalities each assume one-third of the cost, but whether or not this proposal will be amended or continued will depend on the further consideration of the King cabinet.

Mr. Murdock believes that between now and March 31, employers and workmen engaged in the building trade should fight out all their difficulties so that there could be work for all throughout the summer months. He is appealing both to builders and members of the stationary trades union "to take the bull by the horns" and not have repeated in this crisis of Canada's national affairs the deadlock of last year when some of the best months of the summer went by without any building being done because builders and workers could not come to terms. It is also true that next winter's unemployment situation will depend to a certain degree on the amount of employment available through the coming summer.

sought re-election in 1896 and 1911. and the chances are that the members of the present ministry will not have to fight their way back into Parliament. The Conservatives shot their bolt in the general election last month and lost, and it would be bad policy for them to further expose their weakness to the country.

Hon. Bob Rogers, who used to boast that he knew how to win elections, but who evidently failed to make good use of his knowledge on December 6th, when he stood as the Tory candidate for Lisgar, Man. and was snowed under, now comes forward with a scheme for the rehabilitation of the once grand old party. He commends the Liberals for having restored party government to Canada, and suggests that his own party hold a convention and reorganize on the old lines. When the Meighen cabinet was reorganized Premier Meighen, overlooked the Hon. Bob, but he did not overlook Hon. Jim Calder, another machine politician from the West. Hon. Bob no doubt felt the snub and when the opportunity presents itself he will likely take steps to square the account.

By a vote of sixteen to eleven the York County Council yesterday decided to increase the annual grant to the Victoria Public Hospital from \$1000 to \$3500. The increase is a very substantial one and will be very encouraging to the friends of the institution. The Victoria Public Hospital serves the county as well as the city and it is only right that all the people should contribute to its support. The county councillors have dealt with the matter in the proper spirit and their action is deserving of the highest praise.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

there's the groundhog's coming out party.

Wireless is filling this country with boy wizards.

In this well-known country the optimist usually gets the joke on the pessimist.

We can't agree with the philosopher who says "light heads never shine." If they are bald they do.

Notice of Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Agricultural Society No. 34, adjourned from November 24th, 1921, will be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Fredericton, N. B.,

**Next Thursday Afternoon
January 12th.**
At the hour of 3 O'clock

BUSINESS:—Election of Board of Directors for the current year; to consider and act upon proposed amendments to the Society's By-Laws in accordance with notice of motion regularly made; to deal with proposal to provide for the management of the Society's property by a Company to be incorporated under the New Brunswick Companies' Act, 1916 and such other business as shall regularly come before the meeting.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 7th, 1922 W. S. Hooper, Secretary

The trouble with the money you give people for charity is that it brings them right back for more.

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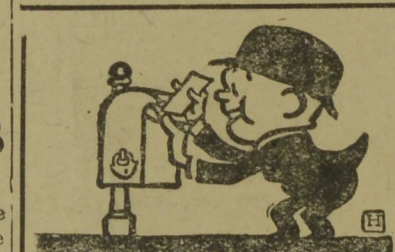
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