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GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Scheme Outlined by Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale to Encourage Settlement on the Land---Government to Supply Land Free of Charge---Working With Dominion Authorities.

(St. John Telegraph)
 The government of New Brunswick has decided upon a plan to assist the returned men in settling upon land in this province which will no doubt meet with the hearty approval of all who are affected by it. It is a broad and generous scheme, as the following letter from Premier Foster and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale minister of agriculture, to the Great War Veterans' Association will show:

St. John, N. B. Sept. 17th, 1918.
 Dear Sir:—No question is of greater importance in this province or dominion today than that of providing for the returned soldiers.

The government of the province of New Brunswick has not only given it very careful consideration as an executive body, but has taken it up individually and by delegation with the dominion government with the sole idea of evolving some scheme that will not only be practical and of the greatest benefit to the returned men but at the same time suitable to conditions of soil and climate as they exist in New Brunswick.

In all of the discussions with the premiers of the other provinces and with the members of the dominion government, the national responsibility for treatment, care, education and ultimate placing of returned men in various vocations was acknowledged and yet, while we felt this duty devolved upon the dominion authorities still it was obvious to us that some suitable plan should be prepared by which those who desire to settle in New Brunswick should be assisted to do so.

The government of New Brunswick has therefore decided to deal with the matter themselves in a tentative way until such time as the matter is placed upon a definite basis by the dominion authorities.

You will remember during the session of 1915 legislation was passed by the dominion government, which broadly speaking, provided for a loan of a maximum of \$2,500, repayable in installments with interest at five per cent such loan to be made on a percentage value of real estate, farm stock etc., as acquired by those desirous of taking advantage of the act. The legislation was apparently so designed to meet conditions in the west and is in our opinion not broad enough nor is it of such a nature that it is applicable to conditions in this province.

Within a few days we will supply you with blank forms for distribution among your various associations throughout the province and accompanied by a request that any returned men who are desirous of taking up farm life will fill in such forms and at the same time give any further particulars that will be of assistance.

There are three ways in which we can assist in meeting the wishes of those who desire to avail themselves of such:

1st—Those who desire to take up settlement on what are known as Crown Lands.

We will provide 100 acres free from these lands which have been classified as most suitable for agricultural purposes, subject to such regulations as are in effect regarding same and subject to the obtaining from the dominion authorities such portion of the amount provided for under the loan act as will enable the applicant to make the necessary improvements. Provision to be made with the dominion government in case of failure of applicant to carry out his obligation.

2nd—Those who desire to purchase an improved farm in such locality in which they desire to settle.

We will furnish information concerning available farms in such local-

ity and by effecting necessary financial arrangements for the purchase of same, repayable in installments as will best suit the conditions of applicant.

3rd—Those who might be suffering from disability and are unable to take up farming upon any extensive scale.

We propose upon receiving requests from a sufficient number who might express their desire for such small holdings, to purchase as a beginning two tracts of land of 100 acres each one in a French district and one in an English district, as close as possible to a large centre of population. These tracts of land will be sub-divided into, say ten and twenty acre lots.

Buildings to be erected and improvements made by a loan to be obtained from the Dominion Loan Board.

Supervision and assistance to be supplied by the department of agriculture of the province.

Loan upon buildings and improvements repayable in twenty annual installments, with interest at five per cent. Land to be donated free by the province of New Brunswick.

The government express the hope that these proposals will be given the widest possible publicity amongst your members. In the meantime we will continue to press the matter with the dominion authorities and urge the establishment of agricultural schools for returned men within this province.

Asking for the cordial cooperation of your association in this important matter.

We beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

W. E. FOSTER, Premier.

(Sgd.) J. F. TWEEDDALE,

Minister of Agriculture.

To the president and members of the Provincial Organization Great War Veterans' Association, province of New Brunswick.

SAVE WHILE THE SAVINGS GOOD

TALKING FRENCH IS NOT ALWAYS SAFE

(Chicago News)

"I intend to take up French," said the landlady's daughter. "When the boys come back they will all be talking French and a lot of them will bring French wives along with them I want to be able to talk intelligently in French."

"I would counsel you against it," said the worldly wise boarder. "It may be all right to talk a little French, grammar book French, and the like, but it is wisest to talk it moderately and it is especially unwise to talk it intelligently."

"That is where the pitfall lies. The more intelligently you talk French the more trouble you get into and the farther you stray away from intelligent French the more troublesome consequences you avoid. If you talk French in such wise that people take it for English, Swedish, Italian or Greek, that's all right. The French people think you are talking a language foreign to theirs and will not expect much of you and will make due allowances."

"But should you open up in perfectly good intelligent French, the French of culture, the proper French, that's different. A friend of mine made that mistake. He started in to do the right thing. He was that kind of a fellow; when he did anything he did it to the limit. He started to learn the French language and he was not content to get a decision over it or to compromise. He went in and conquered the whole business. He acquired a French vocabulary, a dangerous thing to have about your person in any language, but particularly bad in French."

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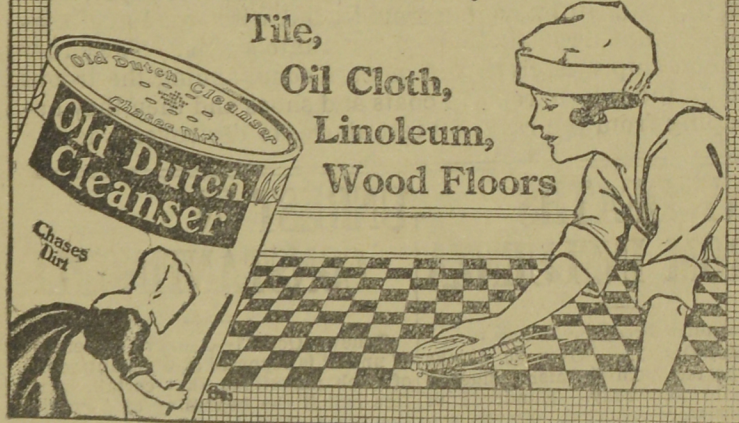
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