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THE BOY AS A PRODUCER

A very considerable percentage of the labor on farms today is being done, as it always has been done, by boys below the military age. This boy ability to produce food from the soil has been greatly multiplied by the perfecting of far machinery and the increase of farm horse power.

Farm-bred boys of fifteen will often do more productive work on the farm than untrained mature men; and the quality of their work is usually better because their hearts are in the farm. Their work also costs the farmer less than the hired farm hand. The system of boy work with horses in the field has become a distinctive feature of country life in America. It largely accounts for the fact that the resident owner on a farm of medium size can make his business pay, where the owner of large areas worked by hired men may lose. Boy labor helps also to explain the comparatively low price of farm produce in this country.

When this labor does not interfere with the boy's needed schooling, it gives him such self-reliance in the mastery of difficult things as he could not get in any other way. The fifteen year old boy who has learned to handle a two-horse or four-horse team efficiently is likely to develop a grasp of affairs that will stand him in good stead in dealing with men, materials and physical powers in later life. Men with a boyhood training of this kind are just now in great demand in the army.

The champion corn-grower of Indiana is a fifteen-year-old boy, a junior in high school with an ambition to become a chemical engineer. Last season he made one acre produce 140.2 bushels of dry shelled corn at a cost of 11.3 cents per bushel, an unprecedented achievement in that State. In 1916 he had made an acre yield 85 bushels, but in this he was beaten by a hundred other Indiana boys. But with his own seed and his previous year's experience he bettered his first year's attempt by more than sixty per cent and gave Indiana a new record. The record acre corn crop of the United States was raised by a South Carolina boy twelve years old. Nearly all the record corn crops of America have been raised by boys under 18.

Some of the opposition organs have been declaring that Hon. Mr. Veniot during the last session of the Legislature expressed himself as being opposed to the introduction of a patrol system on the roads of the province. The Minister of Public Works did nothing of the kind. All that he said in reference to a patrol system was that the government had the matter under consideration. The Highway bill now under consideration provides for the inauguration of the system.

The machinery of the city street department does not appear to be in the best of working order these days. The snowfall during the past few weeks was heavy, and the soft weather has put the sidewalks in a wretched condition. The corner wells have become clogged in many places and great pools of water have formed which are very annoying for pedestrians. The officials of the street department will save future trouble by giving this matter immediate attention.

The main estimates for the fiscal year were tabled in parliament yesterday by Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting Minister of Finance. The total is \$252,793,099, which is a decrease of \$2,015,793 as compared with last year. The estimates chargeable to consolidated revenue fund to total \$224,332,109, an increase of \$22,817,813 over last year. Interest on the public debt now amounts to \$78,000,000, which is double the total revenue and expenditure twenty years ago.

Press despatches indicate that the Germans have started their long talked of offensive on the western front. Reports from Berlin claim that they have captured 16,000 prisoners and 200 guns from the British. The report is no doubt exaggerated but it

may be safely said that what ever gains have been made by the enemy have been made at a terrible cost. It looks as if the most critical stage of the war was now at hand.

The bill to grant the franchise to women provoked some discussion in Parliament yesterday. The bill will give women the right to vote, but does not propose to allow them to offer as candidates for the House of Commons.

The Toronto Saturday Night quotes Mr. E. Tennyson Smith as saying that Capt. Bailey, recently sentenced at Toronto to three months jail for slandering soldiers, was a Christian gentleman and a temperance reformer. The judge who tried the case and sentenced Bailey evidently made a different estimate of his character.

The present session of the Legislature gives promise of breaking all records since Confederation in the matter of useful legislation. It goes to show that the province has a government which is desirous of giving the people the best possible service.

Through Our Sieve

All alone in no man's land—that is Holland's predicament.

The food pledge has to be kept in the kitchen as well as in the window.

What has become of the old fashioned sheep that grew all-wool cloth?

Germany is going to be badly in need of a usable reutation after the war.

At any rate war bread is not so neupmatic as the familiar peace variety.

Jordan is a harder road to travel than ever. A bridge across the river was blown up recently.

Reports say that the daschund is disappearing from Germany. Into Germany, more likely.

M. Shozatzky leads the new Russian council. The man needed in Russia is M. Attaboyzky.

What this country needs is a barometer that will indicate decent weather and keep it here.

To ask a girl if you may kiss her before doing so is merely a slacker's way of trying to lay all the blame on her.

LOCAL NEWS

Left for St. John.

Major C. J. Morgan, officer commanding Detachment "A" of the 62nd Regiment, left for St. John last night after enlisting several men in this city for his unit which is now stationed at the docks at West St. John. Major Morgan stated before he left that men in categories A4, B and C, also single men under 20 and over 34 and married men under 45 could be enlisted for his regiment by presenting themselves to the officer commanding "K" Unit, M. H. C. C. in this city, or to himself at West St. John. The 62nd Regiment is strictly a home service unit.

Accident This Morning.

Miss Laura Gallagher, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher of Northumberland street, was rendered unconscious this morning by the falling of a "cradle" used in repairing the slates from the roof of the City Hall. Medical aid was summoned and the girl conveyed to Chief of Police Finley's office where some time later she regained consciousness and was taken to her home. The "cradle" was wired to the roof but due to the very strong winds the wires parted. Upon inquiry this afternoon it was learned that Miss Gallagher was resting quite comfortably.

S. P. C. A. Case.

At the Police court yesterday the case against a resident of Oromocto for the alleged ill treatment of a bull, being brought to this city, was withdrawn by the complainant, Mr. James Roberts, who pays the costs, and the deposit of \$12 made to Mr. Roberts by the defendant was ordered to be refunded.

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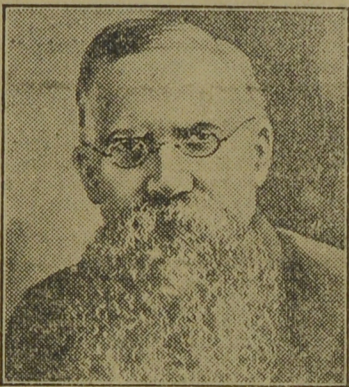
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THE BRITISH ARE FIGHTING GALLANTLY

British Army Headquarters, March 23.—The British gallantly fighting, are still presenting a solid front to the attacking Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons. All day yesterday and much of last night the conflict raged as fresh German divisions were hurled into the fray in an attempt to smash the British defences.

THE GERMAN STATEMENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Berlin, March 23.—Between Fontaine Les Croiselles and Moeuvres, German forces penetrated into the second enemy trenches and captured two villages, army headquarters announced today. British counter attacks failed. So far, the statement announces, 25,000 prisoners, 400 guns and 300 machine guns have been taken. The two villages taken on the Fontaine-Moeuvres front were Vaulai-Pravicourt and Morchies. The former village is about three and a half miles and the latter about two and a half miles behind the former British front.

Leaving Monday Night.

Mr. Douglas McElveny of the staff of the Bank of British North America in this city, is leaving on Monday night for St. Catherine's, Ont., where he has been transferred to the bank's branch.

Crown Land

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returns, as his license could be cancelled. Personally he was absolutely ready to prohibit the exportation of pulpwood from crown lands and he believed the Minister of Lands and Mines deserved every credit for taking the steps indicated in this bill to obtain proper returns.

HON. MR. SMITH informed the Committee that he wanted to have this bill go through.

Favored the Bill.

MR. BAXTER said the bill should go through. It had a statistical value which would form a foundation for a future policy. Much time had been taken up in discussion but it had been usefully employed. The bill perpetrated a change to be made. Personally he was much in favor of abolishing the existing system. However, it must be remembered that New Brunswick was standing in a critical financial position. Revenue would be a most important matter during the next few years on account of war conditions. It also should be remembered that drastic action in connection with this matter might seriously affect the pulp and paper market of the United States. Further it could be urged that the province should not deal too harshly with the lumber industry. Revenue was urgently needed. It might be possible to put on a tax here or a tax there, but in the end the crown lands were the great source.

HON. MR. SMITH said he would like to see the bill passed, but would bow to the opinion of the Committee.

The Committee reported progress. HON. MR. BYRNE moved that the bill to amend the Companies Act be referred to the Committee on Law Practice. The motion was carried.

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