

## PROGRESS THE WATCHWORD

Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in his annual address to the stockholders of that great financial institution, said: "Progress appears to be the watchword in New Brunswick. The Department of Agriculture has the wholehearted support of the Government, and is giving the farmers of the province inspiring leadership. This is evidenced by a general increase in

production, the amount of land cultivated in 1918 being 125,000 acres more than in 1917. Of this increase 33,000 acres were planted in oats, 34,000 acres (or 200 per cent increase) in wheat, and 13,000 acres in turnips and potatoes. The potato crop is estimated at 8,650,000 bushels, somewhat below the average, but 50 per cent more than in 1917. The yield of hay was good and that of oats and wheat excellent, but of only fair quality owing to the bad weather which prevailed

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STILL NEED HELP

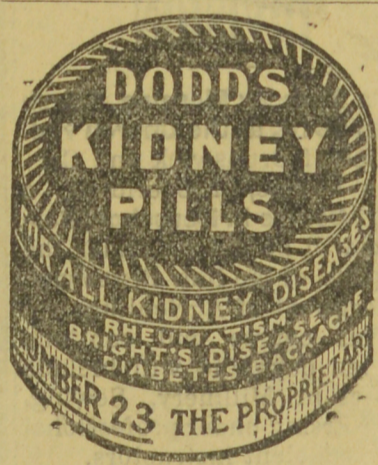
"In travelling through Belgium with the Belgian armies, I have been able to see the country recently tenanted by the Bochs in the condition in which they left it, and never was there such desolation anywhere. One cannot get away from signs of destruction, no matter where one goes, along the country roads or in the city streets.

Not only has property been destroyed and every means of livelihood taken away from the people, but the peasants, especially in the country districts, have been left destitute both of home and food. We travelled twelve miles yesterday through open country and as but one small instance of the vast plundering of the Germans, let me state that in all twelve miles not one solitary live animal did we see, and practically every tree had been felled, so you can imagine the dreary aspect of the scenery.

All the peasant women and children we met on our way, said a news correspondent, while they greeted us with cheers and received us into their homes with open arms, those that had homes, showed the greatest suffering from insufficient food and nourishment. They did not complain, but merely stated as a fact that they had not tasted meat for two months and had lived largely on soup and coffee.

The cry of the Belgians today is for food and clothing and those who would help, no matter how little, should send their contributions to their committee, or direct to the Central Committee, Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

during harvesting. Reference was made in our report last year to the effort being made under government auspices to improve the quality and number of live stock. This policy has been continued, with specially good success in the case of sheep."



## SPRING POEM.

It will not be long until the Good housewife begins to fill the Kitchen and the parlor with her Brooms and mops and sunds; It will not be long before we Find ourselves so lame and sore we Scarcely can get out of bed, And don our duds.

Every year about this season Women let us break our knees on Chairs they place around in darkened room or hall; Then they get us on a ladder With a picture, and get madder Than a saturated hen, In case we fall.

Girls, take hope, one of the bachelor members of the Legislature has been talking optimistically of the future.

A blind girl in Ohio got married and recovered her sight a few days later. Marriage is certainly a great eye opener.

HON. MR. VENIOT LAYS BARE  
RECORD OF THE OPPOSITION

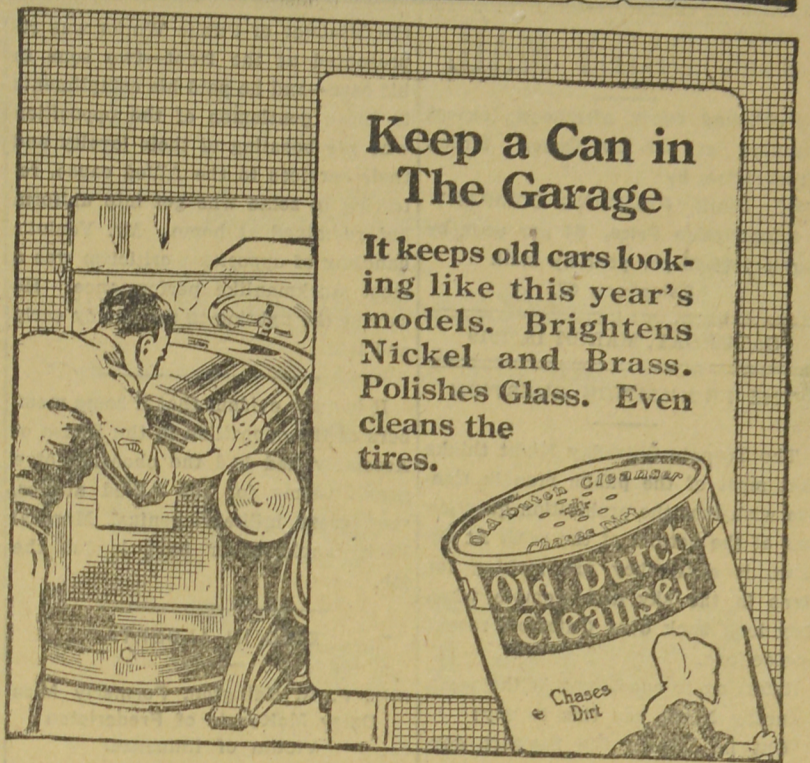
(Continued from Page Two) bers that that account was correct. So deceived were the members of that Committee that they had signed a statement that the accounts had been examined and were found correct. Yet the ex-Minister of Agriculture said that he (Veniot) was guilty of deception in the matter of One Dollar.

The Caraque Railway. HON. MR. VENIOT brought up the matter of the Caraque Railway Company and the Dominion Government. Personally he had no connection with that railway. He made that statement because in Gloucester County his friends of the Opposition had circulated the report that he was a Director of the railway and that the hon. Attorney General was a shareholder and Solicitor for the Company. Neither the hon. Attorney General nor himself had any connection with that railway. His only interest was to see that adequate service was given the people of Gloucester County. A representative of the company had been about the House for some days and had expressed the opinion that the proposed legislation was most drastic, but serious situations required drastic remedies. If a change in the attitude of the Company did not take place he would ask the House to place in the hands of the Minister of Public Works power to force that Company to come to terms.

Mr. Tilley's Ants. His hon. friend from St. John City (Tilley) recently had used his military knowledge in arranging in file eight deep a company of ants. He had told the House that a compatriot of the Minister of Public Works had visited St. John and informed him that all the ants in Gloucester County were to be placed upon the pay-roll of the Public Works Department each to carry a grain of sand for the building of the highways. He (Veniot) had enquired into that story and had learned that a compatriot had visited St. John. He was a taxidermist by the way and as he walked along the streets he had heard a warbling. It had come from the window of a law office and seemed to be a parody on "Rock of Ages." The words were, Nothing in my brain I bring, Simply to my name I cling. His compatriot had entered the law office and had determined to secure the warbling. Being a taxidermist, he proceeded to stuff him. He believed that that was where the hon. member from St. John had got the idea of grains of sand. The new warbler's brain was so small that only grains of sand would fit.

The same hon. member had said that if the Government should return old farms to the returned soldiers they would be doing them an injustice. It was the first time he ever had heard an hon. gentleman in the opposition condemn one of his own acts. Surely he knew that old and worn out farms had been bought up by the preceding Government. Why did he come to the House and say "Don't put the poor soldiers on the rotten farms we bought." God forbid! Every farm purchased had its history not only in Albert and Kings, but everywhere. At the time they were purchased and he (Veniot) knew that history and had shown his knowledge through questions asked the hon. member from Madawaska now Hon. L. A. Dugal. But the first defender of the purchase of those farms had been the hon. member from St. John City. He need not fear that soldiers would be put on those farms. The Government had something better for returned soldiers.

A Scoury Trick. There was an instance of treatment given a returned soldier by men now in opposition to which he must refer. He meant the plot hatched in the ranks of the Government of the time against Lieutenant Colonel P. A. Guthrie. No sooner had that officer taken his seat on the floor of the House after his return from overseas than he was forced to arise on his crutches and defend his character against attacks arising from a plot in the ranks of his own party. Further he could point out that there was a gentleman on the floor of the House who boasted frequently of his patriotism, who on that occasion stood in his place and took a point of order against Colonel Guthrie. It was Mr. Smith of Carleton Place. The love for the returned soldier and the loyalty boasted by the opposition was only lip love and lip loyalty. The members of the opposition talked of their conduct in the Federal election



Did Dr. Crocket raise his voice in protest? Did Conservative papers protest against nomination of a civilian for a post office appointment at St. John? At the present time military district headquarters at St. John contained numerous officers appointed from outside New Brunswick some of whom never had been at the front. Did his hon. friends opposite say a word in protest? No, it might affect their political organization. Mum's the word!

MR. MURRAY (Kings) I will discuss these matters at the proper time. HON. MR. VENIOT—I am always ready to hear the hon. member speak when he is in the proper mood.

Hon. Mr. Veniot continuing referred to the recent appointment of Titus J. Carter, ex-M. P. P., by the Dominion Government. No returned soldier got a chance yet the only trench Mr. Carter ever saw was one that some of the patriotic potatoes came out of.

Fault had been found with the speaker for his stand in the late Dominion election. Mr. Tilley had been the only one of the opposition fair enough to say that each man was entitled to his own opinion. This was a democratic country. The opposition misjudged the soldier if its members thought they could line him up against the Minister of Public Works because the latter had opposed conscription. He (Veniot) had two sons in the trenches at that very time. They had gone overseas to fight not for a political party but for the right of any man to think and vote as he saw fit. When they returned as they would shortly they would know that that action was on conscientious scruples and would see that it was borne out by facts. The ex-Attorney General had made reference to the great sacrifice which the Conservative party in New Brunswick had made on the formation of Union Government. What sacrifice did that party make? It was the Liberals who had made the sacrifice when on a matter of conscientious opinion they had left their leader and their party. How have they since been treated? Where was the fifty-fifty promise in a Union Government? Yet those men remained staunchly true to a government which had knifed them from the start and had trampled upon their rights. But because they believed their country needed their services they remained true to their conviction. There was one more case to

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