

FARMERS IN BAD WITH MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT

Halifax Telegram Paper Describes Them as the Biggest Profiteers in the Country — According to Premier Meighen They are Nearly as Bad as Bolsheviks—What the Toronto Mail and Empire Says.

(The Ottawa Record.)
Farmers are out of favor with the Meighen government. They are Bolsheviks, or nearly as bad, according to Mr. Meighen and Mr. Foster. A writer in the Halifax Herald some time ago said that the farmer was the biggest profiteer in the country, that he was self-righteous, domineering and tyrannical. "He cherishes the pig prize with more tenderness than the wife of his bosom. He se-

lects his with with an eye to her culinary attainments and her residuary interest in her father's estate. His emotions are located in his stomach, which is never content unless it harbors a slab of pie after it is filled to repletion."

The Tory Herald published about two columns of this kind of abuse. The Mail and Empire said a few days ago: "The lot of the prairie pioneer in early days was a difficult one, but never so difficult as that of the pioneer farmers of the East who had to push back the forests before there was land for them to cultivate. The Western farmer found a virgin and fruitful soil ready for his plough. His difficulties were largely those of transportation, and these have been taken away at a cost which is being carried chiefly by the people of Eastern Canada. It is moreover an old complaint against the prairie farmer, that he is industrially improvident. "Against the safeguard of mixed



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farming he has stubbornly set his face, preferring to take his chance with wheat. Sumptuary legislation and trading restrictions of recent years, operating to his advantage, have confirmed him in this attitude and have increased his disposition to lean upon the Government. The prairie farmers who have equipped their farms with adequate buildings, in which to house their crops and their machinery, are relatively few in number; the majority are, in this respect, notoriously improvident, letting tomorrow take care of itself, and appealing to the Government for relief when tomorrow brings with it misfortune.

"The easy way has been a profitable way for the grain growers as a class, and the tales of want which have been recounted to the Tariff Commission contrast sharply with the record of annual migrations by wealthy grain-growers to the winter resorts of the Southern States, where much of the money won from the soil of Canada has been spent. It is difficult to resist the conclusion from these conditions that the average farmer in the West is a Canadian only for what he can get out of it. His method of industry is, in many of its aspects, un-Canadian and selfish, just as his tariff policy is un-Canadian and selfish. He is not carrying on his industry upon lines of permanent development, but follows a method which multiplies his risks, manifesting what is essentially a gambling spirit, but, unlike the true gambler, he is a poor loser."

Yet the Government which tries to affix the stigma of Bolshevism on the farmers' party, and which is supported by such organs as the Halifax Herald and the Toronto Mail and Empire, has the nerve to come into East Elgin and ask for the farmers' votes. The farmers have a grand chance to give the Government the right answer.

(The farmers of East Elgin expressed their opinion of the Meighen Government by electing Mr. McDiarmid by 200 majority in a three cornered fight.)

CHILD ARTIST ASTONISHES THE CRITICS

(Special Correspondence C. A. N. S.)

London, Nov. 14—Pamela Bianco, the little girl whose imaginative work compelled the admiration of the critics some time ago, is to give another exhibition of her paintings at the Leicester Galleries late this month. Whatever else she is, Pamela is not a prodigy. She is a jolly, round-faced, pink-cheeked girl, who does not wear "arty" clothes, and who has no "arty" conversation.

She was surprised to find that anyone wished to interview her.

"If you must say something about me," she said, "say that I love ice-cream and toad-in-the-hole. It's quite true."

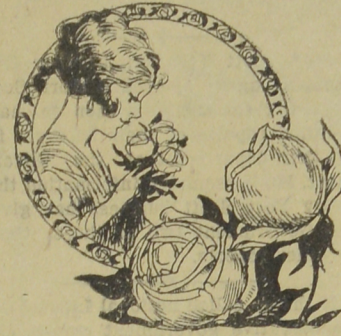
The pictures which are to be shown next month include studies of little bits of London which Pamela can see from the windows of her Chelsea home, portraits and still life studies. Asked which was her favorite, she replied:—

"I am fond of them all, but I think perhaps I like the cauliflower best."

The character of her work is changing. A year ago she was busy chiefly with imaginative works.

"But now," she said yesterday, "I like best to paint things which I see. Wherever I go there is always something to paint."

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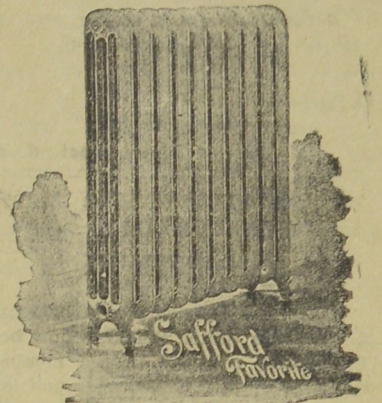
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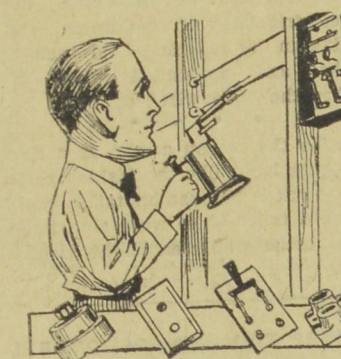
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