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THE COMMISSION

The agricultural commission which began its session in Woodstock yesterday promises to do the province great service. The matters to be discussed lie at the base of the prosperity of the province. At the very first session, attention was directed to a habit of some, perhaps of many farmers, which should be overcome. It is that of abandoning one profitable source of income to rush into another branch of work which for the season appears to offer larger returns. Obviously, if a farmer is to succeed, whether in dairying or other branch of agricultural effort, he must give it his best attention year after year. This does not mean that he must let pass an opportunity to do a good stroke of business, but it does mean that he ought not to neglect in an ordinary or unfavorable season that which on the whole gives him the best returns.

With regard to the sheep industry, the statement is made that it has been nearly ruined by dogs. The truth is, doubtless, that it has been ruined by indifference; for if farmers set themselves seriously to the task of sheep-raising, improving breeds and getting the best returns, they would not tolerate the dog nuisance for a single season. The remedy for that trouble is very simple.

The discussion in Woodstock showed that very little is being done to develop orchards in New Brunswick, and some of the speakers appeared to doubt if such apples suitable to this climate could be found as would make the business profitable. One of the largest and most successful growers in Nova Scotia has said, however, that as good apples, and the same varieties, can be grown in this province as in Nova Scotia. The industry has been neglected.

The Times would advise its country readers to read carefully the reports of the sessions of the commission, and would urge farmers to lend all possible assistance in making its work tend to the awakening of a more intelligent interest in farm subjects. Hon. Mr. Landry's remarks at Woodstock are worthy of attention. Too many bright young men go from the farms to the professions, and too few devote their talents and energies to the devlopment of that which lies at the base of national prosperity.

CO-OPERATION

The growth of the co-operative movement is a significant fact in social development in the United Kingdom. It has no politics, and has been approved by some leading men of all shades of political faith. Premier Asquith and Mr. Balfour are both favorable to the principle. One is surprised to learn to what proportions the Co-operative Union has grown. The annual congress has just been held at Newport, England, with 1,500 delegates representing about two and a half million members. A number of foreign co-operative organizations were also represented. The report of the central board for the past year showed a marked increase in the business and prosperity of the movement throughout the country generally. The general summary showed that the total number of societies in 1907 was 1582, and the number of members 2,434, 085. The number of shares held amounted to £32,055,229, the trade £105,717,699, and the profit £12,003,341. Compared with the figures for 1906, the increases shown were:—Members 101,831, shares £1,797,420, trade £7,783,942, and profits £1,028,346.

The president, in the course of his address, as reported in the press, referred to the unemployed question. The problem of the workless and breadless, he said, pressed, and must be solved. They dare not leave it unsettled. Unemployment was a permanent factor in the life of every community whose industrial system was based on competition. Such a system heaped up unlimited wealth on the one hand and unemployment on the other, and the gulf between the rich and the poor grew ever wider. As co-operators they proclaimed their belief that the "right to work" was a primary and natural right of man. In the interests of the multitude which worked, which bought, he claimed that co-operation had done much for the betterment of the people. Every co-operative store was a witness that they stood for thrift, and for purity in commerce, and as a protest against the existing industrial conditions. Every congress demonstrated that by sure steps they were drawing nearer the day of industrial democracy. It was a matter of the supremest importance that the people themselves should become their own employers. To acquire the means of production and exchange was their goal. More and more as the units of industry were organised on a co-operative basis conflicts between the contending forces of capital and labour would disappear. More and more as the units of industry were organised for supplying their needs with the least waste of energy and without injustice to any would the industrial basis of society be strengthened.

Canadians will be interested to note that the congress adopted a resolution "in favor of the removal of the restrictions upon the free importation of healthy live cattle from Canada." The better housing of the people was one of the subjects discussed, and it was stated that the co-operative movement had provided some 50,000 houses for members. They welcomed the town planning measure of Mr. Burns, which would tend to clear away slums. A resolution asking that women be enfranchised was adopted by a large majority. The question of political representation was brought up and made the subject of a very lively discussion, but in the end it was decided that the Co-operative Union, which included men of different political beliefs, should not attempt to get direct representations in parliament. Touching the question of wages, it was resolved after much discussion that no male adult laborer ought to be paid less than 24 shillings per week, and no female laborer less than 17 shillings. This, therefore, should be the minimum for the society itself in its employment of labor, and certainly the rate is low enough. The congress also decided to extend to its members facilities for taking up land under the Small Holdings Act. Mr. H. Vivian, M. P., in supporting the resolution, is thus reported:—

Mr. Vivian, M.P., said that he felt that a new epoch had been opened up for the co-operative movement with the possibility of acquiring land. Unless they could teach the agricultural labourer to use the power of association in the application of the law, the Act, so far as the labourer was concerned, would be fruitless. Their stores co-operation had been a success, and they must now use the stores to back up the labourer, otherwise the greater number of the county councils would make the law largely inoperative. The agricultural labourers were still largely in a condition of serfdom, and needed the helping hand of that man who had won freedom in the towns to help them to the advantage of the law. They could not enfranchise the labourer satisfactorily unless they housed him better, and they could not house him better unless they improved his economic position, and they could not improve his economic position unless they gave him access to the land and enabled him to make the most of every opportunity that came within his reach."

We may properly conclude this review of the proceedings of the congress with the comment of so conservative an authority as the London Standard, which strongly approves of the general principle, while not allied with politics:

"The English co-operative movement is one that deserves every encouragement, and its continued progress can only be surveyed with gratification. We hear much in these days of plans of social amelioration and social reconstruction, by more or less violent means. The advocates of these sweeping changes in the established order of things are perhaps unaware that co-operation is steadily and quietly solving many of the problems in which they are interested. We are told that modern industrialism divides communities into cast-iron compartments, with the few capitalists in the one and the horde of disinherited workers in the other. It is a ludicrous picture, when we turn to the actual facts. Co-operation, without legislative pressure or confiscation of private rights, has already converted some millions of working men into capitalists. We are told that the ills of society will not be cured without the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. The co-operative societies have shown that no revolution is required to enable a very substantial portion of the workers to acquire command of the instruments by which wealth is produced and commodities are supplied. While theorists have talked of profit-sharing and the amalgamation of capital and labour, the co-operative associations have worked out the practical results in a form which combines the strictest regard for individual rights with the advantages of joint effort. While Socialism remains a vague ideal, co-operation is solid business, that has stood the test of experience, and can be stated in terms of facts and figures. Co-operation is social reform in the best sense, and its success is the best answer to those who assert that the condition of the masses cannot be elevated without subverting all the established tenets of legality and ethics."

Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who died today had long ceased to be a strong political factor in the United States. He was president from 1885 to 1889 and again from 1893 to 1897. Of late years he has been heard from quite frequently as a contributor to leading publications, but lived a quiet life. He was not a great president, and left no enduring mark upon the country. He was responsible for considerable irritation between the United States and Great Britain over the Venezuela affair, and it is worthy of note that on the day of his death the withdrawal of the United States ambassador to Venezuela is also announced. Mr. Cleveland was admitted to the bar in 1859, was sheriff for Erie county, N. Y. 1871-74; mayor of Buffalo, 1882; governor of New York, 1883-85; and president of the United States 1885-89 and 1893-97.

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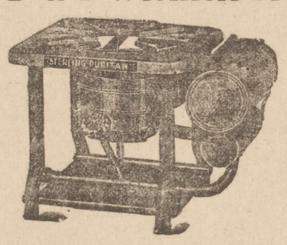
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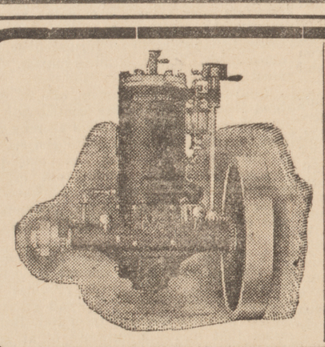
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Though we all were born a-growlin'—though we're axle-deep in doubt,
There is really very little for the world to growl about.

When you come to think about it—did your growlin' ever pay?
Did it ever bend a rainbow—chase a thunder cloud away?
Don't it deafen all the angels when they try to sing an' shout?
Don't they know that there's but little in the world to growl about?

When you come to think about it—but the best way's not to think!
There's a spring there, by the wayside—stop, ye travelers, an' drink!
There's a green tree in the desert, 'neath a firmament o' blue,
An' a hive that's dripping honey for the famished lips of you!

—Frank L. Stanton

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I have never loved before, he said.
Well, she replied, I am not running a kindergarten.—Bohemian.

SHOULD HAVE SAID NO.

Mrs. ——I can remember the day when you begged me to say the word that would make you happy for life.

Mr. ——I know—but you said the wrong word.—Life.

UNDERSTOOD PERFECTLY.

Prospective Tenant—I should want the studio for sculpture.

Caretaker—Yes, sir; some of these is let for that. There's a sculptor moldering next door, sir.—London Tatler.

THEN HE FLEW.

Mr. Young—I tell you, it's endurance, the staying quality, that makes one successful in life.

Miss Pert (glancing at the clock)—I guess you'll get on.—Boston Transcript.

SHE WOULD REJOICE.

What a sour old fellow Gotrox is! Nobody will ever be brighter or better for his living.

I don't know about that. Glum husbands make merry widows.—Baltimore American.

NOT EXACTLY PLAY.

Did you enjoy your auto ride with him?

No, the gasoline gave out, and we had to push the machine home.

That wasn't much fun.

No, I never like horseplay.—Houston Post.

FASHION ITEM.

Why do tailors display these outlandish fashion plates of alleged styles?

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How so?

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Have you ever regretted having your gift of second sight? we asked the medium.

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BOSTON LUMBER MARKET.

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Spruce lumber—rail shipments—10 and 12-inch dimension, $21.50 at $22; 9-inch and under dimension, $19.50 at $20; 10 and 12-inch, random lengths, 10 ft. and up, $20.00 at $26.50; medium size, $18.50 at $19.00; small sizes, $17.50 at $18.00; merchantable board 5-inch and up, $18.00 at $18.50; matched board clipped $21.00 at $22.00; eastern hemlock board, 12, 14, 16 ft., $18.50 at $19.00; bundled furring, clipped to same length, p. l. s., $18.00 at $18.50.

Shingles, lath, clapboards—shingles—cedar ex., $4.00 at 4.15; do clear, $3.50 at $3.65; do 2nds, $2.35 at $2.40; do clear white $2.20 at $2.30. Laths, spruce—1 1-2 in., $3.10 at $3.20; 1 5-8 in. $3.30 at $3.35. Clapboards—spruce, 4 ft. ex., $45.00 at $47.00; do clears, $43.00 at $45.00; do 2nd clears, $40.00 at $43.00.

SENT TO DORCHESTER.

In the circuit court yesterday before Judge White argument of counsel was heard in the case of Gibson vs. McGrath. In the afternoon the case went to the jury and the jury after an hour's discussion, returned bringing in a verdict for the plaintiff for $50. The plaintiff claimed $1,000 for assault and battery. Daniel Mulin, K. C., represented the plaintiff and J. B. M. Baxter was for the defence.

In the afternoon the prisoners who were found guilty last week in the criminal cases were brought before the court. William Rogers was sentenced to two years in Dorchester. Agnes Cunningham got a sentence of two years, Wattie Lee will serve three years and Geo. Lee, two and a half years.

MAINE DRUGGISTS MEET.

Kineo, Me., June 23.—The 41st annual meeting of the Maine Pharmaceutical Association convened at the Mt. Kineo house today. About 250 people are in attendence consisting of druggists and their wives from all sections of the state, making it one of the largest and more representative gatherings in the history of the association. In the after noon a business meeting was held.

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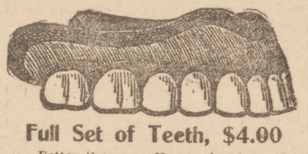
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