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THE CANADIAN VIEWPOINT

The Community Pinehurst Pleases Minister of Agriculture



AS THE result of the recent visit of United States Secretary of Agriculture, David F. Houston, and Canadian Minister of Agriculture, Martin Burrell, those two eminent authorities dined together in Washington recently. Both were keenly interested in the agricultural problems which are being so successfully solved in the Sand Hill section and largely through rural organization and co-operation, and both were enthusiastic over the character of the climate as an all the year land of liberty and living; Minister Burrell especially so because of the speedy manner in which he rallied under its bracing atmosphere from his recent illness.

Minister Burrell discussed in an interesting and instructive way the problems which confront his Government. "The Federal Government and the Provinces,

of Agriculture is the inspection of all seed offered for sale in the Dominion. If a Government agent finds the seed that the stores are selling to the farmers is not what it is represented to be the Government prosecutes the party responsible for the deception. ¶ A myriad of publications are issued by the Department on every subject in relation to farm work. Among these is the Agricultural Gazette."

None of Minister Burrell's remarks are of interest to the local people quite so much as his account of the profitable farming which is being carried on on the sand soil of British Columbia. "This," he said, "is often very deep, loose and light. Irrigation, which entails heavy expense, is also necessary. They raise but one crop a year, nevertheless the soil is very valuable and is wonderfully productive. Great yields of fruit and potatoes are made on it."

The distinguished visitor was most interested in the account of the development of agriculture in the Sand Hills and was agreeably surprised to learn that the



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first of all," he said, "are working together for better agriculture in Canada. Agricultural schools are being established for those who do not care to go or who are unable to go to the high schools or colleges on completion of the common school course. Courses in all lines of agriculture are given. These schools which are often run in conjunction with the experiment stations, are proving popular and useful. On the day one is opened two hundred or more pupils may present themselves for admission.

"Canadian farmers, like United States farmers, are slow to take up co-operation. However, where the conditions have forced them to it as in the marketing of fruit, excellent results have been obtained. Co-operative creameries and other attempts at concerted action have also done well in some sections of the Dominion. ¶ District representatives who work much as our farm demonstrators do, are also doing a great work for better agriculture. "Another interesting detail of the great work of the Canadian Department

farmers here had perfected so complete and earnest a co-operative federation and that without State or National aid.

Silver Foils Officers

The Silver Foils at the annual meeting elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck; Vice-presidents, Mrs. William West, Mrs. Alexander McGregor; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Gwendolyn Cummings; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lucy K. Priest; Club Captain, Mrs. Guy Metcalf; Handicap Committee, Mrs. J. P. Gardner, Miss Louise Elkins; Board of Governors, Mrs. Louis E. Beall, Mrs. J. R. Price, Mrs. Irving S. Robeson, Mrs. J. T. Newton, Mrs. M. B. Ormsbee, Mrs. J. G. Splane.

Mrs. Dutton Wins Bogey Handicap

Mrs. George C. Dutton of the Belmont Springs Club was the winner of the bogey handicap arranged by the Silver Foils. She finished two up playing with an allowance of nine strokes.