

The C.A. Oversea Settlement Training Farm.



ON Friday, 3rd June, a number of representatives of British and Oversea Government offices paid a visit to the Church Army Training Farm at Hempstead, Essex, the party including Mr. G. F. Plant, Mr. Malcolm Jones and Major Barrington, representing the British Government Oversea Settlement office; Mr. H. C. Cameron and Mr. Mills representing New Zealand; Mr. E. Y. Taylor representing Western Australia, and Miss Priske from the office of the Superintendent of Emigration for Canada, in addition to Prebendary Carlile, Canon T. St. J. P. Pughe, Hon. Director of Oversea Settlement, and several others from C.A. Headquarters. The party motored from London. The weather unfortunately turned out wet, which interfered much with a thorough inspection of outdoor operations; but it was nevertheless possible to give the visitors a very good idea of the first-rate work which is being carried on at the Farm under the skilled and sympathetic supervision of Captain and Mrs. Warner.

The party inspected the farm buildings and stock—and saw the lads at work, some in the blacksmith's shop, another was repairing a plough, another the elevator, others making and mending harness, one was stuffing a horse collar, another re-soling his boots, and some busy with carpenter's tools. The dairy was seen at work, and great interest was shewn in the dummy cow, on which the boys begin to learn to milk.

Although the lads are only three months at the Farm, they are broken in to farm life, and learn to handle a horse and the beginning of milking, farm carpentry, harness-making, ploughing and so on; thus getting over the worst three months of a boy's life on a farm as pleasantly as possible, with the result that when they reach Canada or Australia they are welcomed by the farmers. Several hundreds of lads have passed through the

Farm under the care of Capt. and Mrs. Warner, and the greater number of them are doing well in the Dominions.

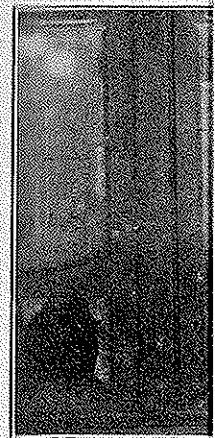
Mr. Cameron expressed the gratitude of all for the very pleasant trip. They were more than pleased with everything they had seen, and he thought there would be keen competition for C.A. boys; personally he would be glad to take the lot. He was especially pleased with the instruction in milking and care of stock, carpentering, blacksmithing, harness and boot repairing, etc., all of which were exactly the things required to equip for life in the Dominions. He had only one fault to find; and that was that everything was so happy and comfortable that he thought the boys would be loth to leave it.

Mr. Plant also expressed the pleasure which the visit had given him. He had been greatly impressed with all he had seen. The boys were alert and keen, and the arrangements for giving them a general idea of the rudiments of farm work were very satisfactory. The whole atmosphere of the place was excellent. He regarded the Farm as a most important imperial enterprise. He ventured to urge that the Dominion representatives should impress its advantages upon their Governments and should recommend them to give it financial support.

Mr. Taylor endorsed what Mr. Cameron had said. He was taking all the boys he could from the C.A. Farm and was glad to get them.

It is felt as a great encouragement by those responsible for the Farm that the work there should have met with this approval and that it should have been so kindly expressed.

The average cost per lad, after deducting grants received, will be £20. Will you be responsible for starting ONE in Dominion life? Cheques should be crossed "Barclay's, a/c Church Army," payable to Prebendary Carlile, D.D., Hon. Chief Secretary, 55 Bryanston Street, London, W. 1.

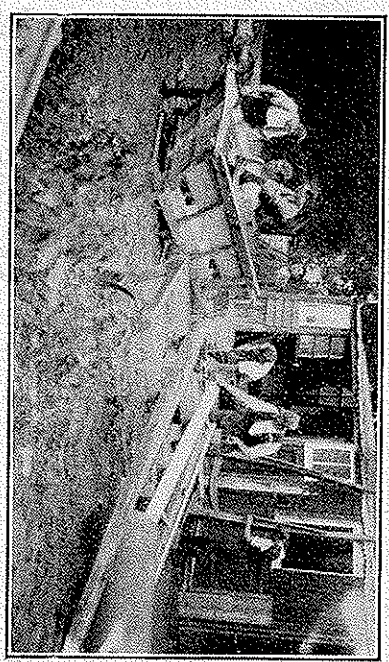


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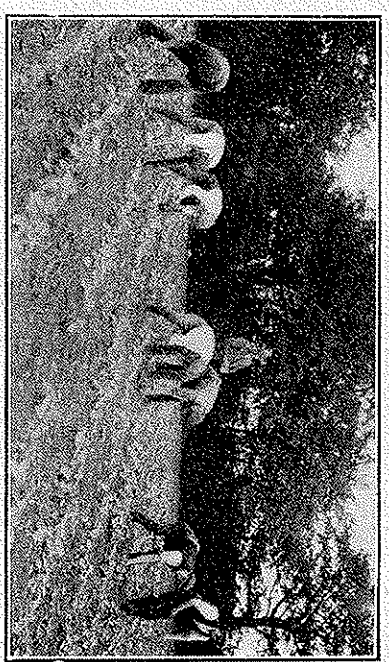
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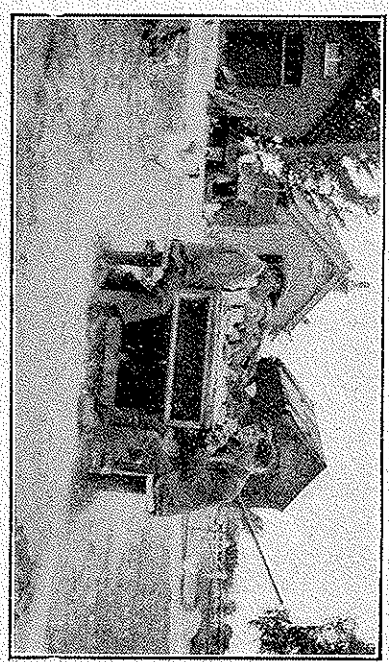
Views of the Church Army Overseas Technical Training Farm for Lads, Hempstead Hall, Essex.



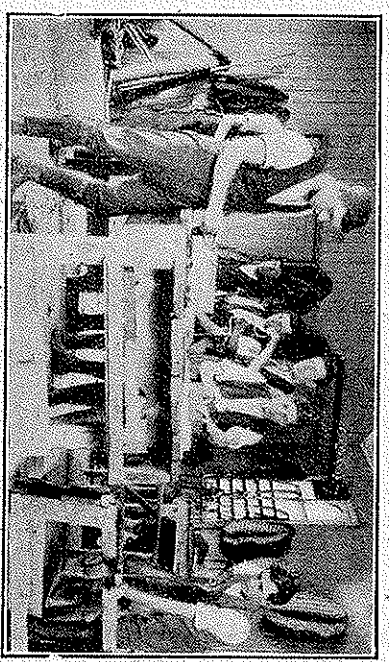
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