

T.B.'S ON THE LAND.

FARM COLONY IN N.S.W.

"Mountain Mists," a little magazine published by the T.B. convalescent soldiers, of Burlington, New South Wales, gives the following facts of the Griffith Farm Colony scheme, which is being undertaken by the Red Cross Society on behalf of the T.B. soldiers.

The idea of the Society is that men suffering from T.B. and who have had a certain amount of hospital treatment, and who have so far progressed as to be no longer infectious, shall, as a sort of continuation of their treatment, be given an opportunity to further improve their health in a good climate and amid congenial surroundings, and at the same time fit themselves for firm re-establishment in civil life.

The colony is within one mile of the railway station, and is protected from the prevailing winds by a chain of low ranges. The soil is light and loamy, and the locality is in the heart of the Murray or Cyprus Pine country. The property is divided into two equal parts by the irrigation channel; the lower part will be devoted to intense cultivation, and the balance will be occupied by buildings and dry farming. A comfortable barracks to accommodate single men is now being constructed. A medical officer and nursing staff will reside in the colony. Hospital accommodation will be provided, and there will be a school and recreation hall. The area of the colony will be approximately 100 acres, 55 of which will be irrigable.

Financial Arrangements.

While an inmate of the colony, the Repatriation Department guarantees to make the ex-soldier's pension up to the following scale:—

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(a.) Soldier without dependants, a weekly income, inclusive of pension, of	42	0
(b.) Soldier with wife, weekly income, inclusive of their combined pensions, of	52	0
(c.) Soldier and wife and one child, weekly income, inclusive of combined pensions, of	55	6
(d.) Soldier and wife and two children	59	0
(e.) Soldier and wife and three children	62	6
(f.) Soldier and wife and four or more children	66	0

The hours of work on the farm will be under medical direction, according to the state of each man's health, and payment will be made on an hourly basis. The rate is not yet fixed, but the Society may be trusted to do what is fair to the men. A single man will be charged 15s per week for board and lodgings, and a married man will be charged a reasonable rent for the furnished cottage supplied by the Society. Every little detail has been studied in the interests of the wives of the men, and includes baths, laundries and even a store at which goods can be purchased at cost price. The Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission has decided to reserve a small area with a view to farms being granted to soldiers, who, after passing through the Farm Colony, are able to satisfy certain conditions, the chief of which are:—

- 1.—A medically fit certificate from the R.M.O.
- 2.—Certificate from the farm manager that the applicant is a capable and willing worker.
- 3.—Six months' satisfactory service at the colony.
- 4.—That the Resident Commissioner shall be satisfied that the applicant is likely to make a satisfactory settler.

It is not necessary, however, for every man to contemplate taking up land of his own. Any T.B. fulfilling the conditions can go through a course at the Farm Colony to complete his restoration to health. There is always plenty of work available in the district, and any man not wishing to take up land would be reasonably certain of suitable employment in the same good climate and in the same district.

The London correspondent of the "Post" writes:—The huge factory of the Sopwith Aviation and Engineering Company, Ltd., at Kingston-on-Thames, famous for the thousands of aeroplanes it turned out during the war, has now closed. The company has decided to go into voluntary liquidation through lack of capital. The factory covers several acres of land, and employed 1600 hands. Since the war it has been utilised in the manufacture of the well-known A.B.C. motor-cycles. The sudden slump in the motor-car trade has caused the firm to come to this decision. The closing down of the factory, unfortunately, throws 1400 employees out of work. The assets of the firm are estimated at something like £500,000, but, as the liabilities are comparatively small, it is expected that all the firm's creditors will receive payment in full.

SOLDIERS' WILLS.

The Defence Department has still a large number of wills executed by members of the N.Z.E.F. while on active service. In all, approximately 60,000 wills have been returned to the men, those remaining on hand belonging to soldiers whose whereabouts are not known. Any soldier who made a will while with the forces and has not had it returned to him should take the earliest possible opportunity of applying to the Officer-in-Charge, War Accounts and Records, Wellington.

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Thursday, 16th Dec.

The donations towards the Auckland War Memorial Museum aggregate £75,000. The principal contributors towards the object are: Auckland Savings Bank £25,000, Government subsidy £25,000, Auckland City Council £5000, Auckland Racing Club £5000, N.Z. Insurance Company £2000, South British Insurance Company £2000, Bank of New Zealand £1000. The wild state of some of the natives living near the Persian Gulf was vividly described by Brigadier-General Andrew to the clergymen attending the College House (Christchurch) refresher course. He said that he went in search of the natives and one day found a company in a river-bed. The children were on their hands and feet eating grass, while the adults searched for snails and slugs which they eagerly devoured. When they saw the General they gave a huge shout and scurried off to their holes on the other side of the river.

Nearly half the Presidents of the United States have been of Scottish or Scottish-Irish descent.

SPECIAL SETTLEMENT FOR T.B.'S.

Applications are invited by the Commissioner of Crown Lands from T.B. soldiers under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act for 13 sections of first-class land near in the Morten Settlement, Sumner (near Christchurch). The sections, which average about five acres each, are suitable for poultry-farming and market gardening. Applications will close at 4 p.m., 22nd November, at the District Lands Office, Christchurch.

A new use for old warships has been found. The Admiralty is placing them at the disposal of the Ministry of Agriculture for the purpose of fighting the dreaded foot and mouth disease which causes such havoc among cattle. The warships to be converted into floating laboratories, fitted with every modern appliance and apparatus for investigating the disease and carrying out experiments to combat it.

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