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Land Settlement Women Cooperative Scheme

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Mr. Bottiller, Sir Thomas Mackenzie
Colonel Ambrose

The O.S. have had converse
with the lady on similar subjects and
I spoke to Mr. Macnaghten about this.
He has discussed Miss Burdett's
scheme, see, and I with him.
Mackenzie of the B.S. has who
not disposed to incur it at all.
Mr. Macnaghten suggests that we
should simply act upon

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To proceed? The million of women
in the Settlement Scheme - though
with a financial ground & has always
been a little crafty in a
political manner. But Mrs. Roberts

idea of a London co-operative
without does not get over the
danger of all the necessary checks
I must write you soon

Wed 9.7.19

Yours
J. P. [unclear]

The power of
Savage

to by

I have to acknowledge your
July 2nd & thank you for the
information that conveyed.

I am very glad to hear that
creative schemes are being
tried; I wish that some effort
made to you give to find
to our co-operative
units. I have seen the
real life in Africa, which arise

from the scarcity of white women
& the consequent lack of health
life & public opinion, & law
could be counteracted by the
of girls of the same class
men who immigrate. Before these
settlements would have been
Experiments, now so many
have been doing practical
-tural work, that their success
need not be doubted - only
sure that Government could
& active help is a necessary
preliminary to success. I
half a dozen such settlements
has proved their value.

to follow of their own accord
with the shame & danger of
half cast population can not
be avoided, in a land with a
live population, unless act
ures are taken to equalize
sexes by stimulating the
migration of women, not
married women to accompany
husbands, but enterprise
able girls, who will make homes
themselves - Miss Bowditch
is farmed successfully
Madagascar, is trying to found

one such co-operative settlement
there, but I wish Lord Minto
authorizing the founding of
Co-op farms in each district
wh. farms are now being allotted
have the settlers recruited
by the Board of Agriculture &
& M.A.C. & W.R.N.S. - If the farms
under the active surveillance of
Colonial Dept of Agriculture &
be found successful financially
they would be of inestimable
social & moral value
Yours truly
W. Napier

British Cheese-Making

In 1916, when the Board of Agriculture initiated its cheese-making scheme, only four counties provided instruction in cheese-making; and only five cheese schools were in operation. Before the year 1918, the Board's efforts had resulted in travelling instruction given in 46 counties; a total of 100 instructresses were employed; 78 travelling cheese schools were operated; 18 co-operative schools were held; 733 centres for classes were established; 2,658 persons received instruction in the schools; and 2,658 farms visited. The year's work cost only about £2,000.

A high proportion of those who received instruction in the travelling cheese schools, mostly women, now practice cheese-making on their own dairies, while in many cases the co-operative cheese schools have resulted in the formation of registered co-operative societies. Twelve of the 18 centres at which co-operative schools operated in 1918 already have, or will shortly have, formed co-operative dairy societies as a direct result of the work done. Since this type of demonstration teaching was introduced, 2 co-operative dairy societies have been formed in this way.

Women's National Land Service Corps.

Oversea Openings for Women.

In the March number of the *Journal*, Mrs. Norman Grosvenor expressed her opinion that there were practically no openings for women workers in South Africa. She would, however, now be inclined to modify this statement. A few women farm very successfully in South Africa, and there is no doubt, given the right circumstances and the right woman, that there are possibilities in that country. Miss Lucy Bowditch, with her sister (Mrs. Blake) has done well at farming in Rhodesia. She offers her experience to others. Before putting any capital into Rhodesian schemes, would-be co-operatives are urged to take a two-month test in Rhodesia. This test will enable them to know (1) whether they are fitted for the work; (2) whether they are fitted to control and manage the natives; and (3) whether they are fitted to control and manage the land. The last point is probably not the least

important. Miss Bowditch is invited to participate in a scheme being started for women with £300 or £400 capital, which is to be used to start a co-operative on their own behalf in South Africa. The co-operative is to give telegrams and to show the opinion of the originators, she is likely to succeed in the matter, particularly with regard to capital in managing the natives, and the rough manual work. No specialized training is required, although it may be advantageous; indeed provision is made for a two months' test in Rhodesia before any pooled capital shall be absorbed. From about one-third the capital, bare food and rations for two years will be provided, twenty

acres freehold, and some 1,200 acres of cooperative land secured on B.S.A. terms for payment after five years, and one hundred acres ploughed in readiness. The other two-thirds of the capital will be invested by each co-operator in the central fund, to be managed by the co-operators themselves under an organizer elected from among their number, which shall not be less than five. Twenty per cent. of the average work done will be reserved to each co-operator as it should. Any surplus may be used by the co-operators to meet the cost of the land, or to buy an extra few redbuds, making four hundred and fifty. At the end of two years, the net profit from one thousand pounds invested is to be divided equally among the co-operators. This scheme is meant to provide for women of energy and initiative to whom a liberal profession, clerical work or an indoor life does not appeal, and Miss L. Bowditch, A.S., The Grey House, Epsom, Surrey will be pleased to supply any further details on request.

Seasonal Work.

The following letter has been circulated in the press by the W.N.L.S. and is being sent to all applicants for temporary work.

The Executive Committee of the Women's National Land Service Corps acting in conjunction with the Board of Agriculture has decided that in view of the general unemployment existing in the country among women and of the large number registered at the various Labour Exchanges, the Corps no longer organizes, recruit or supply gangs of seasonal workers as flax-pickers, fruit-pickers, horts, harvesters, etc.

Past members of the Corps arranging for seasonal work with employers for seasonal work, must do so on their private capacity, not use the armlet and badge of the Corps while at work.

Those wishing to undertake seasonal work this year should register at the nearest Labour Exchange.

The Women's National Land Service Corps propose to continue in being until further notice as far as the members of the Corps who are employed as permanent workers on farms, etc. are concerned. Due notice of demobilisation will be sent individually to these members.

I am, Yours, &c.,

ELIZABETH C. BENSON

Members are asked to call the attention of anyone concerned to this notice.

The W.F. & G.U. Rummage Sale.

Miss Peake, The Old Red House, Mayfield, Sussex (L.E.S.C. Railway) still requires further contributions of old boots, shoes, etc. of which she can sell any quantity. She has to report that by the sale of old clothes, etc. received last month has been able to forward £3 11s. 6d. to the funds of the Union.

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