

Likewise Tobacco

On April 4th a meeting was held in Washington in the nature of a conference between representatives of Southern cotton planters and federal officials, the object being to devise some means of lifting the agricultural industry of the Southern States from its present rut. Naturally cotton, being the crop considered, but the same conditions that surround the cotton market are also prevalent in the tobacco market, and for that reason some of the statements made at the meeting might be turned to good account in Southern Maryland.

Mr. Angus W. McLean, a director of the Finance Corporation, strongly advised reduction of the acreage as the only solution of the problem confronting the cotton growers, and his views were shared by the great majority of those present who expressed themselves similarly. Mr. McLean said it would be unfortunate should a market be found for the surplus cotton crop within the next few weeks. This, he said, would result in the planting of another big acreage. In so far as it discouraged over-production, he welcomed the existing crisis as a blessing in disguise.

Secretary Hoover frankly admitted that the Government had no panacea to offer the discouraged growers. "The cotton problem today," said Mr. Hoover, "is primarily one of exports and the extension of credits beyond the normal abilities of merchandise and banking. We might as well realize that there will be a reduced consuming power for some years to come—until Europe rehabilitates herself—and we must readjust ourselves to those conditions."

In this last paragraph he sums up the whole situation! For the next few years the world will of necessity consume less, and we should, therefore, produce less, not only of cotton, but of tobacco—in fact, it applies especially to tobacco, which is not a necessity like cotton.

Malcolm, Md., April 21, 1921.

Editor the BEACON.
 Dear Sir:—In the name of the people of Southern Maryland, and personally, I will thank you to give me space in your valuable paper to say that the Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association sold for me this week two hogsheads of common tobacco for more, by far, than my brother-in-law sold last summer thru a commission house. I personally know, thru sales in my immediate neighborhood, that this is at least 5 cents above prevailing prices on the Baltimore market today, and I want to say that in buying my supplies, and in the sale of my tobacco thru the Maryland Tobacco Growers' Association, I have this year made at least \$100, and I am a small farmer. The man who is out can do the same if he will at once join. So let me ask the man outside to get in and stick and we will win out, and if not, please inform the public why he is out of this organization.

Very truly yours,
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ROAD ENGINEER PLAN RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT.

Out, and after hearing all the arguments the large gathering present almost unanimously endorsed the new plan. Chairman John N. Mackall, of the State Roads Commission, was the principal speaker and scored the antiquated supervisor system of road maintenance. As St. Mary's is among those counties which have adopted a better method, its citizens will be glad to know that Harford has now dropped in line for a permanent and scientific road system.

Mr. Mackall condemned Harford's present system and advocated a roads engineer. He stated that he knew of but six objections, five of them being the present five members of the Board of County Commissioners, who, he said, were afraid of losing petty political prestige that accrues from the present system of assigning the mending of roads to various individuals in the county, who, he said, work the roads only when it is most convenient to them and not when it is most advantageous for the improvement of the roads.

The sixth reason, he stated, was the type of road mender who will do actually \$72 worth of work and put a bill for \$144, which is promptly paid by the commissioners without supervision or checking up. This sixth reason is usually the sort of man who will deal with perfect honesty with his neighbors, but who considers it more or less a smart thing to take advantage of the county, said Mr. Mackall. He also loses sight of the fact that probably 100 others are working the same game, and that he, through his increased taxes, pays excessively not only for his trick but for the tricks of the other hundred, Mr. Mackall said.

Mr. Mackall stated that nine counties today have an engineer and that there is no indication of any return to the old system. He called particular attention to Wicomico county, which, he said, has had a roads engineer for a period of 10 years and has the cheapest and best system of county highways in the State.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speakers.

The chairman, E. A. Cairnes, then asked the meeting for an expression of its opinion, and out of an attendance of about 150 there were only about three opposed to the proposal for a roads engineer. There was comment that not one of the County Commissioners was present to hear these State engineers discuss the project, although it is generally understood that they are opposed to it.

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 Tests to be held at Baltimore and Salisbury May 21, at Annapolis, Monday, May 23, and at Frederick Wednesday, May 25, 1921, as follows:
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