

FLAX REQUIRES INVESTMENT OF MANY MILLIONS

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development of a flax and linen industry on a sound financial basis.

A year ago last June Colonel MacHenry Howe, secretary of President Roosevelt and interested in establishing a linen industry in the United States, stated that if George MacDonald of New York and his associates could be interested in developing the flax and linen industry in Oregon, by the investment of substantial capital, that the (Colonel) Howe would use his influence, and if possible, secure government financing toward the project. A meeting with George MacDonald was arranged for me. Immediately after our first conference Mr. MacDonald left for Europe. He arranged for his son and brother who would study the project thoroughly, and upon their report his future course would be determined. On Mr. MacDonald's return to the United States, a favorable report was presented to him. George MacDonald then called upon Colonel Howe at his home in Westport and here a most interesting and satisfactory conference relative to the flax and linen industry in Oregon was held.

Later in the fall of 1934 with government participation uppermost in his mind, George MacDonald came to Oregon to personally make his own survey. Previous to his departure he expressed himself as most favorably impressed with the possibilities of developing a great linen industry in Oregon. At the same time Mr. MacDonald declared emphatically that government participation in any form would seriously hamper, retard and cripple the linen industry. To this end Mr. MacDonald declared that he would furnish all the capital necessary to successfully develop the flax and linen industry in Oregon.

Shortly after George MacDonald's arrival in New York, he sent his brother, Henry MacDonald, to Oregon to make further investigations and to inaugurate a specific plan for the actual operation of retting and scutching plants and the manufacture of linen fabrics and household linens. Henry MacDonald spent three months in Oregon during which time a contract was drawn and those people most directly interested in the development of the linen industry in Oregon, all of whom had invested money for its development, were interviewed. They were told of the plans for erecting in Oregon an industry that would require vast sums of money, compete with the flax and linen industry of the world, and above all, funds available to keep pace with every development and expansion of this new industry.

Portland banking and commercial interests signed immediately. In Salem, in two days, more than twenty signatures were obtained, amongst them many of the most influential citizens in both banking and commercial activities. Imagine the surprise and astonishment when a few days later a front page article appeared in a Salem newspaper stating that the MacDonalds represented the Barbour interests (the Barbour manufacture linen threads and twine) and that the MacDonalds had no other interests in Oregon other than "wrecking the Salem Linen Mills." After this destructive article appeared, Roscoe C. Nelson, of the firm of Dey, Hampson & Nelson, attorneys for George MacDonald, sent a letter and a copy of the Salem newspaper to George MacDonald and received the following telegram, dated New York, June 13, 1935:

"I am grateful for your letter of June 10th and appreciate the sentiments you express. You can state positively and emphatically that I am not connected in any way directly or indirectly with the Barbour people or any other corporation. Stop. I was invited to visit Oregon to look into the flax situation and the proposition made by my brother for the Salem mills represents my views. Stop. It is a situation that requires a great deal of money extensive study and a most competent experienced organization all of which is now lacking. Stop. I believe it is possible to develop an industry that will be a benefit to the people of Salem and the state of Oregon. My thought is our proposition being so manifestly fair we should have the support and good will of all the people in Oregon and especially the people of Salem." Signed George MacDonald.

After the manifestly untruthful statements regarding the MacDonalds and the "wrecking of the Salem Linen Mills" appeared in the Salem paper, people believing it true turned deaf ears to any proposal made to them. But, as always, "right is might" and since the publication of the above telegram in the Salem papers we are now securing signatures from substantial citizens and the prospects for private interests with ample capital coming to Oregon to develop the flax and linen industry are brighter than ever.

A Portland bank to satisfy the most important financial institutions in New York asking if the MacDonalds were substantial and reliable parties and whether they actually intended developing the flax and linen industry in Oregon. The following telegram is the reply, dated New York, May 2, 1935:

"Regarding George and Henry MacDonald they are men of substantial responsibility and inform us they intend to invest sufficient capital to insure the success of the undertaking referred to."

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CITY HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT PLANNED

Tentative plans have been made for a general horseshoe tournament at Olinger field in the near future in which many of the more recent converts to the game will take part as well as the veterans. Among the players appearing daily on the courts are several youngsters who show promise of becoming winning players.

George Stanley, member of the Salem club, is the new record holder at Olinger field for total score and ringer percentage in a 100-shoe test. Saturday he scored 212 points and made 63 ringers out of the 100 shoes.

It is reported that Luke Donaldson, throwing 100 shoes at the Kay mill courts, scored 221 and threw 79 ringers.

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