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### MORE FARM OWNERS.

Conditions Have Changed in Province of Ontario.

One reason for the increase in the shortage of hired labor for the farms is the increase in the number of farm owners, and though this feature may result in a decrease in production of foodstuffs for distribution this year, the outcome within the next few years should be a vast improvement of the present condition. In the past, where productive acres have fallen into the hands of a comparative few, production has been retarded, and though it must be admitted that the farmer can, on the average, operate to his own best advantage on a fair-sized place, it is essential that he have help in order to do so. If he can't secure the help in any case, it is better that the land should be divided among a large number of small holders than that it should lie idle in the hands of large owners.

For the promise of a dividing up of much of the land now held in large quantities by individuals, we may thank conditions that have gone to raise land values and at the same time place many in position to purchase who were never before in such position, and might have gone land hungry for the rest of their lives, but for the opportunities arising out of war conditions. Up to Benjamin Franklin's time, there may never have been a good war. It would be wrong to say that the past war was a good one, but it is certain that there are many good results of it; and the increase in farm ownership is probably one of the best. The most pleasing feature of this particular result is that native Canadians will, in large measure, become the owners of land in Canada.

It is stated that the population of the Province of Ontario is less at present than it was the year previous to the war, and the shortage of houses in the cities shows that the city population has increased. But, is this increase in the cities due to an influx of former farm owners? Many farms are changing hands this summer and this would seem to indicate that the original owners are giving up farm life and these men are in great part moving to the cities, but the chief addition to the city population is doubtless due to the number of farm hands who have left the farms in the hope of securing higher wages. That the farms are changing hands may not be a bad indication after all; it is not as though they were abandoned. A Toronto law student, who spends most of his time in searching titles, said the other day that the greater number of the farms in one township of York county had been sold this year but the purchasers were mostly men who had had previous farm experience. Probably the new owners will be better able to entice labor to their farms than were the former owners, their enthusiasm will perhaps make up for any lack of experience they have to labor under, and a new broom sweeps clean "anyhow."

Co-operation among farmers has of late years gotten away from the form of co-operation for production that existed in the early days, and has taken the form of co-operation for the marketing of products. When the new movement started it was sorely needed, and even now, with prices of farm products such as to allow any farmer a profit, the system is an advantage to both producer and consumer. What is more needed however for the benefit of all, is a return to the old-time practice of helping one's neighbor in the actual farm work. It is quite likely that the new farm-owners will give more attention to this matter than did their predecessors.

### Revisiting No Man's Land.

Many a Canadian who fought in the war is wondering what the front looks like now, a year and more after the last shot was fired.

A newspaper writer, who was recently over the ground, states that one actually sees much less change than would be expected. It is so easy to destroy, so difficult to restore.

From the Ypres-Bailleul road, from Hell Fire Corner, from the La Basse-Lens road, from the Arras-Douai road, and from many other such points, one might almost imagine that the armies had withdrawn but yesterday from their lines.

Everything easily lifted has been picked up and carried away by the seekers of souvenirs, but the change that most impresses the soldier is the silence, the now vacant highways once crowded with war traffic. The noise of war is gone, and the color of khaki is seldom seen. You look out over regions that seem to be forever reduced to silence and sterility.

The restoration of France and Belgium is going to be a long job. Those who know best how complete the destruction was who were present and saw it done.

### Girl Trade Unionists.

Eight thousand girl workers are members of the trade union movement in Toronto. The membership is drawn chiefly from among the female stenographers, clerks and accountants in the railway offices.

### Old Clothes.

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