

out summer fallow, or what is generally called summer tilling in those dryer countries. They follow this method for the express purpose of storing moisture during the summer season, while this tilling is in process for the next year's crop. At the same time, it is of just as much importance to us in Central Alberta, where it is generally supposed that we have more rain fall than we do. We have been receiving on an average less than 20 inches of rain fall for the past thirteen years. While our conditions are such that evaporation is not so rapid, we are both able to get along nicely with less moisture and grow a crop every year, than they are in those semi arid countries where this system has been perfected. While the amount of moisture we get will permit of raising crops every year, we, generally speaking, have none to waste. If it was not that we get a large proportion of our moisture during the growing season, we would be in need of it more often than we are. While it is not necessary for us to carry out this system in its entirety, it is the very best method we have for the control of weeds, as I have tried to describe in my preceding remarks.

Seed Selection

I will say in conclusion before I leave this weed proposition, that it is of vital importance to use the best and strongest

seed that it is possible to procure. It is just as necessary to select and grade your seed which you wish to use, as it is to select the best breeding animals. Like begets like, just as sure in the production of grain as it does in that of animals. When the proper seed is used the young plant comes on so much more rapidly than very poor seed that it makes a much simpler proposition to smother the weeds in bad weedy land. You can all see that in a young colt, a young calf or pig being well nourished from its mother's milk on the start that it will make a much better growth and mature in less time as well as making a more valuable animal. This rule also holds good with seed grain with just as marked results by sowing good, strong, well developed grains graded down as closely as possible to the type which we wish to produce. While cleaning, the abnormally large kernels which would take a longer time to mature, go over with the trash to a large extent. The smaller, weaker and more immature grains go through with the weed seed and screenings leaving the normal grains for seed purposes. I trust now that you will see the necessity of using good sound grain to select your seed from and by grading as I have mentioned, you will sow the kind of grain you wish to reap.

Elevators and The Interests

By F. W. Green

"What do you think of the elevator situation in Manitoba," said a Saskatchewan farmer to a group of his fellows as he came up to them at a street corner. "Well," said a considerate looking man, "The government is not likely to go into the thing of their own sweet will. It's made up, like that of the bank officials, railways, elevators, speculators and in some cases, our farmers' elevator companies, have tasted of the sweets of the sweat from the brow of the toilers, and will hang on to their hold like leeches until compelled to let loose." "Sure," said a second man, "they are not likely to welcome a straight encounter with the farmers. They will play foxy. They will try to cause us to turn aside into by-path meadow, or side-track us, or wave an old party rag, and endeavor to get us to use up our strength on a tug of war between ourselves instead of farmers vs. the interests." "You know," said he, "the interests can bring such a tremendous power to bear on the government, and governments are not yet sure that farmers are organized in such a way as to stand firm in a body against the interests. They are afraid that farmers' organizations will vanish like hail before a July sun at the first real fight. They are saying, 'Will the farmers stick together to the extent of a vote? Will they put their own interest above and before a party cry?' Everybody knows if they will, they have a power greater than that of the interests." "Yes," chimed in one from the rear, "but they will divide on a party cry, and then it will be seen that you have only got an elderberry popgun instead of a Dreadnought, and any government will say, 'Much as we would like to help those farmers, we cannot face the organized and trained batteries of the interests with only a mob behind us armed with popguns.'" "Yes," said another little man, "and just as likely to start shooting at each other as at the enemy, and it looks as if the Manitoba Government were trying to find out what we were likely to do about it; and in any case

this is a wise move on their part. It is good tactics. Even if they are the interests or are working in the interest of the interests. It is a good game. Suppose they were our friends, and knowing the power of the enemy, it would still be good tactics to try our mettle and see how we would be likely to act under fire; and I do not think that Saskatchewan could do better than pay close attention to this game." "But what of the scheme itself? How will it work out," said a grey-haired man wearing glasses. "Well," said the first speaker, "it is the best plan of our best men after years of study, and a man recently said to me, 'if this plan will give the man with a wagonload of wheat to sell, track price for it, then it will be a great boon to him.'" "Why, the line elevators were doing better than that last year," said one who looked like an elevator man. Another chimed in, "but what relation does the track price bear to the world's market price, and what relation will it have under this new plan? Will competition and the sample market settle it?" "Yes," said the man with big bushy whiskers, "and how are we to know that the dealers will not do just as they are doing now, and refuse to compete with each other and rather form a pool. And after building our elevators these dealers will trim us as much or more on track wheat than ever they did on street wheat." "Why," chimed in a little man who was filling his pipe, as he struck a match on his trousers "the farmers' company will tend to that." "Oh," said the man with the whiskers, "why do they not do that now?" They get more wheat than all the rest." "They do it," said the man with the pipe, between his puffs and grunts of delight? "You fellows make me tired," said the line elevator man, for such he proved to be. "You said you made us pay more for street than track wheat this year. You made us pay No. 1 price for No. 2 wheat, and your farmers' company controlled the price of track wheat. Why! one would think,

PRESENTATION TO MR. JELLIFF

The Board of Trade of Cardston gave a ball in honor of L. H. Jelliff, of Spring Coulee, a short time ago and it was a huge success. Mr. Jelliff was instrumental in obtaining for all the country served by the A. R. & L., greatly reduced rates from that company. He put the case so strongly before the railway commission, both at Lethbridge and Ottawa, that it caused the commission to order the railway company to better their service. Mr. Jelliff went to Ottawa on his own account and as the Cardston Board of Trade thought it incumbent on them to defray his expenses in consideration of the results he had obtained, and as he had benefitted the other towns along the line, they sent out an appeal asking for contributions. The appeal was quickly answered, with the result that at this ball, at which Mr. Jelliff was the guest of honor, he was presented with a beautiful gold watch handsomely engraved as a memento of his victory and a purse. Mr. Jelliff in his reply touched upon the work in which he had been engaged and stated that this was but the starting point and that the work must be kept on and everyone must help.



Penny Wise and Pound Foolish

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we were just spilling our money around for the fun of seeing you fellows pick it up. And then how did your farmers' company make their money? And if they controlled the price, why didn't they make ever so much more?" "Oh," shouted the little man with clouds of smoke flying round his head, as the company broke up, "You wait until we get all our wheat going through one spout. Then you fellows can go and dig sewers," and he went off swinging around the corner laughing, with a GUIDE sticking out of the side pocket of his new coon-skin overcoat.

"Well, at any rate," said our first speaker, as he moved away, "our Saskatchewan commission will have a pretty good chance. They have got Manitoba men doing the heavy part of the work. They can take it all in and accept their plan in toto, or improve on it if they can."

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