

Heart to Heart

This is a new department which will be conducted in The Guide for the benefit of the readers. The chief feature will be the great variety of thought expressed. No contributions for this department are solicited and none are paid for. They are all free will offerings from the hearts of The Guide readers. It does not seem right that readers should be denied the privilege of presenting some of the letters which the editor receives, so they are here presented.

FRANKNESS THAT PLEASURES

The Guide should be read by every farmer as it contains so much valuable information, and I believe it is doing its best in the interests of the farmers. At the same time I fail to see what good you can expect to do by sneering at ignorance and snoring the old bag. I think it would be best if any of the usefulness of The Guide were destroyed by letting what I consider nothing short of delicately by cropping out in its pages. Wheat and dollars, and dollars and wheat are a fine thing for us farmers to have, but I trust that the most of us can think of and be proud of the great Empire of which we form a part. As far as our Canadian politics go I believe that our Guide is as independent as it is possible to be. I am well pleased with the paper in every way with the exception of some things that appear once in a while similar to what I have mentioned above.—T. N. Irvine, Pissant Valley, Sask.

NOT AFRAID OF TRUTH

I might say that I have never read a paper with such sound reading as that which is published in The Guide from week to week. I think it is almost without exception the only newspaper that is not afraid to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The majority of the rest of them are too much like that sneaking association called the manufactory to have the heart of public opinion turned upon them. I have no doubt there are exceptions, but they are few. Say what has happened to the Winnipeg Telegram? I haven't heard anything of them lately. You know you said to me of your own last fall that you would show them up, and I would like to see this fought to a finish, and I am anxiously waiting the result.—H. J. Hindville, Alta., Jan. 20, 1911.

ALSO THE WORKING MAN

I consider your paper the best paper in Canada, and I would be pleased to express my opinion on your editorials. It seems to me you make a good case out for the farmer, but there is one thing you do not keep always in mind, and that is the consumers' other than the farmers' side in advocating reforms. You do not always explain how you will benefit the working man. In all your reforms you keep the farmers' side too much in front, which leaves the impression to many working men that the farmers are playing the lone. At the same time I as a farmer am well pleased with your paper and only hope you will continue in your good work of education.—L.W., Sask.

SOMETHING IN THIS

I have been reading The Guide for some time and I do not agree with you and some of the writers in The Guide. You say stick together, but you do not give the farmers anything to stick to in the matter for members for practical and business government. If we have justice for the farmers we must have farmers to represent them and get away from the old parties altogether, and every member of the Grain Growers' Association should be held under bonds to support the farmer. It is a good thing to get the members to pledge themselves before the Grain Growers vote for them, but also get the Grain Growers to pledge themselves to support them.—J. G. Stringer, Owen Sound, Ont.

UPLIFTING AND ENLIGHTENING

I must say that I am delighted with your paper—with its independence, its progressiveness, its fearlessness—and I rejoice to think of the uplifting and enlightening influence that it is constantly exerting upon thousands of farmers throughout our West. The prominence you give Direct Legislation is I think timely, and until we get that political instrument, progress will I fear be greatly retarded by the privilege interests, and much iniquitous legislation will be placed upon our statute books through the lack of any proper check upon our legislative bodies. I am glad, too, that you are exposing the curse of land monopolization by the speculators and are advocating the taxation of land values. The Canadian West has suffered untold degradation and its progress has been most severely restricted by the various land grabbers who have made a business of living upon the earnings of others.—W. C. Good, Brandon.

WE'RE SORRY HE'S GONE

Editor Guide—I am mailing you two of your papers, July 6 and 13, and after this why keep your paper? For me, I have no room in my house for them and as for that dollar I sent you a couple of weeks ago, you may keep as I feel that you need every cent you can get to help on your dirty work.—S. C. Osborne, Renita, July 20th, 1910.

WHOSE OPINION?

"The Grain Growers' Guide, which was very partisan in the Manitoba elections (I should of course), this week handles Sir Wilfrid Laurier without gloves on his evasive speeches to Western farmers. There's no election on and The Guide feels safe in dropping its politics for a few months."—Portage la Prairie Review, Aug. 1st, 1910.

BEST OF ALL

Please send the G.G.G. It is the best paper I know of for the farmers.—E. H. F. Genge, Acme, Alberta.

MOST INTERESTING PAPER

I am glad to say that The Guide is the most interesting farm paper I ever saw. I am glad to see, too, that there are quite

a lot of men who write now and then who have good common sense. I am somewhat in for free trade, but there are two sides to look after that too.—Jeppe Hansen, Strathmore, Alta.

A FARMER'S PAPER

I certainly corroborate the praise bestowed upon the Grain Growers' Guide and we have reason to be proud of our paper. I say we because it is entirely a farmers' paper, and further because I received a copy of every issue since its commencement. If it does not educate the farmers of the West to get busy and look after their own interests in legislation, it's not The Guide's fault.—Donald McLean, Floral P.O., Sask. Feb. 1, 1911.

A STRONG RECOMMENDATION

The Guide is our College, our Parliament, and the manner in which it has been conducted has surprised and delighted us. Never looking for trouble, yet never running away from it, The Guide has in every number sent its enemies staggering to their corners again.—J. B. Parker, Umastika, Man., Oct. 29, 1910.

AN ONTARIO VOICE

I think The Guide is doing good work. The Ottawa delegation was a grand practical demonstration of Western principles. I sincerely hope the farmers of Canada will continue to co-operate, by making them demand their rights, and privileges.—Geo. F. Clark, Ilexton, Ont., Jan. 20, 1911.

BATTLING FOR THE RIGHT

Please allow me to congratulate you upon your good and glorious paper. You are battling for the greatest and grandest cause that could be. I shall do all in my power to get more subscribers and help organize Grain Growers.—H. Carlson, Enidville, Alta.

BELIEVER IN THE CAUSE

I am just so anxious that every farmer should take The Guide as you are, and The Guide is one of the good things that I would almost venture to go without any meals for a week rather than miss one copy of The Guide.—D. A. Moffat, Ixonia, Sask.

HELPING SOME

If it wasn't for The Guide we should still be in the same old rut as they were a few years ago, when the elevator companies were taking two-thirds of our crop for putting it in the elevator.—John Vilgrin, Notre Dame, Sask., Jan. 10, 1911.

A FIGHTING MEDIUM

We consider The Guide one of the best newspapers in Canada today in Canada fighting along the broad gauge in the interest of Canadian agriculture, especially in the West.—The Farmers' Binder Twine Co., Brandon, Ont., Oct. 29, 1910.

DESERVES SUPPORT

The method The Guide has adopted in combating the opponents of the agricultural and laboring classes of whatever vailing is sufficient in itself to spur every intelligent man to an extra effort to increase its circulation. J. B. Fitzpatrick, Star City, Sask.

STANDS COMPARISON

I don't think we would like to be without The Guide. It is open to every eye, and so come to compare it with other papers printed not far from the same office.—E. J. Stewart, Ralph City, Sask.

EVERY FARMER SHOULD READ

I think The Guide is the best paper that was ever published for the farmer, and I think that every farmer in Canada should be a reader.—W. J. Wilson, Angus Ridge, Alta.

HELPS THE ASSOCIATION

Your so interesting journal is in fact the best help to make our association grow. Go on with your good work, and you will always have my support.—Hubert Kopp, Humboldt, Sask.

AN APPRECIATION

I appreciate to find your outspoken and impartial attitude to the questions that are of the most concern to us at the present time. Frank J. Clarke, Harroby, Sask., Nov. 1, 1910.

FEELS IN DEBT TO GUIDE

I feel that I can discharge my indebtedness to the man who told me about The Guide only by telling some one else.—W. Hoppins, Winbourne, Alta.

A NOBLE WORK

You are doing a noble work for the farmers of the Prairie Provinces. Keep on fighting, we are going to stand by you.—John M. Cameron, Shual Lake, Man., Oct. 29, 1910.

MOST VALUABLE

The Grain Growers' Guide is the most valuable paper in the interest of the farmers that has ever been published.—J. H. Long, Naman, Alta., Oct. 28, 1910.

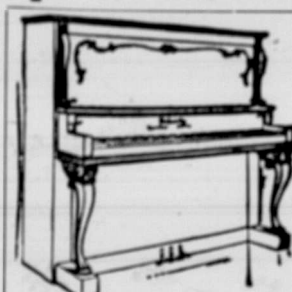
STIRRING UP THE ENEMY

I am more than pleased at the way you keep the enemy stirred up. Give lots of it.—C. Longman, Deloraine, Man., Jan. 30, 1911.

DOING IT WELL

The Guide is covering a large field and covering it well.—A. C. Sharpley, Sidney, Man., Nov. 2, 1910.

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REGINA WINTER FAIR

Now that the big farmers' conventions of the winter are past, the provincial winter fairs loom up as the next important events on the agricultural calendar. The dates of the Regina fair, viz., March 29-31, have been set so as not to interfere with the spring work yet to insure the probability of the weather not being too wintry. The railways grant a rate of single fare for the round trip from all points in Saskatchewan and no certificates are necessary. This brings the event within the reach of all. The Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show is the stockman's annual holiday, and who is not interested in live stock? Last year one class of Clydesdale stallions brought seventeen superb young animals, aggregating in value many thousands of dollars, and all in perfect bloom, into the ring. Such a sight, and such an opportunity to meet the breeders and importers of the best cannot be met with in this province at any other place, or at any other season of the year. In addition to the fair itself the occasion affords an unequalled opportunity for the discussion of live stock problems—and what branch of farming presents more problems? The presence of good judges, other experts, and a great body of practical breeders insures an attractive program of educational work along live stock lines, the evening meetings being held in a spacious and comfortable auditorium. Entries for the fair and for the annual auction sale of purchased cattle are already coming in and all should reach the office of the secretary, department of agriculture, Regina, before the end of February.

Little Willie was detected by his teacher in the act of stealing from one of his playmates. Instead of inflicting punishment, she concluded to try a moral lecture. "Bear in mind, Willie, that these temptations can be resisted if you turn a deaf ear to them."

Willie's lips trembled as he replied: "But, teacher, I ain't got a deaf ear."

GRAIN EXCHANGE RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that it is the opinion of the members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange that the proposed measure of reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States of America now under consideration at Ottawa and Washington, if ratified will not be in the best interests of Canada." Several members spoke in opposition to the resolution but no amendments were suggested.

At the same meeting it was unanimously recommended that if the agreement is ratified, representatives of the Exchange should confer with the executive of the Grain Growers' Associations, and the two bodies co-operate in endeavoring to secure from the Dominion government such changes in the Grain Act as they (the Grain Growers and the Exchange) deem necessary to the best interests of the trade. It was proposed that the meeting take place in Regina or Winnipeg.



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