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About Ourselves

HIS month our leading article deals with a subject that for Western Canada is rather new.

We do not often think of the three prairie provinces as corn growing territory but if you will allow us to be a triffe prophetic we will venture to say that within the next twenty years corn will be found on the majority of our Western Canadian farms. It will never rival wheat but it will fill a place that wheat cannot and does not fill.

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We can remember when any one who thought of raising corn in Central Minnesota or what was then Central Dakota was deemed more or less crazy. Today, however, corn is a very important crop in these sections

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The author of our leading article on corn growing is a gentleman who speaks from experience and his words can be taken at their full import. Be a power in this corn-growing game. You will enjoy it and there is no telling what you may develop if you keep at it. Luther Burbank did not have a spineless cactus to begin with, but by dint of careful propagation he developed one. Why not plant a few hills of corn in 1913. Nurse it carefully and this fall save only the very first ears that ripen for seed. Do the same thing in succeeding years and you'll surprise yourself how much earlier it will ripen each year. The farmer who can develop a strain of corn that will ripen in eighty days has a fortune in money awaiting him, and what is more his name will be linked forever more with the development of agriculture in Western Canada.

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Next month our leading article will be on alfalfa. You farmers who think that this magazine is devoted to nothing but farm machinery just stop and reflect a moment and compare our articles with those of any other agricultural journal in Western Canada. Be honest with yourself and we believe you will admit that we compare favorably with what has previously been your favorites.

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Now just one word. Don't keep these things all to yourself. Tell your neighbor about them occasionally and advise him that a whole year of these good things only cost him \$1.00. Show him the article on corn growing and see him open his eyes. He'll believe you only when he sees it in print.

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Now about that change in name. We've reached the limit of our space and will have to hold it over until next time.



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