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water is of no use; it needs formalin to combat mould, disease and decay. The cold, wet weather brought another heavy crop of weeds, so I harrowed each way before the corn was one inch high, stirring all the soil covering the corn entirely, but killing all the weeds in the two-leaf stage. Another harrowing on a hot day, cross ways of the rows when three inches high will save all the tedious hand hoeing and benefit the crop. To do this harrowing and not hurt the plants the ground must be very fine, level, free from surface stone and packed firm. With one or two cultivations and one hoeing I expect corn from seven to nine feet, which under other methods would have meant a failure. Having to cut with the binder, I sow rank in rows thirty inches apart, which gives a more slender stalk. I choose the windiest day possible, cut one way facing the wind, and the results in the way of quick work, good sheaves and care of the binder are more satisfactory than any other method I have tried. The reel is not necessary if the wind is strong.

For winter storage I generally stack the corn near the barn after freeze-up. Make a bottom two feet deep and eight feet wide of brush or poles and cover with straw, so that no ground moisture can rise. Build with heads to the centre two rows of sheaves only, filling the centre with oat sheaves to keep it high and cover the stack with the same or with hay. Being high and narrow the air has good circulation around the sheaf butts, and, if quite dry when stacked, the fodder will never go musty. This plan is better in every way than digging it out of snow drifts in the winter, which job in itself will do much to give corn culture a setback with any but the most enthusiastic.

—T.W.W.

Man.

Your Questions Answered

In this department of The Guide questions dealing with legal matters, farm problems, livestock, or anything relating to practical farmwork will be answered. It may not be possible to answer all of them for lack of space, but those of most general interest will be answered in the order in which they come. Those wishing replies to legal or other questions by mail must enclose \$1 in payment. Veterinary questions cannot be answered, as we have not the space available. No questions will be answered for subscribers whose subscriptions are in arrears.

DECEASED SON'S HOMESTEAD

Q. My son died before proving up on his homestead. I have completed these duties and now have patent on same. Can I sell land without further action? By this I mean do I have to advertise same before I can sell?—G.G.G., Alta.

A. Yes, you can sell land without further action. You need not advertise for debts.

TITLE TO HOMESTEAD

Q. Can a British subject who takes out intention papers in the U.S.A., but who was never allowed to vote in elections, and who had not lived in the U.S. for five years and sixty days, and hence did not become naturalized, obtain a clear title to his homestead in Canada?—J.H.V., Alta.

A. Yes. You are still a British subject and should have no trouble whatever in connection with your homestead. The rule is that a British subject by birth is a British subject until he specifically renounces such nationality.

EXTENSION OF MORTGAGE

Q. A sold his farm to B in 1905 and took a mortgage. In 1909 A died and C assumed the mortgage. There has never been anything paid on the principal but interest has always been paid each year. Is the mortgage still good?—E. K., Sask.

A. The mortgage is still good, but we would advise you to get a proper extension agreement at once or take proceedings on the mortgage.

WORTHLESS REAL ESTATE

Q. Two years ago I bought a subdivision lot in Athabasca Landing from an Alberta real estate agent. I have paid in one hundred and seventy-five dollars and now find my lot to be worthless. Can I demand the refund of my money?

A. Yes, if you can return lot.

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Q. Four years ago I rented my farm in Manitoba to a young unmarried man for three years. One year after I lent him \$500 to buy stock. A year ago last April he died suddenly. His brother, a married man living close by, took charge of everything and wrote saying he intended running the farm. I wrote him concerning the \$500 note. Last fall he paid \$100 and

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