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Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

Settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3,000 per acre.

Duties—Must reside six months out of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The act of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or tony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COREY, C.M.G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

**NOTICE**

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**HUGE PROFITS MADE BY FARMERS' COMPANY**

The Recent Annual Meeting of the Grain Growers' Grain Company Revealed a Most Successful Year

A glance over the balance sheet of the Grain Growers' Grain Company for the year ending August 31st last as presented at their annual meeting indicates that the farmers are no such amateurs in the business world as has often been alleged in controversies arising out of the sale of implements. The farmers' co-operative movement must be in good hand judging by the splendid earnings of the parent company.

The statement shows that on a paid up capital of about \$870,000, profits for the year were \$227,000, or more than 25% of the paid-up capital. A reader of the "Grain Growers' Guide," who sees the financial statement of the farmers' big company, and particularly if he subscribes to the policy of the "Guide," would be inclined to think that there must be a big mistake about this statement, and that it was really the balance sheet of one of the big railway or banks or milling companies, or even a manufacturing concern, in which he has been taught to believe the profits are never less than 25%.

However much criticism might be heaped on a milling company (or some similar institution) which showed profits of 25% on its paid-up capital, by certain writers in the West, there is no business man, either in the East or the West, who will begrudge the farmers' company the excellent profits they have made. Whether the co-operative principle has been adhered to rigidly, by those behind the company in question, or not, there is no doubt that the investors in the company have received a substantial return, much higher than is usual in the average commercial enterprise.

If this company continues to make these huge profits, it would seem that those interested would have to be more guarded in the future in their condemnation of those who enter enterprises which have come under the attack of the farmers are fortunate if they have an annual statement showing half the percentage of profits of the farmers' company.

**FREE WHEAT**

Globe Saw Little in it Three Years Ago—interesting Retrospect—

When the free wheat question came up again this fall, some one with a good memory recalled that the Toronto "Globe" over two years ago, had an article setting forth the facts against free wheat in a very convincing way.

Recourse was had to the back files of the "Globe," and it was found that on Friday, April 25th, 1913, the "Globe" had a special article on its financial page, entitled "Canada's Grain and Flour and Wheat Tariff Bill." The burden of this article was that the flour and wheat trade would scarcely be affected. The most striking comment in the article in question is as follows, under the heading "Effect on our Wheat":

"The reduction proposed in the duty on wheat will affect the Canadian producer very little now. The United States is producing too much surplus wheat in these days to afford us a profitable market there. With reserves on March 31st amounting to about 156,000,000 bushels and a new winter crop coming in about the 1st of July, which promises to greatly exceed that of a year ago, the United States is a huge exporter yet. With her new irrigation methods there are large wheat areas yet untouched. There is promise that she will be a large exporter for many years to come. Prevailing prices in American markets reflect the relative position of the two countries. The present period is a good time to compare prices, as the export season, on this side of the water, is progressing towards its close. In Winnipeg yesterday futures were selling as follows: May, 93%; July, 94%; October, 89%. In Minneapolis they were selling May at 83%; July, 90%; September, 91%. In Kansas City, May at 89%; July 85%; September, 85%. Except for some weeks in December last, cash and future prices in the United States markets have been below Winnipeg. Britain is the great consuming market of both Canada and the United States. The 1912, 66-68 bushels of wheat went from Canada to Britain. The past year Liverpool has largely controlled the future markets in both countries."

It will be seen from the above that the "Globe" is inclined to think that on the whole little would be gained by our wheat being admitted free to United States. The figures quoted show, in a striking manner, that the Winnipeg prices are higher than Minneapolis at times, and a careful review of these figures over a period of years would show that, while at times the Minneapolis prices may be higher than those in Winnipeg, on the whole what little difference there is in favor of Winnipeg.

**ANTI-DUMPING CLAUSE**

President Wilson to Bring in Tariff Legislation Similar to Canadian

An agitation has begun in the United States to secure an anti-dumping clause in the tariff similar to that contained in the Canadian tariff. The anti-dumping clause in the Canadian tariff was inserted for the purpose of preventing the dumping of United States or other foreign goods into Canada at greatly reduced prices during periods of depression. In pointing out this fact during a discussion of anti-dumping legislation, "The New York Journal of Commerce makes a good case, probably without intending to do so, for the trade policy of Canada:

"On the general question of protection against 'dumping' the situation of the United States is quite different from that of Canada or South Africa. With Canada it was chiefly a feature of its protective policy to prevent the unloading in the Dominion markets of surplus goods from the United States at reduced prices. Canada, with its vast territory, has only about one-twelfth of the population of the United States. Its manufacturing industries are mainly in the stage of infancy or youthful adolescence, and located in the east contiguous to the most highly developed field of American industries. The United States has no reason to fear competition from nearby countries in its own markets, and its situation with reference to European competitors is quite different from that of Canada. Its industrial and commercial strength ought to be equal to that of any existing rivals, and the power of those in Europe now at war with each other will be greatly diminished instead of increased when their struggle is over. Why should we have more fear of their commercial rivalry than before?"

Briefly put, this argument may be summed up thus: United States industry is so powerful and so wealthy that it does not need protection against Canadian industry. Conversely, as Canadian industry is much less powerful and much less wealthy than United States industry, Canadian industry needs protection. We have seldom seen the case so clearly stated in a United States paper.

We need to recognize this strange mingling of Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde within us because it helps us materially in our judgment of others. Knowing ourselves, our own propensities to evil, should make us strangely unwilling to misjudge others. Knowing our own ulterior motive many times, should make us doubly lenient with others when we suspect they may be double-crossing us. Knowing life, as we must, more and more, should at least teach us to be merciful. Others may be carrying greater burdens than we dream.—Halifax Herald.

**FARMERS' COMPANY AND WHEAT PURCHASING**

Annual Report Shows That the Farmers' Company is a Big Operator in the Wheat Market

It has been customary in certain quarters in the West to regard the manipulating of the wheat market as something which resulted in lower prices for the grain grower. It has been charged that buying and selling of wheat on a speculative basis tends to deprive the grower of some of his profits. It would appear, however, that the Grain Growers' Grain Company, which has now had nearly ten years' experience, finds that there is nothing wrong or against the farmer's interest in buying and selling grain in the world markets, because their annual report reveals that they have become one of the biggest and boldest operators on this continent. They have recently opened an office in New York to be in a better position to reap the quick profits which come from handling a large trade close to where the business is done. The farmers' co-operative movement, as far as buying and selling grain is concerned, seems to be approaching closer every year to the very methods in protest against which it came into being a few years ago. It is only another case where experience has proved business must be conducted more or less along lines that have been established and approved by years of practice and custom.

**CAUGHT.**

(Judd M. Lewis, in Houston Post.)

Can this be grip?  
Can this be that?  
A pain which sticks  
Up through my hat,  
An ache that twists  
My neck and knees,  
A tickling thing  
Which makes me sneeze  
A lumpy lump  
Which makes me croak,  
Pipes all stuffed up  
Until I choke,  
Germs chasing them—  
Selves through my veins  
And filling me  
With fiendish pains,  
Twisting my nerves  
With red-hot hooks  
Making me hate  
Cigars and books,  
And eats and sleeps  
And drinks and talks,  
And south born winds  
And garden walks;  
And makes me feel  
A dragin' lump,  
A piebald chump,  
And puts my liver  
Out of whack,  
And puts a crick  
Into my back,  
And makes hot marbles  
Of my eyes,  
And fills my days and  
Nights with sighs,  
And makes we want  
To draw one breath  
And my old  
Fool self to death?  
O, burning lungs!  
And red-hot head!  
Is this the grip  
Of which I've read?  
It's the grip  
Makes me so sore  
It's all that's said  
Of it, and more!  
It's all that's dreamed  
Of it, then some!  
It puts the whole  
World on the bum!  
Can grip give such  
An awful twist?  
Now, let me see,  
Who have I kissed?

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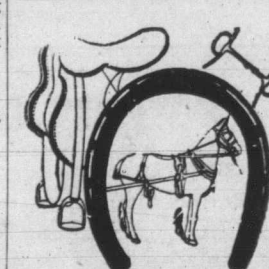
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