



A Western Settler's Home.

Hired Man's Day Off

I hired with a farmer for eight months and there was nothing said about having a day off. Have I got to take the legal holidays as they come, and if I want an extra day have I got to do the morning and evening chores? How many hours a day am I supposed to work when hired in this way?—J. E. J., Dorchester, Ont.

The only days to which you are legally entitled are the statutory holidays, and you would of course have to take these as they come. If you wished to take other holidays, it would be necessary for you to arrange for them with your employer and the arrangement would govern the doing of the morning and evening chores. For instance, your employer might be willing to give you the whole day free, or he might agree to give you the balance of the day, you to do the chores in the morning and in the evening. Neither is there anything to prevent you arranging with him to work on any of the statutory or legal holidays and take some other day off instead of the one to which you were legally entitled, provided he be willing to do so. There are no fixed number of hours during which a farm laborer is to work each day. The number of hours is generally long, and it is well known to everyone that such is the fact. If you wished to limit your working day to any definite number of hours it would have to be done by agreement with your employer.

Selling Over a Mortgage

A owns a farm on which there is a mortgage. He wishes to sell the farm. Can he do so while the mortgage is unpaid?—C. N. S. (Ontario).

Yes. He can sell the farm subject to the mortgage. He cannot of course do anything to prejudice the rights of the holder of the mortgage, and the purchaser of the farm from A would take it subject to the payment of the moneys secured by the mortgage, and subject also to all the terms and conditions of the mortgage.

Buying a Horse

A purchased a horse from B for \$120. He paid B \$12 on account and agreed to pay the balance within ten days, when he was to take the horse away. If he didn't pay the balance within that time and take the horse B was to keep the money he had paid on account and could re-sell the horse. The ten days are past and A has not paid the rest of the money. Can B now sell the horse?—J. H. (Ontario).

Under the above agreement B is entitled to re-sell the horse. In order, however, to save any trouble with A, it might be well for B to notify him that if he did not pay the balance at once and take the horse away he would under the terms of their agreement keep the money already paid and sell the horse. By so doing it would show that B did not wish to take any advantage of A and had given him every opportunity for carrying out his bargain.

Giving Up Lease of Farm

I rented a farm for four years and the lease contained a clause that if I wished to leave the farm at the end of the second year I could do so. The second year ended in December, 1901, but I have been working the farm this year. I want to leave this December coming, but my landlord says I cannot do so. Can I give up the farm next December?—H. E. L. Berlin.

On the above statement of facts you cannot now give up the farm and avoid paying rent for it until the end of the four years for which you rented it. If the lease had said you could give up the farm at the end of the second year or any year thereafter during the term, you would be entitled to leave next December, when your third year is up, but under your lease you only had this privilege at the end of the second year. Your landlord is therefore entitled to insist that you complete the full term of four years, for which you rented the farm.

Trees Along Fence Line

The branches on a number of trees on my neighbor's land have spread out over the fence dividing his property from mine, and have destroyed the grass on my land over which the hinds extend. Can I compel my neighbor to have the trees cut down?—H. E. H. (Chatham).

You cannot compel your neighbor to have the trees cut down, but you are at liberty to cut off the branches of the trees even with the line dividing your property from his, and thus prevent them from encroaching on your property and damaging same. Your neighbor has a right to grow the trees on his own land, but he cannot insist that the branches be allowed to extend over your land, and where they so extend you have the right to trim them off even with the boundary line, taking care to not go beyond this line and thus encroach upon your neighbor's property.

Justice—Do you understand the nature of an oath, little girl?

Little Girl—It's something you say when you hit your head against the mantel.—Boston Transcript.

"Now then, children," said the teacher, "what is it we want most in this world to make us perfectly happy?" "De things we ain't got," shouted the bright boy in the back seat.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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