

up their residence there, and found quite a few whose case might fairly be described by that of Mr. Phillips. With a limited amount of capital, and a strong desire to find a softer job with more money in it than they had been holding down elsewhere, they came to the island. After they had built a home that suited the tastes or demands of their families, and paid for their land, they found they had little left and were up against a tough proposition, but that was only what they would have experienced anywhere else by pursuing the same short-sighted policy.

I may say that there are several companies operating land sales on the Isle of Pines. My inquiries were made on the property of the Canada Land and Fruit Company, from whom I ultimately purchased. This is the company whose advertising has appeared in The Guide, and which in your editorial columns you have declined to continue. All of the men who write you were induced to come to the island by another company with which the Canada Land and Fruit Company are in no way connected.

I don't know the Rev. Phillips, nor either of the other two correspondents, but on a point of clean irrefutable evidence, I can flatly contradict him with rebutting testimony that is overwhelming in favor of any man succeeding who starts in with ordinary gumption, sufficient capital, and a willingness to do a fair share of work. If he has "made his pile" and is only seeking a retreat in which to spend the evening of life, then he need not work ten minutes, but pay someone else to do any work his little estate requires. But if he comes expecting fine climate, beautiful surroundings and a big return from crop by merely looking at it, then he will surely come a cropper. I am going there soon I hope, because my health compels me to ease off a bit and get away from the rigor of our Western winters. But, I'm not going to rest satisfied with fine scenery and salubrious air. While I don't need to toil, it is not my intention to rust out in idleness. I shall use the gumption God has given me to make the very best of my little acre holding, and if I'm spared to work it for a season or two I am open to bet with any sport that I will also make it pay.

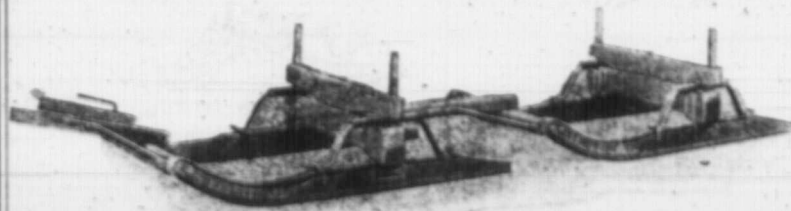
I do not propose to slave as I have done in Western Canada, otherwise I feel that, given ordinary luck, I would make some spare capital besides paying; but when I say "pay" I mean that by a fair amount of habitual industry I will have taken enough out of the deal to pay for the expenses of myself and family, with perhaps a bit over, but not eating into capital account and improving the value of my property all the while. I could take up far more space than you would care to give me with details of successes and failures. I will be glad to reply to any particular inquiry, but as one instance of many which are not phenomenal records, I have the returns of one man who took \$2,160.00 out of five and a half acres of peppers (2,199 crates). That isn't a bad return for five and a half acres is it?

The failures I need not advertise as you have already done so pretty well. We don't need to go to the Isle of Pines for hard luck stories, for deadbeats, for good men who make mistakes and have to pay for them. Like the poor they are always with us—here, in the "Golden West." And I think if the matter could be sifted to the bottom we would find the real estate rascals in Western Canada out of all proportion to the unscrupulous element in handling Isle of Pines property.  
(Signed) E. P. EMSLEY.

#### SPREADING OF ERGOT

Ergot is a fungus disease that attacks rye and such grasses as bromus, rye grass, red top and a few others. The fungus when it attacks a kernel causes it to swell up to several times its original size and to turn purple. In the summer time the ergot spreads by spores that are carried by insects. The fungus secretes a sweetish juice which attacks the insects and thus aids in the distribution of the spores. The ergot is carried over winter by the purplish ergot grains which grow in the spring, sending up little growths half an inch tall on the ends of which spores are produced. These are carried to the flower by the wind. There is no prevention except not to grow the same crop on the land infested with ergot for two or three years. If a grain crop follows the rye, any volunteer rye should be cut before it blossoms to keep it from growing ergot to reseed the land.—North Dakota Experiment Station.

## G.G.G. Prices on Sloop Sleighs



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