

Utilization of Labour



Conditions similar to the above are frequently met with in Quebec and in other eastern parts of Canada, yet the cry is loud and long regarding the scarcity of help on the farm. More horse power and wider implements would help in solving the labour problem. Cut No. 1.



One man is here shown operating an outfit capable of doing twice the amount of work being done by the outfit shown in the preceding photo, where twice the man power is being employed. Cut No. 2.

Wasting Fertility



A common western method of disposing of stable manure. This method will not maintain soil fertility nor increase posterity's regard for those who practice it. Cut No. 4.

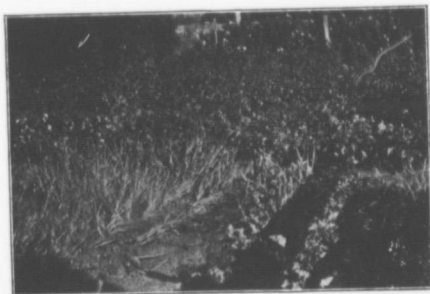


Stable manure from an Ontario city being hauled out and piled ready for burning. This loss should be prevented by arranging in some way to have this manure applied to the land. Cut No. 3.

Vacant Lots as Gardens



A vacant lot in Ottawa. Note the weeds! Cut No. 5.



Every foot of space on a vacant lot utilized for vegetables. Cut No. 6.

Attention has from time to time been called to the neglected condition of the vacant lots in our Canadian cities and towns. These weed-polluted vacant places are a menace and a detriment to the well-kept lawns and gardens in the vicinity. Why should these lots produce nothing more than unearned increment for the speculators who own them? They could be cultivated and made to produce fresh vegetables by those who now can ill afford to buy them. In the city of Philadelphia there is an organization known as the Vacant Lot Cultivation Association that has, for fifteen years, been giving this much needed opportunity to families to work the vacant lots. In these picturesque gardens,

in various parts of the city, corn, roots, beans, potatoes, etc., take the place of bill-boards, cobblestones and rank weeds. Why not an organization of this kind in Canadian cities? There is need for it. It would mean a chance for many children to learn the fundamentals of gardening, and to obtain lessons in thrift and industry. It would give practical aid to the unemployed, aged, crippled and invalid by offering opportunity for self-help, and no doubt would have a wide influence in starting backward gardens. It would not be a charity tending to pauperize and degrade; instead it would be a work making for better and more useful citizenship.—F.O.N.