

The World's Granary

A most interesting article on "Canada as the World's Granary" appears in the last issue of the Literary Digest. It says:

"The center of gravity in the world's wheat market shifted when the United States found that our people consumed all the wheat raised in our territory, leaving none for exportation. Yet even now this country raises more wheat (634,000,000 bushels) than any other single country in the world and about sixty times as much as Canada. Canada, however, is looked upon by some Italian economists as the coming bread-giver of the civilized world, although at this moment Italy itself is producing nearly twice as much wheat as the Dominion. According to a writer in the Minerva (Rome), the help of the Dominion in giving bread to the hungry is now urgently needed. This supreme cereal, although at present cultivated so widely and so plentifully, says this Roman weekly, is beyond the reach of such multitudes that many economists have published statistics of an alarming character, as they tend to prove that the human race increases so fast that it is in danger, in the near future of meeting the fate of Count Ugolino." The writer tries to reassure these alarmists by pointing to Canada:

"Fortunately the cultivation of wheat has for the last few years been developed to a phenomenal degree in the fertile and boundless plains of Western Canada, and the production is all the while increasing. The day is not far distant when Canada, cultivated with eager industry by the robust arms of the immigrants who are crowding in, will become the granary of the world, as Egypt was of the Roman Empire."

"These statements," adds the Digest "are supported by statistics which show that Canada herself does not consume a tithe of her wheat production. Railroads are being built or projected which will bring her cereals to the ports of the Atlantic and Pacific and in a few years the Dominion, now tenth in the list, will reap more grain than any other single country in the world. This opinion is further warranted by the fact that at this present moment Western Canada, long abandoned to Indians, half-breeds, cowboys, and ranches occupied without a title, has recently been settled by sturdy farmers from all lands, English, Germans, Swedes, and pioneers of experience from our own West. To quote the figures given by this writer:

"When it is considered that 25,000,000 bushels suffice for the home consumption of Canada, it will be seen how vast a quantity of wheat is available for exportation. It has been calculated by Canadian statisticians and publicists that in twenty-five years the area of the wheat fields in Western Canada will amount to 6,000,000 acres. As the average production of each acre is 18.93 bushels, which is 50 per cent more than the average productivity of the rest of the world. Canada will be able to put upon the market an amount of grain equal to half of the world's total production, which at the present moment does not exceed 1,500,000,000 bushels."

The promise of the past harvest (1908) proves that these predictions may not be exaggerated. This writer says:

"The harvest of last year brought \$100,000,000 to the farmers of Canada. This success in the cultivation of grains has inspired the movement which eventually must result in the abandonment of every other department of agriculture, in order that every effort may be concentrated on the production of wheat."

We agree with the tailor's advertisement: "Spring suits." It does.

The Simple Life

Elbert Hubbard has a large following in many sections of our country, who read with the keenest interest what he has to say on almost any subject. He is contributing a series of brief articles to a New York daily. One of these, on "Country Homes," advocating the simple life, is worthy of reproduction. He goes on to say that whether man and the monkey had a common ancestor or not, it is true that they have many characteristics in common. Both are imitators.

Most men persist in doing a thing long after the necessity for doing it has ceased. In architecture, for instance, the follies of some one man may be continued in a community for a hundred years or more. Almost every town has some peculiar feature in its houses that is perpetuated by carpenters, builders and planing mill men, acquiesced in by the owner. And nobody knows why.

More and more we look to the country for rest. The trolly lines are bringing the woods and the city closer together. A house for every family will some day—it must—be the rule.

The average home is an imitation palace, wherein the owner is as lavishly extravagant as his income makes possible. The idea of lessening work for servants or housekeeper is never considered. A poor man will build a house that makes his wife a slave, and servants which he can't afford, a necessity.

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And how the women who are to be sacrificed in the care of useless things struggle for the things! Lace curtains, chromes, rugs, cushion chairs, bric-a-brac and senseless, silly things without limit that accumulate dust and bacteria.

Yet a little light seems to slowly enter. The bungalow has gotten a foothold in the West, and its beneficial influence is slowly coming eastward.

In the bungalow the reception hall, parlor, library and dining room are all incorporated in one room, and yet life goes on just the same. In fact, it goes on very much better than ever before.

The suburban home of the future will be built on simple lines.

The C. P. R. Irrigation and Colonization Company intend to lay out a ten acre experimental plot at Strathmore. Two acres will be planted in strawberries; other small fruits such as currants, gooseberries etc., will be experimented with, and the balance of the plot put in vegetables.

The intention is to make this a practical school of gardening. The great drawback to the new settler who wishes to commence in this like is lack of experience. They may know how to do the work, but do not know what or when to plant. To these this plot will be a great advantage, as well as to many who wish to engage in market gardening for the Calgary and other markets.

Mr. George Well, of Calgary, has been engaged as garden expert.

Interest in the Kindred murder case at Hamilton shows no abatement. The case is rapidly developing into one of the most sensational heard in Canada for some years. A girl was shot eight times. Her sister, who is too hysterical to give evidence of a rational nature, is the only witness to the shooting, states it was done by a tramp. One of the strangest points in the case, is that eight shots were fired in a house, in a populous part of a city, and no person apparently gave any notice to the firing.

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