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GREAT CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Well may we Canadians this year give thanks with grateful hearts, to the Giver of all good gifts, for the many mercies and blessings that we enjoy. As a people we set aside one day each year to praise God for his manifold kindnesses to us. this day is to be meaningless to us, we must each of us take time to think over for ourselves, the various blessings that we possess, both as individuals and as a people.

Only a year ago, one of the worst financial depressions this country has ever known was setting in. Bad crops in the west, and in some sections in the east, reduced the buying power of thousands upon thousands of our farmers. All avenues of industry were quick to feel the effect. In the United States, one large financial institution In Canada, failures became more numerous than they had been in years. Banks refused to advance money, even, in some instances, for legitimate business enterprises. Fear was general throughout the country that one of the worst eras of hard times was setting in that the country had ever known.

In this condition, everything depended upon the success of this year's crops. Had they been a failure our worst fears would have been realized. We now would be in a financial condition infinitely worse than prevailed at the most acute period of the recent depression.

Instead! what have we? Our immense west is enjoying the greatest crop, by millions of bushels, that it has ever known. Over one hundred million dollars will be brought into the country. In eastern Canada, while crops in some sections have been poor, prices have been unusually high. Conditions on the whole, therefore, are well up to the average.

Who is responsible for this? Is there one among us who can claim the credit? Can we, even, as a people, say we are the cause of the good crops? Far from it. While we may have done what we could to help conditions. by sowing good seed and giving thorough cultivation to the crops, we know, in our hearts, that success depended upon rain and sunshine and absence of frosts. What could we have done had those been against us? Nothing. The issue lay in the hands of One greater than us all; One who has told us that we are His children and that He loves us. With the evidences of His mercy that we are now enjoying we have proof of that love. Should we not, therefore, be thankful, deeply, deeply, thankful for our blessings?

In giving our thanks, we should be sensible, also, of the many other advantages that we enjoy. We are citizens of a country in which law and order reigns, in which education is free and where churches dot the land. We are surrounded by friends and if we but have love in our hearts our lives will be complete. Let us, therefore, when giving thanks, recognize that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

WASTE IN AGRICULTURE

One of the greatest outlays that farmers have to contend with is in connection with farm machinery. Many implements, some of which are most costly, are used only for a short period each year, some even only for a few days. The implements must, of necessity, lie idle till another season comes round which demands their use Progressive farmers throughout Ontario and in the other provinces have provided sheds in which to shelter im plements from the weather and thus prolong their period of usefulness.

Unfortunately, many of these sheds have not been located where they are convenient and, while the owner possesses the best of intentions, implements are often left in a convenient place to unhook, rather than taken to the shed. In other instances the size of the shed has not kept pace with the increasing number of tools fed and generally better cared for, we

equipment of an up-to-date farm. The result is that machinery, which costs heavily in good hard cash, is left to fight out its own argument with the elements. While from some aspects this may be good for the manufacturer, it is not in the best interests of the farmer.

The indifference towards suitably housing farm machinery seems to be coming more prevalent. It is evident that those who leave implements exposed to the weather do not realize the great cost to themselves of such a practice. It costs money to erect a shed to accommodate the machinery. It costs much more, however, not to house the machinery and as a conse quence, pay for the ravages of the elements, by purchasing new tools at shorter intervals than would otherwise be necessary. Aside from this monetary consideration, there is noth ing which gives a farm a more slovenly appearance than implements exposed to the weather on the shady side of some fence, tree or building, or even herded in some central spot as is common with some western farmers. Shelter your implements as soon as you are through with them for the season. Remember that your neighbors are sizing you up by the machinery you leave out of doors.

FEED WILL RAISE THE STANDARD

There is a marked difference in methods of caring for dairy cattle in different sections. In one district we find the milch cows stabled nightly on the first approach of chilly autumn. There is provided abundance of fodder to supplement the pastures that have become inferior, consequent on long use, drought and frosts. The cattle are shown every deference. Them every want is considered. Abundance of pure water is always before them, they are never turned out on frosted pastures, nor do they suffer want in any way. In short, these cows are made the work of the farm rather than the chores. Their owners realize that from their cows comes that which satisfies their needs, fills their pockets, and provides the luxuries of life.

We pass on to another district. Here the reverse is the rule. The cows shift for themselves. They are looked upon as a curse by all concerned. They are dogged to and from the pasture. They rustle for themselvs until the snow of late autumn or early winter makes it impossible for them to gain a sustenance. Then they are stabled out of sheer necessity and provided with fodder of more or less indifferent quality and variety. They are expected to pay. The cow, which provides but 3,000 lbs. of milk and less annually is found in these latter herds.

We cannot expect the highly organzed dairy cow to produce milk at a profit unless she is properly cared for. Her very nature requires that she receive abundance of suitable fodder. that she be made comfortable and that regularity be practised in all things pertaining to her care. It is generally acknowledged that as much can be done by feed as can be brought about by breed. If cows were more liberally

1b. cow. Seeing that we are engaged in dairying to a greater or less extent, would it not be well to make cows pay a greater profit? It can be done by more liberal feeding.

In order to prove this, it is well to experiment with increased feed. If daily individual records are kept, it is an easy matter to know just where one stands on the feeding of each cow Extra time devoted to finding out more about each individual cow in the herd is time well spent. It will bring

That some will always be indifferent with their dairy cattle and that others should give them proper care is quite keeping with different temperaments. But, where so much is involved as is concerned with the dairy business, we should all endeavor to bring the standard up to the highest. All cannot attain the highest, but by a judicious system of selection and management of dairy cattle, by knowing just what each cow is doing daily, and by a firm resolve to win, much will be done to achieve this standard, and to relegate the 3,000 pound cow to oblivion.

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A Prediction (Toronto Star)

Almost before we realize it our westanimost before we realize it our west-ern lands will be ra near the point of exhaustion as are those of the United States to-day. Ere that time comes a great change will begin to make itself felt in land values in Eastern Canada. In Eastern Canada, as in the Eastern Canada.

In Eastern Canada, as in the Eastern States, farm property is cheaper to-day than 40 years ago. This is because all the surplus buyers have gone West When there is no West left to go to,

When there is no west left to go to, Ontario acres will go up with a bound. Many an eldest son in this province was impoverished by being left a farm in the seventies, conditional on paying certain bequests to other members of certain bequests to other members of the family. With the depreciation of values that followed, due to Western development, the equity disappeared. The son who is left a farm to-day, on like conditions, is reasonably sure of being made richer by the appreciation of values which is bound to come in the not distant future.

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