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A Tribute to the Pioneer

HE interdependence of man and the lower forms of life has an economic significance appreciated by few.

Human activity depends largely upon the products of the field and the byre, without which the engines of life would be stilled. To-day the civilized world looks

to the husbandman of Western Canada for wheat, that life-sustaining fuel without which the highest type of human energy cannot be produced; and from the promise of the harvest, it will not look in vain.

All hail then to those men and women who till the plain and cause the barren prairie to yield the fruits of harvest for the sustenance of their fellows, rendering possible great works in the realms of Science and Art; yet let us not forget that greater work done by the noble band of pioneers now gone to their reward, who yet during days of storm and stress, doubt and despair, sunshine and rain struggled onward undismayed, to make their loved country, not only the granary of the Empire but a home place which should be the abode of men and women, who when judged from the standpoints of character, mind and physique, should be the finest that the world had ever seen.

The harvest of material things draws near, and in that hour of fulness and plenty there is a voice which bids us remember that life is not all lands, food and gear, and charges us not to forget those to whom is so largely due our present meed of prosperity—the pioneers.