

There is going to be a Serious SHORTAGE OF LABOR this Harvest

This is what farm journals and daily papers have been pointing out for some time past. As it is their business to get reliable information, you can depend on what they say. Here is a news item from a Winnipeg daily of recent date:

"Expert Warns Farmers of Labor Scarcity"

"Baill White, of the Alberta Provincial Publicity Bureau, believes that farm labor will be exceptionally scarce this harvest season. He is also of the opinion that wages will be higher this year than for some time past." Mr. White says that never before has he seen the crops looking better—the farmers are preparing for a record harvest.

A Saskatoon weekly, referring to the coming harvest, says: "The indications are more pronounced than ever that there will be a big scarcity of men." These are warnings that farmers and threshermen cannot afford to ignore. There is only one practical solution of the harvest labor problem: A



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Your Questions Answered

In this department of The Guide questions dealing with legal matters, farm problems, livestock, or anything relating to practical farmwork will be answered. It may not be possible to answer all of them for lack of space, but those of most general interest will be answered in the order in which they come. Those wishing replies to legal or other questions by mail must enclose \$1 in payment. Veterinary questions cannot be answered, as we have not the space available. No questions will be answered for subscribers whose subscriptions are in arrears.

WAGES CLAIM

Q. B hired with A for a term for a set wage. A was not able to pay B at the end of the term. B entered claim against A inside of a month, but before settlement was made A died. An insurance company has a mortgage of \$4,000 against his land of which the interest is past due now and this fall the second year's interest will be due. The insurance company is threatening to foreclose if the interest is not paid when due. The farm is let on shares but there will be no crop as all the cultivated land is summerfallowed this year. In case of foreclosure will B's claim for wages come first if the farm should be sold for the amount of the mortgage, or even less, or would B have first claim on the money that would be realized over and above the mortgage?—H.H., Sask.

A. Mortgage money would be paid first in case of foreclosure, and if there is a surplus B would share with the other creditors.

GRAZING LAND TAXED

Q. Is a person liable for taxes on a quarter section of school land leased from the government for grazing purposes?—J.H.

A. Yes, he must pay taxes.

RECOVERY OF DEBT

Q. I owed a man about \$60 last fall. He asked me to loan him a wagon and tank for two weeks to draw water, agreeing to pay for its hire. Now when I want it back he says he is going to keep it till I pay him my debt. He is using it all the time. Can he hold this wagon and tank and use it, or can I collect rent for it?—J.H.N., Sask.

A. You may charge rent for your wagon and tank. The borrower has no right to hold tank and lender may recover same.

INSURANCE POLICY MIS-REPRESENTED

Q. In March, 1915, an agent insured me for \$2,000 on a twenty-year pay policy. The agent misrepresented the benefits in several ways and I have witnesses to prove that his statements were untrue. I signed a note for payment. What can I do to get note back?—Inquirer, Sask.

A. If you can prove misrepresentation you had better return policy and ask for note. If they refuse and have turned the note over to some third party for value and without notice of defect, you can be sued for the amount, but can join insurance company as a third party and avoid judgment against you.

TO MAKE WHITEWASH

Whitewash is usually made by slaking lime with water, adding more water and applying with a brush or broom. At least this is the way it was made down on the farm.

A whitewash that will last longer than one season on the inside of buildings and which has been recommended in one of the government reports is made as follows: Slake half a bushel of lime with boiling water, keeping it covered; strain and add a peck of salt that has been dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice, boiled to a thin paste, half a pound of powdered Spanish whiting and one pound of clear glue dissolved in warm water. Mix and let the compound stand for several days. Apply as hot as possible, using a brush kept especially for the purpose.

This whitewash will cost more than the other but makes a very white smooth surface and is quite enduring. Where whitewash is applied to rough boards, fence posts, etc., for disinfectant purposes a more suitable mixture is made by adding water and some disinfectant to slaked lime. The above formula is intended more for inside finishing, where in some places it will be quite as satisfactory as the more expensive paint.—Geo. H. Glover, Colorado Agricultural College.

Tommy came out of a room where his father was tacking down a carpet. He was crying lustily.

"Why, Tommy, what is the matter?" asked the mother.

"P-a-p-a hit his finger with the hammer," Tommy replied thru his sobs.

"Well, you needn't cry about a thing like that," comforted his mother. "Why didn't you laugh?"

"I did," Tommy answered.—Teachers' Magazine.