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farms at reasonable prices, i. e., from \$50 to \$60 an acre. The cost of the options will be nominal, while the commissions or salaries to the agents should be determined before the work is undertaken. It is not necessary that all farms in each block should be purchased. After the options have been approved the farms may be selected according to circumstances. They should then be so sub-divided that each new farm will approximate 50 acres. Landscape architects might be employed to lay out proper designs for these country homes and the buildings, fences, etc., adjusted to conform to the plan determined upon. Each farm should, as far as possible, include part of a wood lot, have good water and a suitable allotment of buildings. It should be well drained, front on a good road and be convenient to church, school and neighboring farm homes.

Intensive Farming

This plan is recommended for lands and localities adapted to vegetable and fruit growing, tobacco growing, intensified stock raising, etc. If the farms are smaller than 50 acres, they will have to be devoted to special crops and maintained at a high state of fertility, which will probably require too much capital and skill to make them inviting to the returned soldier. But with proper supervision and assistance by Government commissions a soldiers' family will find ample scope on 50 acres of average land to make a good income and to live in comfort.

Wise Selection of Land

The success of this plan depends to a very great extent on having the farms suitably located and making them attractive; on giving the soldiers advice as to proper rotation of crops; assisting them in purchasing their stock and seed and then helping them to make a good start. The total cash outlay for each equipped farm should not run higher than \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Knowing the agricultural conditions of this country, and having studied this whole problem from a practical point of view, I am convinced that the foregoing plans are feasible.

If this memorandum helps in some degree to solve one of the most important questions now before the Canadian people, I shall be amply repaid.

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