

and without which we cannot produce wheat. Land has been so arranged and placed here by Divine Providence and made productive by the sunshine and the rain for the use of all men in their time that each and all might by their labor produce the necessities of life without hindrance of any man so long as they are law abiding citizens. Nowhere can we find any authority from Divine Right that some men might monopolize the use of the earth for their own benefit to the detriment of others. The only just claim any man living or dead ever had to the earth was to his just portion that is necessary for his existence, of course governed at all times by the just rights of his brother.

Let us get busy and stop monopolization of land, let us stop speculation in land by a same method of taxation, and we will change the high cost of living to a downward course, war or no war. The stopping of the present war will not bring men back to the land. No, that could only be done by removing the tax from industry to land values. Is it not a fact that while we hear so much about getting men on the land from men in high stations, we at the same time find those same men favorable to conditions that will have a tendency to increase the price of land. How any man can imagine that to raise the price of land will induce men to work land is beyond comprehension nor will it have any effect in the price we will receive for our wheat when the war is over.

President Wilson had the right ring in his war message to Congress last week. He will finance the war by an equitable method of taxation. At least one great man offers the true solution based on justice.

JOHN KENNEDY.

Winnipeg.

#### SHOULD REGULATE ALL LINES

Editor, Guide:—We are pleased to see the stand The Guide is taking about fixing the price of wheat by the government. To fix a limit or maximum price on the farmers' wheat and let all other producers and manufacturers go it as they please, as they are now doing, is certainly the limit in the way of class legislation. It is tying the farmers' hands and letting all others go free.

If it is right to limit the price on the farmers' wheat it is also right to apply the same rule to all other products, manufactured as well as agricultural.

If the government will carry this clear thru and take in all commodities, manufactured as well as agricultural, then we farmers will not complain, providing the same be done in an impartial manner. I have been talking to some of my neighbors who say that if the above regulation apply only to farmers that they will not get in the acreage that they otherwise would, but will summerfallow more.

W. F. COOK.

Clareholm, Alta.

#### SET A FAIR PRICE

Editor, Guide:—Without disputing Mr. Wood's conclusion on the wheat situation as published in The Guide of March 28, I think that some of his arguments are so materialistic that it would not be fair to let them pass unchallenged. Millions of men have been taken from productive labors and are giving their lives that civilization may live. He knows that there is less food than ever before, that it means either withdrawing the troops and thereby weakening the fighting forces or reducing the rations of these brave men, and in the face of all this, simply because there is more money in it, this momentous issue is dragged down to the level of a gross materialism. He says: "Hogs are worth \$15 at Calgary, so it can easily be seen that there will be a great deal more feeding done if there is anything like the suggested price put into effect." This sounds a great deal like those wholesalers who held potatoes in Montreal until they froze rather than sell them below the required price. He continues: "We have not been shown that the Canadian farmer is under any moral obligation to produce wheat for the Empire at a cheaper price than the British farmer or the farmers of any other part of the Em-

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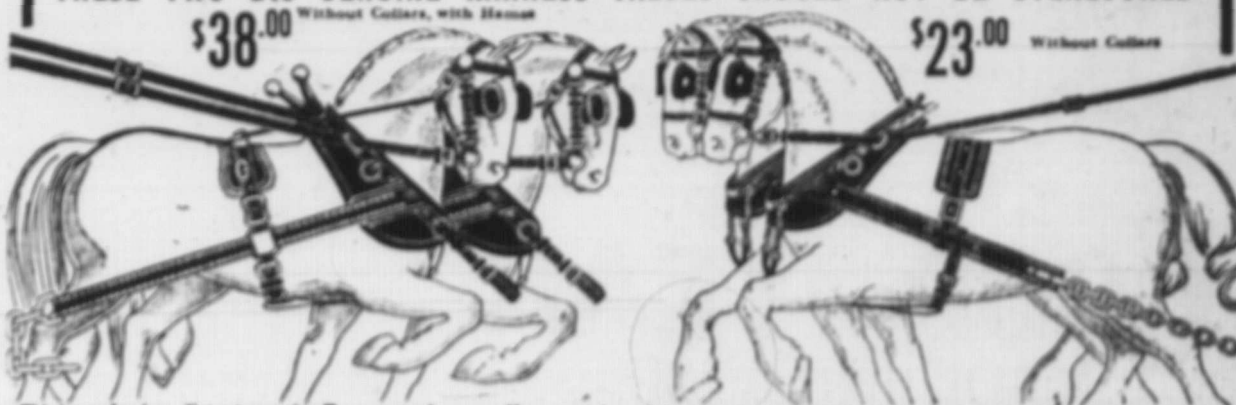
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