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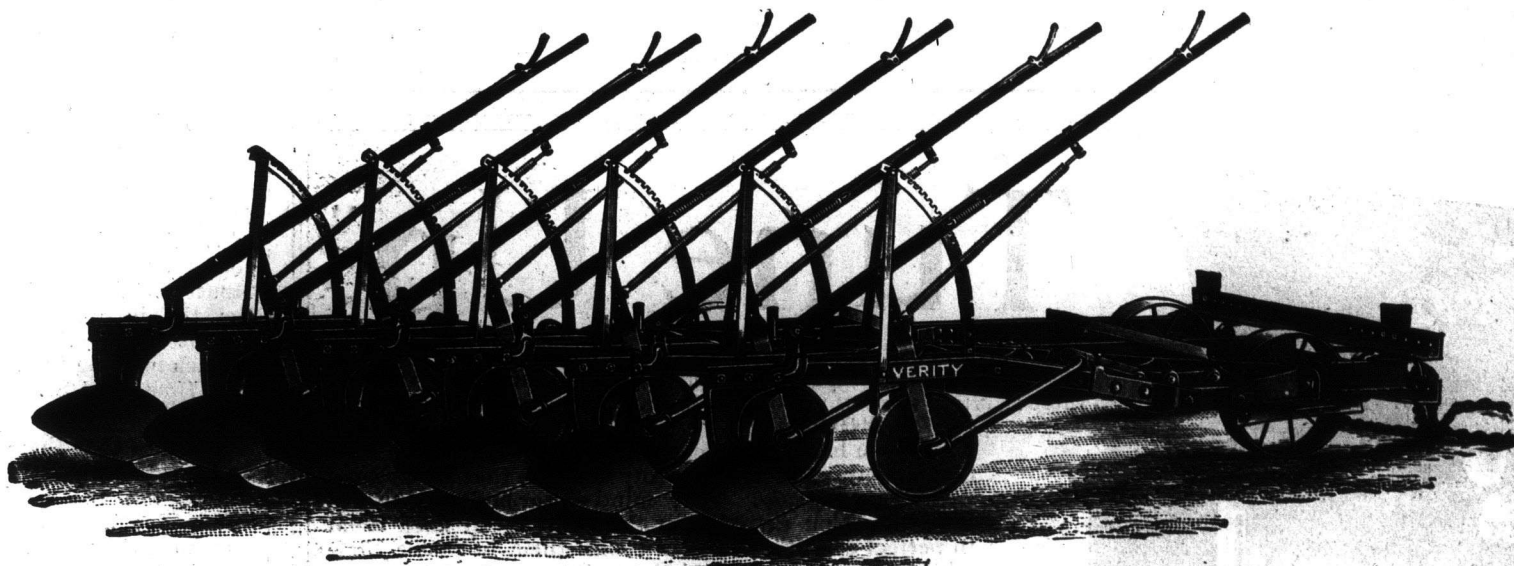
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school without testing the boys as he had tested the girls.

Boys Taught to Speak French Instead of to Work.

"How many of you boys can dig without having a pain in the back?" was his question. "How many of you could do odd jobs at a carpenter's bench?" He was trying to find out how many of them were preparing for the work many of them would have to depend upon for a livelihood in later years.

If he had asked "How many of you can speak French?" nearly every boy in the building might have answered. But because he wanted to know who could set a row of potatoes, the boys looked at each other and laughed.

No, education in some of the Western towns is not what it ought to be. In some places the children are not even taught how to use their own hands. Night schools are rare. Portage la Prairie has neither manual training in the schools nor a night class.

"Why haven't you adopted manual training in this town?" Dr. Robertson asked the Mayor.

"Because we thought it would be too expensive," was the answer.

And yet Portage la Prairie, with its population of eight thousand can afford to run forty automobiles.

"We hope you will do something to improve the education of this province," said one of the witnesses before the Royal Commission at the Winnipeg sitting. "Thousands of children are growing up in ignorance because Manitoba is not doing its duty," he declared.

Manitoba! Why, it's one of the progressive Western provinces. Its wheat crops, except that of last year when damage was done by drought, have broken records. Land which a few years ago could be bought for next to nothing fetch \$40 an acre today. Yet in Manitoba only a third of the children go to school. The other two-thirds stay away and run about the streets because there is no compulsory school law. It was stated in the Provincial Legislature last year that no less than 16,734 children



Children Attending the Indian School at Brandon.

are growing up in ignorance in that province.

Winnipeg's Problem.

I once heard Mayor Evans say that Winnipeg had its problems. This education of children is one of them. Winnipeg is the magnet which draws thousands of foreigners to it every year. They bring their families from Austria, Scandinavia, Roumania, and all parts of the world. The child gets little or no schooling because the parent has every inducement to keep him at home. Why should Pierre Tremblay go to school while Jean Pion is earning \$4 a week running errands? Until the province awakens to its duty and says that every child must be educated and given a fair chance in life, ninety-nine out of every hundred of these foreign children will follow the example of Jean.

If you ask the average man in the street what is wrong with Western Canada, his answer will be "Nothing." If you ask him if its future is assured he might sneer at you. But there is something radically wrong in this matter of education, and the future of the

country does not depend upon enhanced real estate values but upon the character of the people.

Unless I am mistaken there will be many alterations in the near future. The Royal Commission has felt the national pulse, and noted the weak response. With the personnel it possesses it will do its duty. One of these days we shall have the announcement from Ottawa that the educational machine of the country must be re-modelled. It must be re-modelled on lines which will prepare a boy in the art of wage earning, and a girl in the art of home making.

Manitoba Agricultural College.

In past years the farmers of Manitoba have shown their appreciation of the programme put on during Convention week at the Manitoba Agricultural College by attending in large and ever increasing numbers. So much interest was taken in the Farmers' Short Course put on last year that it has been decided to make this a permanent feature in

the programme of Farmers' Week. Consequently, a course of lectures on subjects of foremost importance to the farmers of the West has been arranged for this year. The convention assembles Feb. 14th, and all information will be gladly supplied by Principal Black, of the College.

The Manitoba Winter Fair.

The premium list for this fair and fat stock show has been issued. It is to be held at Brandon on March 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1911. A glance through the list will serve to show the reader that there is something good in store for the exhibitor, and should certainly bring together a fine display of the products of the country. The directorate is composed of men who have had wide experience, and who spare no effort to make the fair a success, and from the support they receive it is evident that this show grows more popular every year. Entries close on February 28th, and should reach the secretary, Mr. W. I. Smale, not later than that date.

Dr. Osler:—Alcoholism is a symptom of degeneracy, and it is also a cause of the degeneration of healthy stock.

Rev. Dr. Aled:—There is an idea about that heaven means sitting on clouds and singing hymns; personally, I should be tired of that sort of thing in a week.

Jack London:—It has been said by a cynic that the prison population consists of two classes—those who ought never to have been sent there and those who ought never to be let out.

Upton Sinclair:—To know that a man was to wrestle bare-handed with a wolf would arouse instant attention—unless it was that every-day affair with the wolf at the door.