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elevators, each one of these has an operator who has to take charge of and operate a gasoline engine. During the breaking season the amount of grain taken into these buildings is negligible; one man can probably take in or put out the grain that is delivered at four or six or more houses where these are located at one point; the other men will be available. At small places one man could take charge of three or four villages, giving a week at each in turn; the others will be available. Then there is at nearly every village and small town a number of machinery agents with a knowledge of gasoline machinery; these are mostly men of keen intelligence and would give excellent service; 75 per cent. of them would be available. And again there are chauffeurs who drive automobiles, and owners of automobiles who have little or nothing to do and who have escaped conscription because they are above the age limit. All these might be conscripted by raising the age limit for this purpose to say 55 years and the work would be beneficial to them. Another indispensable class of labor would be blacksmiths for sharpening the shares and doing needful repairs to the machinery, the remainder, such as teamsters could easily be trained. The usual canteen arrangements would have to be made so as to take care of the physical needs of the men; a supply corps could be organized the same as at military camps, and most of them could be housed under canvas.

The Factor of Control

There need be no waste entailed in purchasing so large a quantity of machinery. After breaking was completed it could be used during the months of August and September in preparing the broken land and putting it into a condition for seeding in the following spring, and doing the seeding and harvesting in the following year.

A controlling organizer is essential, some capable mind who should be armed with authority to place or displace any or everyone in service under him, who by his own clearness of vision would prevent any entanglement, and by the vigor of his own mentality would energize the whole undertaking. Among the men I know two who stand out as likely to measure up to the necessary requirements of such an undertaking, the one is the Hon. J. A. Calder, and the other the Hon. C. A. Dunning.

The purely technical part of the supervision might be left to such a man as Prof. Rutherford, dean of Saskatchewan university, and a staff of men he would be capable of selecting. The care of the men and the discipline would be in charge of officers with military status and authority to ensure diligence and application. It would be useless to expect from men working under foregoing conditions the same results that could be achieved from any individual outfit working for personal profit, and as a consequence I have allowed the largest possible discounts for delays that would be unavoidable and that might arise from a multitude of different causes.

Financial Estimate

At the present rate of wages and prices it would take in the neighborhood of \$10 an acre to break, well disc and thoroughly drag land into a desirable seed bed, so that preparing 1,000,000 acres of land for crop in 1919 under ordinary circumstances would entail an expenditure of \$10,000,000. Under the circumstances suggested above it might entail 50 per cent. more, but granting it would cost \$15,000,000 with a further \$10,000,000 for seeding and harvesting, under a favorable year it would yield from 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 bushels of wheat, admittedly an excellent investment viewed even as an outlay, while the fact that the Allies had this large additional food supply to draw upon would give an added hope to them.

There is one more viewpoint from which we may look at the foregoing suggestion. What will happen when the war ends is a question that thoughtful men and women are asking themselves everywhere. Generally we take refuge in predicting that the returned soldiers will go to settle upon the land. Men who know the west must be aware

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