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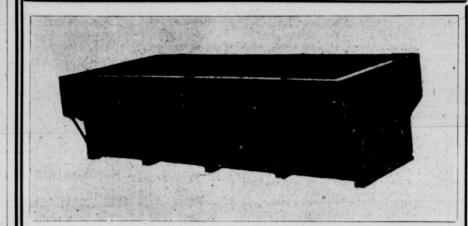
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flax straw. It was wound heat and tidy, just as manilla twine is wound.

It was rather woolly looking; in fact, I remarked to the dealer, "That stuff looks rotten." "All right," he said, "if you can break it with your hands I'll give you five dollars." I never saw manilla twine that I could not break, and I tried the flax twine, but I did not

get the five dollars.

Now I have great hope that in the near future we shall be using twine grown on our own farms, and I am glad the executive have taken the matter up. I bought Plymouth twine last year for nine cents; this year I paid twelve cents for the same twine.

Allow me here to commend The Guide on the splendid work it is doing for the Western farmers and to ask you to accept the cordial thanks of one who is a good many dollars ahead and a good deal wiser, owing to the existence of The Guide.

D. S. McLEOD.

Goodlands, Man.

#### DOES FARMING PAY?

The following letter, written by John Evans, of Nutana, appeared in a recent

issue of the Saskatoon Phoenix:—
Sir:—What with Mr. Horne Payne
and the Hon. Geo. Langley in the old
country you seem to be having about all you can do at present to disprove their statements. To me as a farmer, it is indeed amusing that when you fail to contradict Mr. Langley's statement when he says that the tariff is driving farmers off the land, you should trot out the old scrape-goat that the lords of finance have so often used, viz: Slip-shod methods or mining the farm. It is also strange, Mr. Editor, that men who sit in real estate offices, banks and newspaper sanctums are the only ones who know anything about farming and its problems. These are the kind of men along with railway and immigration officers who furnish the papers of Canada with crop reports.

The Dominion government, as well as all provincial governments, seem to have been legislating only with a view to building cities. To such an extent has this been done that putting together the statements of the two gentlemen mention-ed above, the whole makes one great

The tariff is driving men off the farms, and to such an extent has the tariff created unnatural conditions in the country that at last it has come to the point where the

at last it has come to the point where the cities feel the burden as well as the farmer Is not this the reason, Mr. Editor, why you are so much concerned about farming at present as per The Phoenix, July 1? While the land was new and in its virgin fertility, the farmer had a chance to put off the evil day, but the cities of the West have nothing to fall back upon but manufacturing. But with the high cost of living cities situated on the prairies cannot even hope for anythe prairies cannot even hope for any-thing more than a flour mill. Even a milling company has to be tempted by large bonuses. The high cost of living is part of the unnatural conditions created by a tariff made in the interest of a few manufacturers only. These few have the power to say whether any manufactories shall be established in the West or not. As far as the West is concerned, the race has been to build cities. This has

been done as far as population is con-cerned. The people of these cities up to the present have been able to exist, and some even to get rich by trading in town lots that have been advertised and misrepresented by unscrupulous wild cat speculators. It is about time that the farmers of Canada were admitted to the rights of full citizenship and that agricul-ture had a square deal with the rest of the industries. Then everything would find its level and nobody would be afraid of the truth spoken by Geo. Langley or

any one else.
Canada is a country that has all the sources of wealth that can be desired, but these must not be cornered by a special privileged few. Mr. Horne Payne's and Hon. Geo. Langley's statements will no doubt hinder immigration to some extent, but they will only partly counter act the deceptive advertising the press of Canada has lately displayed.

JOHN EVANS.

Nutana, July 8, 1913.

To act with common sense, according to the moment, is the best wisdom I know.—Horace Walpole.

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