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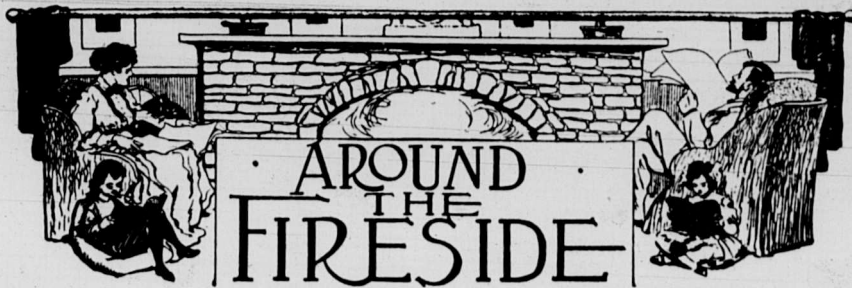
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READY TO HELP AGAIN

Dear Isobel:—I thought I would write you that I had sent in my renewal sub. a week ago and my petition form containing 74 names, which was all the petition would hold. I should like to get more petition forms as I am about to move further West and could get signatures on my journey.

Could you tell me if there are any homesteads in Alberta, and can a man take up another homestead after having sold his first? Please reply through The Guide. Wishing you success.

W. H. McMASTER.

Indian Head, Sask.

Box 483

Note.—There are thousands of homesteads in Alberta still. No, unless there was some special legislation due to special conditions, such as that of a man who did not have the pre-emption privilege at all, or the man who had paid in cash for his pre-emption before a certain year—1887, I think. Only in some such cases as these can a man homestead the second time in Canada.

The petition forms will be mailed at once. Many thanks for your kind interest.

P.S.—You are, of course, eligible to purchase a South African scrip, which will give you a half-section. The duties are the same as the regular homesteader's.

SHOULD BE RESTRICTIONS

Dear Isobel:—I have been an interested reader of your "Homesteads for Women" page as to the discussion as to whether or not all women should be given equal rights. I may say that I have signed one of your petitions and before doing so I took the trouble to read it, as I think all should do, and if it had not stated "women of British birth," I would certainly not have signed it, as I do not believe giving the same rights to foreigners or Americans as I do to our women of "British or Canadian birth." I do not consider it selfish to say women of British birth in the petitions as every woman should, I consider, have a birthright in her own country, but can hardly see why "ex-American" can expect to just step across the line and expect to have just the same rights as a Canadian born. When the government gives an American man a homestead it demands that he shall become a British subject before he obtains his deed. But in the case of women we would have no guarantee that they would ever become British subjects. I think it would only be just to have the provision made that all British and Canadian women be entitled to a homestead. Canadian first, because they should have some birthright in their own country, and British next, because this is a part of the British Empire, and all the British born subjects should have equal rights. But all others ought to be at least eighteen years of age, and should have to furnish proof that they had lived at least three years in Canada before they are granted a homestead entry. But whether I am right in this or not, I certainly would not have signed the petition had I thought that all foreigners were to have equal rights with our Canadian women for the following reasons:—In the first place, I do not believe that over ten per cent. of our Canadian women would take advantage of the law if they could get a homestead tomorrow. While, if all were given equal rights, then all the foreigners from eighteen years up would take up a homestead and we would not have any way of proving that they were not of age, and I consider that this would not only be an injustice to our Canadian and British women who did not wish to homestead, but also to our young men of British and Canadian birth who have not, as yet, had a homestead—myself among the number. I believe H. G. Ahern is an American and likely that is why he calls it selfish. But I consider this easy for a

woman to live three years in Canada and prove that she has some interest in the country, and then give her a homestead by all means, if she wants one, on the same conditions as men, but I certainly would oppose to the bitter end any act that would give to the Galician or German girl of doubtful age the same rights as to our Canadian and British women, and therefore our British and Canadian men also, as I consider that homesteads are scarce enough now and there is no need to slaughter them in order to get rid of them, as there will be no homesteads in five years for either men or women.

JAMES ALLAN.

Cordova, Man.

Note.—As Mr. Allan wishes his views more fully given, his letter, of which a part was previously published, is here given in full.

HOMESTEADS FOR WOMEN

Friends of this measure:—Will you kindly get busy, one and all, and let us have a "round up" of all the work done so far?

The Women's Labor League had a gala day at the labor demonstration on the fourth inst. They expected over 4,000 men in the parade and to assemble in the park afterward, where the women had stands with the homestead petitions ready for the men to sign. As an ex-



Whiteberry Grain Growers' Rally, June 22, 1911

pedient for speed, a large bulletin was erected, bearing the purport of the petition in plain capital letters so that all could read the board and not need to wait to read the paper. There were dozens of petitions in use, but as they are still in use by the canvassers, an exact report of their work is not yet to hand.

The executive of the W.C.T.U. for Manitoba reports splendid work being done by that organization. Though they did not begin till after the regular August meeting, dozens of well-filled petitions are already back in the hands of their president.

The Women's Canadian Club, when they re-assemble in September, will enter heartily into the measure. Their chief field of labor will be in forming public opinion, advertising and putting up the financial end of this national benefit.

Certainly this is your busiest season, and when the threshing is nearer completion then there will be a breathing spell to consider such matters. Every man will surely wish to see his women folk sharing in the gifts of Canadian lands.

Will those kindly report as soon as possible who have taken on the petition work, and oblige.

Yours for Canada,

ISOBEL.

THREE PETITIONS SIGNED

Dear Isobel:—Enclosed find three petitions, two from Gull Lake and one from Almonte, Ontario. It will be some time yet before I get the other petitions filled in and sent to you.

I am personally acquainted with nearly all those who signed the petitions. Miss Muir, B.A., of Ottawa, and Miss Crosth-

waite, of Gull Lake, kindly got them filled for me.

A FRIEND.

Note.—Miss Crosthwaite, assistant post mistress, got two petitions signed containing 196 names, and Miss Muir, B.A. collegiate teacher in Ottawa, secured 98 names around Almonte, Ontario. This proves that the movement has interest for the East as well as the West.

The "Friend" who was the means of securing these two successful canvassers, has several other petitioners working for her who will no doubt be equally successful. "Friend" does not wish her name to appear, but let us hope she can be induced later to let herself be known so that we may give her an ovation when her petitions are all in. She surely deserves a special vote of thanks.

ONLY MEN VOTE

Dear Isobel:—Please send me some petitions, "Homesteads for Women," as I favor this movement very much and will do my best to get as many persons to sign as possible. Please let me know if girls, as well as women, are included in these petitions. I think, also, that girls and women should have a vote. Hoping to receive a petition soon, as the time is short.

MISS E. I. JOHNSTON.

Sheppardville, Man.

Note.—Please get men to sign the petitions. Girls and women have no vote, therefore their signatures would not have so much weight as those of voters. If you have the time and energy, get both men and women, but on separate sheets.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Dear Isobel:—Would you kindly send me two of those petitions, "Homesteads for Women?" Please send them in haste as I want them by the 21st September, election day.

EVELYN WILEY.

Paradise Valley, Alta.

Note.—Election day! What a splendid

opportunity to get signatures? I hope many others will take the suggestion and get busy with these petitions on that day.

A MEMORY SYSTEM

(Priscilla Leonard)

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, whatever its measure;
Remember praise by others won,
And pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lent you aid,
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living;
Forget each worry and distress,
Be hopeful and forgiving;
Remember good, remember truth,
Remember heaven's above you,
And you will find, through age and youth,
True joys, and hearts to love you.

HOUSEHOLD

A great aid in keeping irons hot on ironing day is to place a baking or roasting pan to cover them while on the stove.

This conserves the heat beneath the pan and much less fire is needed.

Let the looking glass be placed against an outside wall, if possible, where the sun will not fall upon it. Besides saving the glass, it gives a better reflection when in the shadow, and the person in a good light.

Hang the pictures upon the walls on a level with the eye or slightly above it. As this placing gives the appearance of greater space in the room. Many housekeepers hang the pictures too high, which makes the ceiling appear lower.

WISE TO IT

I love a little lassie,
A winsome little pet;
I love her dearly, but—
She doesn't know it yet!
For I dissemble always
Since she and I have met,
And though I love her dearly,
She doesn't know it yet.
I just pretend we're friends, that's all
But friendship doth beget
A love that fills my bosom; but—
She doesn't know it yet.
When she's around I am distraught—
I fume, I fear, I fret.
I love the ground she walks on, but—
She doesn't know it yet.
I struggle vainly in the coil,
But still I love the net;
I love the skies above her, but—
She doesn't know it yet.
Sometimes I think she's not for me,
And oft my pillow's wet,
And though I love her, I am glad
She doesn't know it yet.

I've told her that I love her!

She smiled a smile sublime,
And whispered: "Oh, you silly!—
I knew it all the time!"

—The Khan in Toronto Star

KITCHEN HINTS

Salmon Leaf.—1 can salmon, 4 eggs, 2 cups bread crumbs, tablespoon butter, half teaspoon sage, pepper and salt. Mix all lightly, steam 1½ hours. May be cooked in double boiler like rice or porridge.

Beefsteak Pie.—Two pounds round steak, 2 quarts water. Cut up steak and stew 2 hours. Put meat and liquor in deep granite pan. Cover with rich biscuit dough, making a slit in the crust to allow steam to escape. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in hot oven.

Yorkshire Pudding.—Nine large spoons flour, 2 eggs, salt spoon salt, milk enough to make into a very soft dough. Pour around meat and cook for half hour in very quick oven. When done, cut into squares and serve round the meat on platter.

Jellied Chicken for Invalids.—Take a young chicken, clean, cut in small pieces as for frying. Put a bay leaf or savory, a stalk of celery and a couple of small peppers into a large bowl or double boiler. Put in the pieces of chicken, stand the bowl in a pot of boiling water, or in the double boiler. Cover closely and so that the steam will not drip into the chicken. Keep boiling until the bones will pull out. Remove skin and bones and put the remainder into a small mould, season the liquor with salt and strain over the meat. Stand in cool place to harden. Add no water, not even when cooking.

Brown Stew.—Two pounds beef, 2 cups cold water, 4 level tablespoons flour, 1½ teaspoons salt, 2 small onions, ½ cup carrots, ½ cup turnips diced, pinch of pepper. Cut fat off meat and fry out. Cut meat into 2 inch squares, roll in flour, put into the fat and turn and stir over the fire until nicely brown. Add water, cover closely and simmer. Prepare vegetables and add with salt and pepper to the stew. Simmer three hours. Serve with or without dumplings.

A DIFFERENCE

Allowing for the actual difference which exists between men and women in the power to invent and execute, there still remains one more or less unconsidered—but not inconsiderable—distinction which is a handicap to the woman. Moreover, it is an unnecessary handicap. This is the habit, which almost all women have, of indulging their imagination too freely. There are women who actually are weary from the day's work before they have got out of bed in the morning, because they have visualized each task. Already in imagination they have got the breakfast, sent the children off to school, attended to the marketing, called up half a dozen persons by telephone, et cetera, et cetera. As the coward dies a thousand deaths, so these workers perform their task