

## Homesteads for Women

No person can give any good reason why the privilege of homesteading, which is enjoyed by the men, should not also be enjoyed by the women of this country. The women do an equal if not a greater part in the necessary pioneer work in the development of Canada. In many of the states to the south women are allowed to homestead, and in that way the parents whose children are girls are not discriminated against as they are in Canada. The homestead regulations of today were made by men, but in making these regulations the men probably had no intention of doing any injury to the women. It is but a survival of the times when women were held in inferior position. The men probably did as well as they knew. Year by year the rights of women throughout the world have been more freely recognized and in many parts of the world they are now even exercising the franchise.

It requires educational work on the part of the women as well as on the part of the men to secure reforms that are needed. Many excellent reasons have been set forth in these columns why women should be granted the right to homestead in Western Canada. Many excellent letters on this subject, by Western women, have also been published in The Guide. But the object in view has not yet been accomplished and the educational work should continue. The homestead laws are administered by Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of the Interior. It would be a splendid thing to bring this matter before Mr. Rogers as soon as possible. This might be done by Western men and Western women writing letters to Mr. Rogers and explaining to him the need of granting the homestead privilege to women. It will have to be done by passing an amendment to the homestead laws by the House of Commons, and any such bill would necessarily have to be introduced by Mr. Rogers. If Mr. Rogers is convinced of the justice of the claim and realizes that the women of the West are strongly in favor of it he will be very glad to give it his attention.

In addition to this, the educational work should be continued as in the past. The petitions should be circulated and signed as largely as possible and letters should be sent to The Guide for publication. In order to encourage this work The Guide has decided to offer prizes for the best letters written on this subject between now and December 1. Five prizes will be given for the five best letters received either from men or women on the subject, "Why women should be granted homestead privileges."

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None of these letters should be more than 500 words in length and all should be very plainly written on one side of the paper only. These should be addressed "Homesteads for Women," The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg. Any readers of The Guide who are interested in the homestead question sufficiently to circulate a petition should write in to the same address as soon as possible and a petition will be sent to them. Those petitions which are now being circulated should be filled as soon as possible and returned within the next few weeks. Steps will then be taken to see that they are placed before the government at Ottawa.

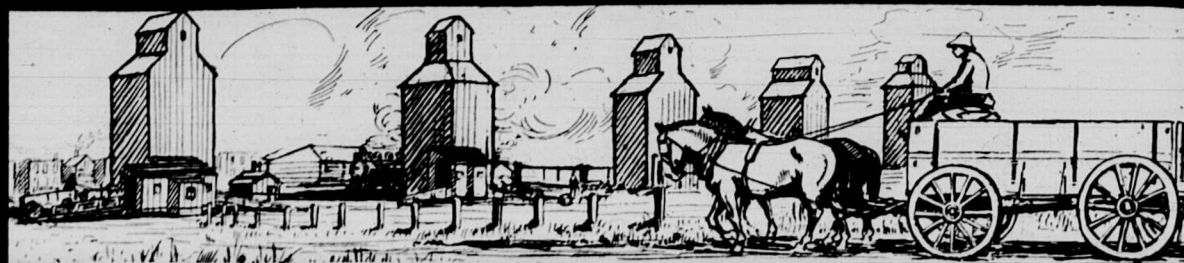
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