

previous experience on the land succeeding? Here, again, the story is a bright one. I have often been asked to recommend some method of instruction by which a young man in England may learn something to help him to farm in Canada, and invariably my reply is, that the best way to learn to farm is to go to Canada and start work with a farmer the day one arrives. This is undeniably true for an intending worker, be he a youth of 16 or 20 or a man reaching towards middle age.

To Gain Experience.

The call for help on farms is such that anyone who has a pair of arms to work with, and is willing to learn, will be engaged the day he arrives, at some wages over and above his board and lodging, such wages to be increased from time to time as he gains experience. It is manifest that the destiny of such people lies in their own hands. Some gain enough experience in eighteen months to warrant them in securing land of their own; others take longer, but, generally speaking, the young man who cannot in three years gain sufficient experience to justify a successful attempt, at farming on his own account ought to take up some other occupation.

There are certain seasons in the year, particularly at the approach of winter, when the land seeker is advised to leave his family behind until the following spring, but there are other seasons of the year when it is highly desirable that the family should accompany the land seeker, because a family works best when they are together, and there is no difficulty in arranging for the family to remain at a boarding house in a town, or even with an adjoining farmer, until the head of the household is prepared to receive the family on his own land.

The Road to Success.

I do not, except in very special circumstances, advise the breaking up of families. A man needs the consolation and help of his wife and family, and the family should not be left behind without good reason, subject to anxieties and worries that would not exist if they had accompanied the breadwinner.

There ought to be thousands more farms taken up and cultivated than there are, and one welcomes the advent of the new semi-public organisation which is being so generously supported by the business men of Canada, who are determined that the vacant spaces that are only waiting for the willing worker, to be turned into prosperous farms, shall be offered under safe and reasonable conditions to those who are still hungry for land.

The success of the Land Settlement Board of Canada, by which so many thousands of Canadian ex-service men have been placed on the land, affords at once a complete proof that, given an opportunity of gaining experience and capital, there is nothing to prevent others than ex-service men succeeding just as well as do the soldiers.