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POOR WORK AT THRESHING.

A certain man came to me last fall and asked to do my threshing. He claimed to have a first class threshing outfit and first class men to run it and also would guarantee first class work. I told him if he threshed for me I wanted good work. When I came to handle the straw through the winter I found that there was considerable grain in the straw. I consider that there would be enough to pay for the threshing of the whole crop, which amounted to \$168.25. I payed him part. Can I collect damages of him for the waste? T. H. F. Sask.

Ans.—From what you state it would appear that the thresher guaranteed first class work, and if there is a large quantity of grain in the straw, which you state there is, you would be quite justified in retaining the whole of the money due him for threshing and if he entered action against you to recover the money you could then counterclaim for damages for the loss sustained by you for the bad work. In order to satisfy the court of the amount of your loss you should get some competent farmers to gather up a quantity of the straw at the different places and out of a certain quantity thoroughly shake the wheat, collect it and then see how much you have and you could then make a fair estimate of the wheat in the straw. If part is not threshed and the wheat still left in the heads it would be well to get some neighbor farmers to collect the heads; or you could collect them in the presence of a witness, have them tied together and kept in view of the evidence. If the thresher does not enter action against you for the amount due him, you could immediately proceed against him for the value of your loss. This is a matter which it would be necessary to lay before a solicitor with all the facts.

CEMENT FACTORIES, STEEL GRANARIES.

1. Please inform me where cement is manufactured in Manitoba or the other western provinces, if any.

2. Can you inform me also where portable steel granaries are manufactured? W. R. C. Sask.

Ans.—There are two cement factories about to be operated at Calgary, and we think another is being projected at Medicine Hat. In Manitoba a factory is in process of erection near Morden, but we are not certain that any of these have actually manufactured cement as yet.

2. Any of the machine works; such as the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg; Brandon Machine Works, Brandon; Regina Machine Works, Regina, etc., would make such an article on order.

FENCING A HOMESTEAD.

A has taken up a homestead. Can he prove up same by fencing the whole thing providing 20 head of cattle and shelter for same, sleeping on the homestead at night and through the day working at a neighboring town to earn a livelihood? W. H. E. Sask.

Ans.—Yes, that would be fulfilling the conditions of the Homestead Act.

LIMBER NECK IN FOWL.

I wonder if you could tell me what the trouble is with my poultry. Two roosters have taken ill and died. They first get dull then twist their necks around and finally die. Man. POULTRY KEEPER.

Ans.—This disease is usually called "limber neck", and is caused by eating of some foul matter. The general idea is it is caused by eating at a dead body, either a dead chicken or impure carcass of some kind. While this is often the case I think it can be caused by fowl living steadily as they

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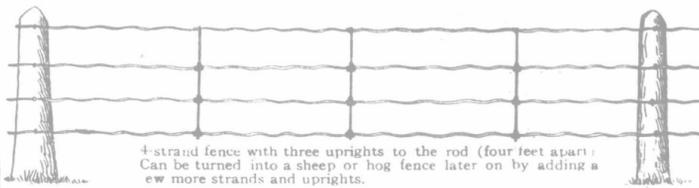
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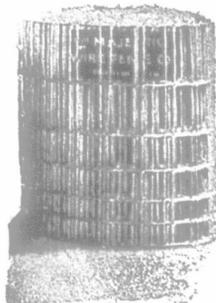
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