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Nick Taitinger and his Methods

Saskatchewan and it was almost a week later than normal in ripening. I have planted it besides my own this year and as far as maturity is concerned you cannot tell the difference."

The 1916 crop on Mr. Taitinger's farm was a heavy one. His fall plowing yielded 32 bushels on the average, while summerfallow averaged over 50 bushels. Some frosted wheat which he had ran around 35 bushels to the acre. In 1914, a very dry year, it will be remembered that many farmers in the southwestern country failed to secure a crop. Even in that season however, Mr. Taitinger succeeded in securing as high as 22 bushels to the acre from his summerfallow.

Farming Methods

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Mr. Taitinger does not offer wholesale advice about farming. He has worked out what he believes to be the best method for his district but he hesitates to recommend it for districts other than his own. His land is a black loam, not the heaviest, and his policy is to take off two crops and then summerfallow. He strongly favors fall plowing for his district and the stubble of the first crop after summerfallow is always plowed in the fall. First he discs or cultivates early in order to conserve moisture and start weeds growing. Later in the fall the plowing is done. He is a firm believer in good cultivation. "Kill the weeds when they are small" is his motto. For seed in the spring he aims to have a nice clean seed bed underntath, leaving the surface rough. He also advocates for his district that the land should be plowed a little deeper every year that it is in summerfallow so that some clay is brought up. This prevents drifting and tends to renew the soil. Fall plowing is not done so deeply as summerfallowing. He harrows directly effer the plow to conserve moisture and then uses the cultivator which brings the clods to the top and assists in preventing the soil from drifting. He also believes in getting the summerfallowing done in time in order to have the land turned over before a strong growth of weeds gets possession of it. "That man might just as well be growing a crop of wheat as a crop of weeds," said he, as we passed a field on a trip which he was kind enough to give me over the Claresholm district in his new high power automobile. Mr. Taitinger has solved the summerfallowing problem by securing a tractor. By means of this he can get over the summerfallow in a hurry and get everything done up in shipshape and on time. He does not rely altogether on the tractor for his farming operations however, as besides the automobile he has about 30 horses on the farm, most of them of working age. At the time of my visit he also had 40 cattle and ha large number of pure-bred Berkshire pigs.

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Mr. Taitinger has had some experience with hired help and realizes the difficulty the average farmer is up against in settling the help problem. He has tried out the proposition of hiring married men but has not found it satisfactory. "If you don't like one of them you have got to fire two," he said. However, the work problem will soon be solved on the Taitinger farm as there are several sturdy young chaps coming along. The oldest of these, Harry, is a graduate of the Claresholm Agricultural School, where he took a two years' course. The younger lads are following in their father's footsteps, one of them capturing four firsts at the school fair and also getting into the prize money at the Calgary exhibition for selected grain.

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The Taitinger plans for the next year or two include a rather extensive building program. His buildings will no doubt correspond with those that are appearing already in the Claresholm district. The people there are staying. Many large new houses are going up with water systems and electric light plants being installed as they are erected. The air pressure system of water supply is being favored. Mr. Taitinger aiready has an electric light system in his house, having substituted it for gas which was

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