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BEGINNING with June The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer will inaugurate not a new department but will enhance the value of one of its old departments, viz., the Problems of the Farmer. We have already arranged with three prominent agriculturists, one in Manitoba, one in Alberta and one in Saskatchewan; each of these agriculturists to give us two problems every month of their particular province. These men, whose names will be announced in due time are thoroughly familiar with agricultural conditions existing in their respective provinces and will be able to furnish us and our readers with a large amount of valuable discussion on the problems that are the nearest to the heart of the different farmers.

We would like to suggest to our different farm readers that if they at any time have a particular problem that is bothering them, or over which they are worried, to let us know just what that problem is and we will turn it over to

whichever of these men happens to be bestable to handle it and they in turn will give it a free and thorough discussion.

We hope to see an interest taken in this department, as it is costing us considerable money. We do not mind the expense if we can give our readers something that they want and we believe that before the end of six months that our readers will agree with us, that this is one of the most important department in our magazine.

This is the season of the year when the good roads proposition should stir every man in Western Canada who has the spirit of progress within him. Good roads are the most valuable asset that any country can have and the wealth of the people within that country depends entirely upon the country's assets.

Western Canada is an easy country in which to build good roads. In the majority of cases we have good firm soil; the grades are easy, and all that is required is a little tact and labor to produce the finest system of roads anywhere in the world. Do not simply scratch along the top, filling up a few holes there and here, throwing a stone out of the way there, but what you build, build well, and future prosperity will erect a monument to the fore-sight of that person.

As announced by letter, advertisement and otherwise this is the last opportunity which our subscribers will have of taking advantage of our Big Two Thousand prize Wheat Guessing Contest. This contest has been running since the last of November and ends positively May 31st. During that time thousands of people in Western Canada have become readers of The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer, having sent in anywhere from one to ten dollars to become enrolled upon our subscription list. We want 5000 more subscribers in the month of May and we feel confident that we are going to get them.

We have done everything in our power to acquaint the farmers of Western Canada with The Canadian Thresherman and Farmer and while the results have been more than satisfactory, nevertheless, we want 5000 more to get into line and become readers of our magazine. If everyone of our subscribers at the present time would just drop over to his neighbor's and induce him to send us in a

dollar for a year's subscription we would not only double our subscription list, but everyone of our subscribers at the present time would get an opportunity of recording an extra guess. Remember, there are two thousand prizes to be distributed and the chances are a hundred to one in your favor that you will get something for your trouble.

We cannot agree with those who think the country child should have very different training from the child of the city, nor that the higher schools with the languages left out, should not eventually come to all farming districts by way of the centralized school, or otherwise. With the fast improving roads, automobiles, etc., it is going to be only a question of time when most country children can receive a good common education without leaving the farm over night.

It is only too true, though, that all too long our schools have been planned and courses of study been arranged to lead to the university, where not three in a hundred ever get, and all too little attention has been paid to fitting boys and particularly girls, for life.

We are not so sure either that city schools should train city children for city life. The country boy and girl get something of the business of country life into them by contact, whether taught in the schools or not, while the city child will get too much city life regardless of how much of the other life they may be taught. All too many city people would be in the country today instead of starving, or living from hand to mouth on wages that must come from another, did they have the faintest idea of how to grow a garden, or a potato patch. City girls, as a rule, though graduates of colleges, know all too little about real home science, particularly when that includes knowledge of fruit and garden products and how to get them out of a garden and onto the table. They certainly need Home Science even more than the country girl.

Again it is well for the country boys and girls to have the agricultural college in mind, but so few do, or even will get there, we do not believe the fact that they may, should influence their line of studies in the common schools. As so few, so very few ever get beyond a common school, let that school so far as possible be complete in itself. The country child should go to school as much as the city child, and when he is robbed of his schooling to hold the plow before he is as high as the handles, as some children are, something is wrong with the parents, or with the school board, or both. There is no more excuse for the country child being robbed of its schooling to work in the field than for the city child to leave school to sell papers or run chores.

As a rule the work a child on the farm does outside of school does him good, but not when he is robbed of the child's greatest and most sacred right, a full common school education.

Country high schools, centralized schools, singing schools, with time to attend them, will largely take the place of other social advantages with good, bright illustrated papers and magazines of their own, coming in their rural mail, there would not be nearly so many of them running away to the towns and forever hating the land.

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