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The Guide, Winnipeg :

Dear Sirs,—At a recent meeting of our branch of the G. G. Association a Mr. Snow, Deputy Warehouse Commissioner, addressed us at length on the system now in vogue for the handling to market of the farmers' grains. Although he handled his subject very creditably, it was self-evident that his theme was antiquated, cumbersome and altogether fails of relief such as the age and times demand. He was about two hours or more informing us what was necessary to do under the present law after a car was loaded and about to commence its journey to market. The snares and pitfalls were so numerous as to suggest that during the operation, unless strictly on guard, the farmer stands on very thin ice. I regret to say he did not appear to know whether the elevators had equipped themselves with the tin boxes that the law directs them to have in event a dispute arises and the farmer wishes to save the identity of his grain. Also that his department could suggest but not order the railway companies to construct and maintain sidings for the loading platform. He laid much stress on the mixing mill south of the border and the inference was plain that of course no such state of affairs existed here. In total his remarks conveyed the impression that the system was as near perfect as could be devised, that there was a law for everything only it was always non-operative as against the elevators when it came to a point. His remarks were touching when he implored us to be lenient with Mr. Horn's gradings as owing to the magnitude of his work mistakes were bound to follow. His mention of the fact that he and Mr. Motherwell of Saskatchewan, were the movers in the preliminary steps for bringing forward of the G. G. Association were just as well not said.

Sincerely yours,

H. M. THOMPSON.

HOME

The ashes of the commonest fire are melancholy things, for in them there is an image of death and ruin of something that has been bright, and is but dull, cold, dreary dust—with which our nature forces us to sympathize. How much more sad the crumbled embers of a home: the casting down of that great altar, where the worst among us sometimes perform the worship of the heart; and where the best have offered up such sacrifices, and done such deeds of heroism, as, chronicled, would put the proudest temples of old Time, with all their vaunting annals, to the blush.—Charles Dickens. (Barnaby Rudge).

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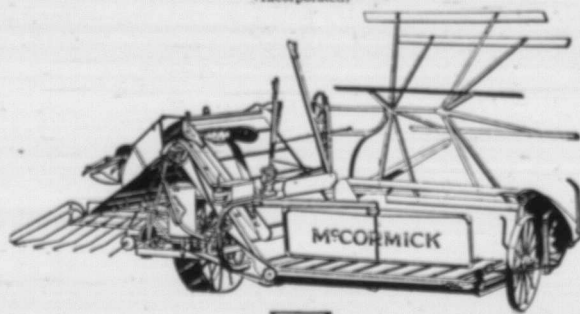
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