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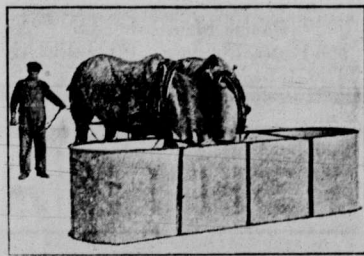
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The Study Course

An Introduction and Side-Talk on the First Two Studies

Many readers of The Guide will no doubt be devoting a good deal of their leisure time this week to the perusal of the booklet, "Studies in Rural Citizenship," which has been published by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and is being distributed by R. McKenzie, secretary of that body, from his office, at 404 Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg. This course of study has been very carefully prepared and, with the books recommended for reference, provides a guide which will enable every farmer who has the will and the time to apply himself, to acquire a thorough education upon those subjects which are most vital to the interests of the agricultural community. A glance thru the booklet shows that an enormous amount of information has been compressed into a small space, and that if every subject is to be mastered, students will have to give a good many evenings, thruout the winter to the work. Some, perhaps will feel that they are undertaking almost too big a task, but there is no need to be discouraged on that account. Forget, for the time being, that there are sixteen papers to study, and look only at the first one. A whole week, with six long, cozy evenings beside the stove (of course, all good Grain Growers go to church on Sunday), are available, and surely that is time enough to consume, digest and assimilate the first study. There will be another week for the next lesson, in fact, each week thruout the winter will have its lesson and each lesson its week.

A Long Walk

That's the way great things are done. Most of the men who have got to the top of the tree by their own ability have "got there," not by a heaven-sent genius, but by staying with the job, sticking everlastingly at it and making use of every possible moment to do, or learn something definite and useful along the road they have chosen to follow.

A new settler in Saskatchewan once figured out that with a 14-inch breaking plow he would have to walk 1,131 miles to break up his homestead, and he was so appalled at the task before him that he never made a start and consequently never got anything done. His neighbor did not bother to figure out anything of that kind, but just went ahead and made nine rounds every morning and another nine every afternoon while the weather and season were favorable, and in the course of time he had the whole farm under cultivation. It's just the same with taking up a course of study. "One thing at a time, and that done well, is a very good rule as many can tell." And what better use can a farmer and his wife, sons and daughters make of the winter evenings than the study of the problems of rural citizenship?

A Brighter Day

When those problems are solved, the farm will be the most attractive place in the whole country to live and work upon. The farm will then be a home more beautiful and healthy than any which the city contains. It will be a place where a fair day's work will yield both the farmer and the hired man a fair day's pay, and a day's pay which will enable both the farmer and the hired man to give their wives and families the comfort and the education to which they are entitled. When the problems of rural citizenship are solved, the economic burden will be lifted from the farmer's back and he will be free to produce food for the world and to receive the necessities of his life and industry in return without being called upon to pay tribute to Special Privilege in any of its divers forms or to yield up a portion of his product to any one, except in return for service of equal value. These problems, however, will not be solved until the people understand present conditions and grasp the underlying principles which are at their root. A great deal is heard of patriotism these days, and the western farmer is not behind anyone in that respect.



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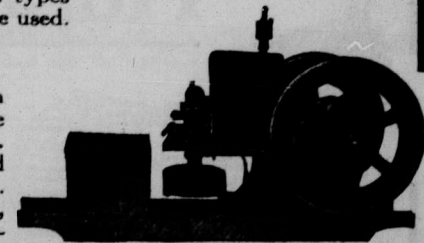
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