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### KIND HEARTED



"Is your son going to be a doctor?"  
"Doctor! No! He wouldn't injure a fly!"

### AS A SOUVENIR

A merchant who had been travelling some months was informed upon his return of the death of a valued friend. A few days later he called on the bereaved widow to offer his expressions of sympathy. During the visit he remarked:

"I was a good friend of your late husband. Is there not something of his which I could have as a memento of him?"

She raised to his her velvety-brown eyes, which a few moments before were moist with tears, and said:

"How would I do?"

Uneasy Passenger—"I say, steward, doesn't the ship tip frightfully?"

Dignified Steward—"The vessel, mum, is trying to set a good example to the passengers."

## The Mail Bag

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would be more understandable, but if we narrow it down to "Made in Canada," why not go further (some, I believe go as far as this) "Made in Winnipeg." How many follow it to its logical conclusion: use only what can be made on your own farm and so keep all your money at home, your own home, not Mr. Manufacturer's? This is impossible, and to my mind, it is just as impossible for Canada to thrive on this "Made in Canada" dope.

C. S. WATKINS.

Langvale, Man.

### ADVICE TO FARMERS

Editor, Guide:—We farmers are being flooded with more advice as usual. This time we are asked to "mine" our farms and show our patriotism by raising all the wheat we possibly can. Rather rich after all the sneers and jeers they gave us about mining our farms. Had we all followed their advice and quit raising wheat and turned our attention to their idea of mixed farming, how would it have panned out at the present juncture? However, I guess most farmers are like myself and take precious little notice of advice from city men as to how to run our farms, altho their advice to us now is sound, even if it is putting the whip on to a willing horse. But it does not go far enough.

No doubt there is a very good chance of a good price for our next crop, and possibly the one after that, but then look out for squalls, as the inevitable reaction is bound to come sooner or later, and my advice, if I may be permitted to give it, is to salt down as much as possible out of the next crop, or, in other words, to go slow, ready for the inevitable hard times and low prices that are bound to come sooner or later after this horrible war is over.

C. T. WATKINS.

Langvale, Man.

### ONE IN THREE

Editor, Guide:—I have noticed time and again the average duty paid on goods entering Canada is 16 per cent. I find by sending several orders to Chicago, including many articles used in the house on the table, and in the field, that the average duty paid by farmers is 34 per cent. That means, out of every three bushels of grain a farmer sells, after he has paid all the cost of producing, marketing, etc., he is compelled to hand the price of one bushel over either to the government or to the Canadian manufacturer. Out of 145 articles on the free list, only three go direct to the farm. The others go to the manufacturer. Is it any wonder that he does not want any more free trade? To see how the tariff works, take, for example, yeast cakes. Home product, two boxes, six cakes per box, twelve cakes, ten cents. Imported article, three boxes, seven cakes per box, twenty-one cakes, price ten cents. Duty six cents. This looks like sixty cents worth of tariff on 100 cents worth of yeast cakes, retail price. In the Canadian customs tariff, 1907, tariff item No. 36 reads: Compressed yeast in bulk or mass of not less than fifty pounds, per pound three cents. Tariff item No. 37: Compressed yeast in packages weighing less than fifty pounds, the weight of the package to be included in the weight for duty, per pound six cents. The large dealers can — to some extent — escape the exorbitant prices by his three cents per pound, but how can the consumer escape with six cents per pound?

ROBT. ADAMSON.

Eden, Man., Dec. 11.

### TORONTO HOUSING SCHEME A Company which Provides Cheap Homes Thru Municipal Bond Guarantee

(From the Toronto News.)

The annual meeting of the Toronto Housing Company, held in one of the Company's own attractive flats on Bain Avenue, was an interesting landmark in the history of a movement which compares favorably with any enterprise of a like character on the American continent. By this time the Company has proved its contention that the housing business can be conducted in the interests of citizens, giving tenants the best possible accommodation which

can be provided at a reasonable rental, and on an economic basis which affords the capital invested a reasonable return. The President, G. Frank Beer, and the Directors have made the city the free gift of their admitted financial ability and experience to demonstrate in the shape of bricks and mortar the fact that good housing can be secured on these terms. Neither the President nor any of the Board of Directors has received financial benefit of any kind from this undertaking. Their time and ability have been given from motives of good will. The Shareholders also have been willing to forego any dividend. Thus the whole benefit of this modern and admirable housing project is going to the citizens of Toronto.

### Forego Dividend

The Company's Spruce Court development, which is immediately behind the old buildings of the Toronto General Hospital, has been completed for a year. The rents collected have amounted to over \$7,000. At the annual meeting the treasurer's report showed that there were arrears of only \$39 in the Spruce Court rents, a sum which will yet be paid. This, as the President said, is a remarkable testimony to the standing and worth of the Company's tenants. It is doubtful if any other business enterprise collecting rents on a like scale can show a result as good with regard to arrears of rent. The Spruce Court development after all expenses have been met—taxes, water rates, interests on bonds, etc., paid—shows a sum sufficient to pay a dividend of six per cent. on the capital invested. As has already been stated, the Shareholders have agreed with the Directors that it is wise, considering present conditions and the amount of development under way, not to pay any dividends for the past year. The fact that the interest has been earned, and that every calculation made with regard to this property has proved correct, demonstrates the high character of the financial and business ability in the management of the Toronto Housing Company.

### Unpaid Directors

As is widely known, the city has guaranteed the bonds of the Toronto Housing Company, under legislation passed by the Ontario Legislature. The city thus has enabled the Company to secure capital for the housing development. The Company is giving freely the best financial and business management. It is practically an ideal form of municipal housing. The Toronto Housing Company has been criticized, but only by people who have failed to understand that the benefit of its operations—which are very ably conducted—is secured wholly for the citizens of Toronto. There are always varieties of human nature which find it hard to believe that any effort is disinterested. Yet not to be able to believe in human nature is the worst of all failures. The Mayor, members of the Board of Control and a number of members of the City Council, have had the foresight and wisdom to assist a housing project which is adding to the reputation of Canadians as a people able to deal constructively with the betterment of city conditions. Any members of Council who still obstruct this work will likely be regarded with distrust by citizens who are benefiting every day by the work of the Company, and by everyone who takes the trouble to see for himself the housing accommodation in Spruce Court and on Bain Avenue.

### Low Rents

The best course for every citizen who can find the time is to visit the Bain Avenue houses for himself. He will find there flats for rental at sums varying from \$13.50 a month to \$29, every one of which will afford comfort, convenience, and good living conditions for families of appropriate size. For instance, a flat renting at \$25 contains a large living-room of about 17 by 20 feet, a kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The flat has a separate outside entrance of its own. There is a balcony; clothes closet accommodation for every bedroom; and basement storage. The Company provides each flat with electric light fixtures, blinds, a gas stove; every kitchen or kitchenette has a combination sink and laundry tub, and heating and hot water is provided

the year round. The Company pays the water rates, and sees to the upkeep of the grass courts. A central heating plant provides heat and hot water for the smallest flats at an annual cost to the company of something like \$8.00, or 75 cents a month. The cost of the larger flats is in proportion. The heating plant consumes its own smoke, a fact which should be noted by Toronto people generally. On the south side of Bain Avenue the six houses, with flats for business women and girls, which are being rented by the Toronto Local Council of Women, are rapidly approaching completion. The pleasure with which business women are looking forward to entering into possession of these homes of their own, with balconies for summer evenings, and reception rooms for the winter, can hardly be over-estimated. The housing accommodation furnished by the Toronto Housing Company is proving a large factor in improving the living and working conditions of a number of our citizens; and the improvement has been secured by business ability working on sound economic principles.

### SENATOR JAFFRAY DEAD

Hon. Robert Jaffray, a Liberal member of the Canadian Senate, president of the Toronto Globe and the Imperial Bank, died on Wednesday, December 16, at the age of 82 years. The deceased was born near Bannockburn, Scotland, and was the son of a farmer.

### BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

The following subscriptions have been received at The Guide office in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund up to the morning of December 21. Previously acknowledged \$973.55

Hired Man, Oxbow, Sask.	5.00
Hitecock Literary Society, Hitecock, Sask.	5.00
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Wm. Ferguson, Courtenay, B.C.	5.00
Pupils of Daybreak and Hillside School District, Virden, Man.	6.00
Total	\$1,295.80

### A QUICK THINKER

They had just been married and were about to start on their wedding trip. As is the custom with bridegrooms, he was embarrassed to the point of forgetfulness, but he met the situation like an expert.

"Why, Harry, you bought only one ticket," said the bride reproachfully.  
"Just like me, dear," said Harry quickly, "always forgetting myself."