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ness of agriculture would become a coveted desire of the multitudes that are now trying to escape from it; because of the bettered conditions brought about by brain power, grown and trained on the farm being applied to the problems of rural life, as the base on which all our social and national structure stands.

But I well know this picture is not a present realization. To give my children a high school education I had to send them to the city; about a dozen of nearby neighbors did likewise. Then one moved to the city and built a house that he might have his children at home; then another followed, then another, until the ten had gone, and almost a whole street in the city is now built of fine farmers' homes, that should have been

placed in one farming district from whence the money was taken to erect them.

District Robbed

The country is being robbed, robbed of its men, women and children, its best young life, yes, and much of its good old life. And the district I had looked to become ideal is fast becoming a drifting, howling desert, left to hazard and chance. This surely is not as it ought to be.

But of course, my fifty years have not yet gone by, and our provincial government is now hard at work on this matter. And though reciprocity did not pass, the Dominion government also declare they will shape their policy so as to place agriculture in a position of pre-eminence.

But it will take all the efforts of the people on the land in assistance to overcome the combined forces that tend to draw towards the cities. Natural instinct

to congregate, economic law, legislative enactments, draw like a magnet and tend to make the city a more congenial place to live in; but it is like a weed, it is tenacious, grows easy.

That which is best takes some trouble to develop, and for the sake of our national life, better conditions for rural life must be developed. Salvation for the city must be found in the country. Ye are the salt of the earth, the unfinished task of the ages is your task. The saving salt is in you, work out your own salvation.

A better day is coming, a morning promised long.

When girded right with holy might men will overthrow the wrong;

When men of thought will hasten to the country's cry and vote;

For on the land brave men must stand; and Equity rule the state.

FARMERS' CONVENTION WEEK

The Farmers' Annual Short Course, together with the Home Economics Short Course and Convention, the Agricultural Societies' Convention, and the Provincial Seed Grain Exhibition will be conducted simultaneously again this year at Manitoba Agricultural College, commencing on Monday evening, February 12, and continuing throughout the week. A very full program is being prepared, an outline of which will be ready for publication in a few days. This year's short courses and conventions give promise of being even stronger and better than they have been in the past, thus insuring a very profitable week to everyone interested in agriculture who may have the privilege of attending.

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