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Uncle Jay of a Pioneer Day

THE PIONEERS



Make hay while the sun shines as Pa did it in 1916.

The early settlers who came to the West are called pioneers. Mother and Dad were early settlers in Western Canada. Some pioneers drove oxen on their new homesteads. They tried to make farms. They plowed the prairie sod for fields of grain. Others took bush land and first had to clear off the trees and roots.

The pioneers built homes. Father helped make roads. He dug wells. He built barns and a home. He plowed the land and cultivated it.

The pioneers worked hard. They had many hardships. They were often a long way from town. Sometimes they ground their own flour. They planted gardens, cut hay, milked cows, raised poultry, pigs and stock. This developed the resources of Canada.

Three cheers for the brave pioneers!

MY HOMELAND

By William Wilder McKinley Parker

<i>I can't help loving our north land, The winter chil' and snow-drifts deep, The summer rain and sun which band Together, growing fields to reap.</i>	<i>With native forests' coolest shade, Kind shelter for the moose and deer From hunter bold or enemy raid, Still kinder lakes and rivers near.</i>
<i>Across the open north expanse, The friendly town and farm homes spread From mountains and prairie to the sea, Producing butter, meat and bread.</i>	<i>What promise the future years withhold Till ourselves we still better know, And riches of the soil unfold And ships of wealth we homeward tow.</i>