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Letters to the Editor

Potash-For Whom

DITOR, Farm and Dairy .- I note by Press reports that a very valuable deposit of potash has been discovered north of Maple Creek in Saskatchewan. The same report adds that private parties have already filed claims on the site of the old lake bed in which the potash has been discovered.

I would like to know if these men are going to get their claims recog-nized. If we treat this potash deposit as we have treated all our other na-tural resources, I am afraid that these Western speculators will soon own the potash but I want to protest just the same. I want to know if we are ever going to learn from history.

In our early days, we gave away our water powers. We couldn't give them away fast enough. We did not them away fast enough. We did not even make improvement a condition of the deeds or long time leases. Re-cently the public has been paying long prices to get back for the public use the powers that we formerly gave away for nothing. Now the national conscience seems to be awakened on the subject of water powers and the government is actually protesting against speculators monopolizing the valuable water powers of the St. Law-

I trust I will not weary you, Mr. Editor, if I make another reference. We gave away the fertile land on the prairies of the West very much as we gave away our water powers without requiring improvement. Now we have a few hundred thousand sol diers coming back and we find we have no desirably situated land to give to those who want to farm, although there are millions of acres of such land that have never felt the plow. Reconstruction experts are suggesting that we appropriate millio of dollars to buy back this unused land which we gave away for nothing And now it is potash. If that potash

deposit is as valuable as the press re would take off a good slice of the na-tional debt; yes, war debt included. Its use in this way would lift a tremendous burden from the shoulders the Canadian people. Its use in the ordinary way will make multi-million-aires of perhaps half a dozen men. I am strong in my belief that the

I am strong in my belief that the natural resources of the country were intended by the good Lord for the use of all of us, and I am always pleased in reading Farm and Dairy to notice that you take the same stand. Yours for the public good.—F. B. W., Alberta. Alberta

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The Farmer is Making Good

DITOR, Farm and Dairy—Last
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Saturday when in town one of
the merchants remarked to me,
"Why is it that you farmers are continually kicking about something?" I
countered with a question of my own,
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mon in every trade and industry in ing general?" He had to agree that it was. Strikes are becoming common in every trade and industry common in every city of Canada. The workers who are not striking are talking striking, and my city friend accusally warmed up to the point where a toulind warmed up to the point where a toulind warmed up to the point where when that he had never known time when discontent among city workers was so keneral, or when it was so hard to get satisfactory service from his employees.

There are two kinds of kickers. There is the kind that kicks and runs, I take considerable pride in the fact that while we farmers have kicked considerably as we had a perfect right to do, we have kept right on sawing wood and producing food to help the allies. At the same time all who read newspapers know that at the beginning of the war our maufacturers had to be netted and coaxed.

at the beginning of the war our manu-facturers had to be petted and coaxed and every condition made to suit them before they could be induced to take up the manufacture of munito take up the manufacture of muni-tions. And even yet they have to see a good long profit at the other end hefore they will issume a contract. We are not not not not provided the right down to business, and in spite of the fact that the army and the mushion factories took much of our help, we have just lengthened out our help, we have just lengthened out our working day and kept up production. We are staying on the job, and I for one would like to have those who ask why we are kicking understand that why we are kicking understand that we represent the one class in Canada that can kick and work at the same time.—J. D., Grey Co., Ont.

How Land Values Increase By H. Bronson Cowan,

THE rapidity with which land val-ues increase is not realized by most people. For instance, the value of the land of the City of Toronto alone during the past five years has increased as follows:

1913 \$210,598,762 1914 \$259,443,380 1915 \$284,478,447 1915 290.787.501
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Thus, in four years the value of the land in the City of Toronto increased by approximately \$19,000,000, or by almost \$20,000,000 a year. These values all well to the people who owned the land in the city, and not a cent of it to the farming classes, as a whole,

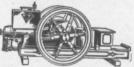
Thus, when the city man or the owner of a valuable mineral mine or water power is given the right by the country to use such land for his own purpose it is only fair that he should be required to pay taxes on that land on the basis of its value.

How the Cost is Added

When a man goes into business in city like Toronto he always expects to be able to add the cost of his rent to the value of the goods he sells and thus to make the public pay his rents thus to make the public pay his rents for him. For this reason there is a rental charge in every agricultural implement, piece of clothing, or other article the farmer buys, which is man-article the farmer buys, which is not all. People who live in cities expect to receive high wages in order that to receive high wages in order that they may pay their righ rents. The cost of these high wages, due to high cost of these high wages, due to high the goods paid by the public, including the farmers. Thus the people who can valuable city land, make the people who rent that Jand from them and use it for business purposes, their tax coflectors. This condition goes far to explain why farmers so often far to explain why farmers so often receive so little for their farm pro-

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