TEN DRY FARMING COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt have no other occupation than farming.

2. Thou shalt fallow thy land every third year, being careful to plough it both early and deeply.

3. Thou shalt cultivate thy fallow and not allow weeds or any other thing that is green to grow thereon, or winds to blow through it, for in such way the moisture which thy fallow should conserve will be wasted and thy days will be nothing but labour and sorrow.

4. Thou shalt not despise the harrow, but shalt use it even whilst thou ploughest, and shalt place thy chief reliance upon it thereafter, whether in early spring, late spring, midsummer or autumn.

5. Thou shalt sow good seed early and down into the moisture, lest peradventure it cometh not up betimes. He who soweth his seed in dry soil casteth away many chances of reaping.

6. Thou shalt not overload thy dry land farm with seed, even as the merciful man doth not overload his ox or his ass. Thin seeding best with-standeth the ravages of drought and hot winds.

7. Thou shalt keep on thy dry farm such kinds and numbers of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry as the water supply maketh possible, and thou canst grow pasture, fodder, roots and grain for. Thus shalt thou be protected against adversity, and thus shalt thou give thy children and children's children cause to call thee blessed, inasmuch as thou didst not too greatly dissipate in thy lifetime the fertility stored in thy soil through many thousands of years.

8. Thou shalt not live unto thyself alone, but shalt join the Grain Growers' Association, the agricultural society in thy district or any like minded organisation that is good. Through these thou shalt work unceasingly for the welfare of thy district and the upbuilding of Saskatchewan agriculture.

9. Thou shalt study thy dry land farm and its problems unceasingly, and ponder on ways and means whereby its fruitfulness may be increased, keeping always in memory the fact that not alone by speeches and resolutions, but also by intelligent and timely hard work shall production be increased and the economic salvation of thy country be wought.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's big farm. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's big four, nor his mortgage, nor his worry, nor his hurry, nor anything that is thy big neighbour's.

Remember these dry farming commandments to keep them wholly.

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