

animals (for food) \$250,000,000, and all these, with our field crops and manufactures, give us, according to official statistics, an annual income of \$3,305,000,000.

High prices are sure to continue for at least another year for farm products. High prices stimulate production and our farmers will take full advantage of their present opportunity. A prolonged and favorable autumn has helped them to prepare a vast additional acreage for next season's crop, and all is ready for an abundant and record harvest in Western Canada in the fall. The increased revenue resulting will give the tillers of the soil an opportunity they have long looked for to turn their farms from a one-crop proposition to mixed farms, with good buildings, and good stock, and this, it must be conceded, is an achievement of great national importance.

The bright outlook for farmers is also inducing many workers to take up land holdings. Brisk settlement is taking place on the enormous area of new lands along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific in British Columbia, and the Premier of Manitoba reports that not for many years, if ever, has there been such a large number settling on free-grant lands. To illustrate: In the year 1913 there were 2,453 homestead entries made in Manitoba and for the eleven months ending November 30th, 1914, the number of entries was 3,977. Other provinces are not behind in settlement progress. This means more agricultural production and expansion, and if the rush of immigration to Canada, which is likely to follow the war, brings us some thousands of new farmers to even up the disparity between town and country population, another great problem will be near solution.