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OU saw with the naked eye that he was as hopeless as a hoboe. You might as reasonably expect apple blossom in mid-winter as the price of that fellow's subscription to any farm paper!

"That fellow" is a Western Canadian farmer, typical of a very large number known to us and to our friends who really get about to see things for themselves. He is as full of war as a field-marshal, but regarded agriculturally-he is the worst "weed" on the farm.

By request, a responsible Winnipeg citizen recently sent as hired man to this genius, a strapping, intelligent young man who had put in several years of hard work on an Ontario farm. The farmer had specified this particular type of man and covenanted to pay him so much a month on the basis of a year's contract.

At the end of a month his boss complimented him on his work but regretted to say he couldn't keep him. A poor crop left no margin of cash to pay for hired help throughout the winter, and the young man had to hit the trail for the city once more after a month of the hardest sledding he had ever enjoyed since he left school.

"When a feller needs a friend," there is never any lack of soft-hearted neighbors in Western Canada to help him out of a hole, but we are not begging a tear of sympathy for this man with the poor crop, and here comes the point of our story.

This "farmer" owns and is operating single-handed two THIS farmer owns and is operating single-handed two quarter sections while performing homestead duties on a THIRD some seven miles off! The wastage of product and the general filth incident to this man's "farming" are indescribable, we are told—how could it be otherwise?

Now we ask in all seriousness is not this a case for interference under the homesteading act? We are assured that the improvidence and mismanagement of this man is largely characteristic of the neighborhood. Why should men be allowed to acquire and dissipate any portion of the country's gift in this way?

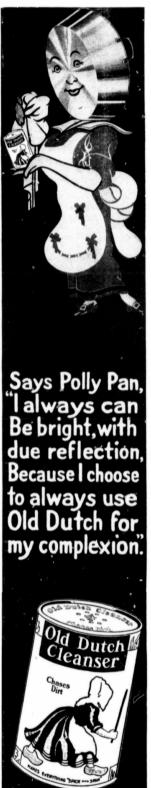
What sense is there in the great slogan of "better farming" and "every available acre under crop for 1915" in the face of this wholesale land-grabbing by men who haven't the means to handle it? Who would lend a helping hand to a wastrel like this?

Haven't we got some very drastic noxious weed statutes? Is there any prospect of getting something stronger than "moral suasion" to deal with those men of insatiable greed who are positively greater soil drifters than any wind that ever blew across the prairie?

This is just one of the oddments of experience we run up against in taking our walks abroad. It would become very depressing were it not that we also meet with so much to off-set it. Can any long-headed reader outline a scheme that would have some weight in dealing with conditions such as we have described?

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