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years or more we cannot help but see that some new system will have to be introduced by us, or, when we have finished our thirty years our Manitoba will have lost its proud distinction of the No. 1 hard province. Some may consider the matter in this article as being rather previous in relation to Western Canada, but we do not think so. The land is already failing to respond to the single system of farming, crop rotation cannot but fail, summer fallowing and single cropping never can stand, legumes never can maintain fertility indefinitely and as the farmer feeds them all, and Manitoba is an agricultural province, no movement for the maintenance of her fertility can possibly come too soon and it remains for us, the farmers, to regulate this alteration.

The Men Who Make No. 1 Hard

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higher rate per bushel. Teams are always hard to get and some days I may only have five. I like to have seven teams and five field pitchers. My separator is not big enough for spike pitchers, although it can stand three men pitching all right. This fall for a while I had six teams with the pitcher going along with the teamster to the machine to help pitch off. This took six pitchers and I found that the two loads in would unload quicker than the others could load and if I put on two more teams to keep things going I was overcrowding the separator; so I went back to the old way of five field men and seven teams with a man at the machine to help pitch off.

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