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WITH the passing of Edward VII another chapter in English history was closed. It was a short chapter, this reign of the late king; yet in the short space of a trifle over nine years no other king who has ever sat upon the British throne has so endeared himself to the hearts of the English people and whose demise has been so universally mourned as Edward VII.

"Edward, the Peacemaker"—in these three words lie the hidden secret of the wide-spread popularity of the departed monarch. In this age of war and invention, with the mammoth cannon, the "Dreadnought" the air ship, the war balloon, the torpedo, the submarine mine and other instruments of deadly and destructive warfare, it is a fact worthy of most careful note that the ruler of the most powerful country in the world should throw his influence toward, and cast his lot on, the side of peace.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" was his creed and the future historian who writes of Edward VII and of his reign will chronicle both man and reign as standing for "peace and prosperity" universal.

tub is a quick, easy and sure process that is attended with few losses and many profits.

The successful farmer like the successful business man is the one who makes use of his every opportunity. Pitting one's entire dependence upon a one-crop system of farming is not a sure thing by any means. Sooner or later the hail, drought or frost will get you and for a year at least your entire profits are gone. A small herd of cows and a few chickens are a small bank account at such a time and when the year is over you will wonder how you came through so easily. Western Canada is big enough, and productive enough to raise all of her natural products. Every pound of butter and every dozen of eggs that is brought in from the outside simply means that a certain amount of money has gone out of the country that should have remained here and goodness knows every new country needs every dollar it can get. Even though the Western Canadian farmer only got two thirds as much for his butter and eggs as the outside producer is now getting by shipping them in the country at large would be much more benefited thereby. Think it over.

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In our last issue we had somewhat to say on the "High Cost of Living." Some of our readers have accused us of being facetious in allowing the author of the article to treat the subject as he did and if looked at from one standpoint alone perhaps it was.

But back of it all there lies a lesson for every farmer in Western Canada. Ye editor lives in Winnipeg and like all other men he must eat. On the day that this was written occasion required that a purchase of groceries be made and upon the bill that the grocer always sends along with goods it was found that butter was quoted at 35 cents per pound and eggs (not over fresh) at 25 cents per dozen. Investigation revealed the fact that only recently 50 cents per pound had been paid for butter and that 40 cents per dozen had been paid for eggs.

The above prices are out of all proportion to the cost of production of such things and are but indicative of but one fact viz: that too little attention is being paid to the production of these staple commodities upon the farm and that a few farmers who are wide awake and up on the demand market are reaping a nice harvest at the expense of thousands of others who are letting golden dollars slip through their fingers, simply because wheat raising is so easy and the production of eggs and butter is somewhat more of a drudgery.

A careful census of the farms of Western Canada will reveal the startling fact that only a small percentage of our farmers make any pretense at raising chickens or milking cows as a means of "turning a penny" upon the farm. A great many farms will be found where no cows at all are kept and the farmers themselves buy their own milk and butter.

But I hear someone say if every farmer went into making butter even in a small way the market would soon be glutted and the price would fall so low that there would be no profit left in the business. Don't let such a thing worry you. Modern butter making is reduced to such a science through the cream separator and other dairy machinery that the handling of butter from the cow to the

The time is not far distant when the farmers of Western Canada are going to be in need of considerable help in order to take care of what promises to be a bumper crop. There is a tendency on the part of a great many farmers to let this matter take care of itself, with the result that when the time comes for securing help, this help is not at hand.

If every farmer in Western Canada will anticipate his needs along this line and would confer with the Department of Immigration or with the Railway, there would of a surety be an ample amount of help on hand just at the right time, and this help would undoubtedly be of a much better class than that which is secured in a hurry.

Western Canada is in a peculiar condition, as regards its help problem, for the reason that it is almost exclusively a grain raising country and help is only needed at certain seasons of the year. In a country where there is work the year around, as is the case where mixed farming is carried on, the help problem is not so serious.

Indications are that there will be considerable grain threshed in Western Canada in 1910. Reports from the different thresher companies show that there has already been considerable threshing machinery sold, but there is yet a large amount of it to be taken care of.

There is money in the thresher business for the thresherman provided he carries on his business in a business-like way. Purchase a good outfit, one that will work every hour in the day, and do not rely upon a cut rate price to securing your work. Secure your jobs upon the merits of the work done and even though you do not have quite so large a fall's run, you will find that you will make more money in the end. Hire a good crew, treat them well, pay good wages, charge a good price for your work and put a certain amount of dignity into the business. Western Canada cannot get along without the thresherman, and while he cannot play a hold-up game, he is nevertheless, entitled to a fair wage for his work.