

one-quarter to three-quarters of an hour before daylight which we did up to the first of May, and lighting our lamps in the house, taking our lanterns to the barn to see and attend to our horses, etc., and then sitting around in the evening a half-an-hour or so while it is yet daylight!

Then again we have the frozen mornings to contend with in seeding. You may say that last spring it was frozen every morning. The farmers lost an hour through the fast time system from 10 to 12 mornings. It is going to be worse in harvest and threshing. In harvest we can get up at daylight generally speaking, go to work with our hands if the dew is not too heavy, and we can get through at dark. With this system we get up an hour before daylight, light our lamps and lanterns and light, light our lamps and lanterns and probably wait an hour or two after breakfast for the dew to clear away, and then finish up an hour before dark. Remember you cannot change the regular hours of man and beast and say work each day as the weather suits.

Is threshing time, from September 20, most machines work from daylight to dark. How then are you going to make any more daylight? The daylight is here and leave the people alone and they will make the best advantage of it. This system may be all right for business men of the cities who get down to their work, say from nine to nine-thirty o'clock, but there are complaints even from the city people as well as the farmers who have to get up and four o'clock in the morning and light a lamp to do their work, and then class it as a daylight saving system.

Suppose the extra garden work in the city is all through the daylight saving system. If we are going to compare the extra those little gardens produce with the inconvenience and non-production of the country (which effect it has), then I must say it is penny wise and pound foolish. Our government has transformed the time but they have not transformed nature and the work depending on nature, and when they have asked for greater production from the farmer I say they have put one of the greatest stumbling blocks before the farmer in the greater production scheme, which comes ahead of pleasure, and I hope our government will, another year, realize that they cannot manufacture daylight or change nature.—Alex. Toulston, Tugaskie, Sask.

Re "A Typical Case"

Editor, Guide. In your issue of August 28, "Farmer in Class I," under the heading "A Typical Case," puts forth a somewhat feeble petition that the government should decide at once whether the men of Class I. (especially if they have a half-section of land and a full outfit) should be called to the colors. Now, as a farmer, I would like to point out that Sir Robert Borden, etc., has already decided that there shall be no exemptions, and for once Sir Robert is perfectly correct and constitutional. Why should farmers be exempt? We need wheat. We also need boots, coal, dry-goods, butcher meat. Why should not bootmakers, miners, cotton manufacturers and butchers claim exemption as well as the farmers?

The exemption of any one class, as a class, would be Bolshevism—and don't you forget it. "Farmer in Class I," claims that there are "thousands of the best farmers affected." I can hardly realize this claim. On behalf of the farmers in Class I, will you allow me to say that there are thousands free, able and willing to fight for their country and are not asking for exemptions. In fact, Sir, great numbers of the best of our farmers have already heard their country's call—and, alas! a great many of them are now filling graves in France and Belgium, just as holy, just as sacred as that rock-hewn tomb in far-off Judah's land, where for a few brief hours the incarnate Son of God Himself was laid. Canada West has nobly answered her country's call, and will do so to her very last man. There may be a few "slackers" among our alien population, but let us be fair. A good many of the second generation of these men are doing their bit, and by so doing are shaming a very small percentage of the Anglo-Saxon race.

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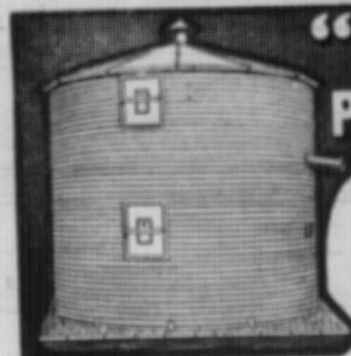
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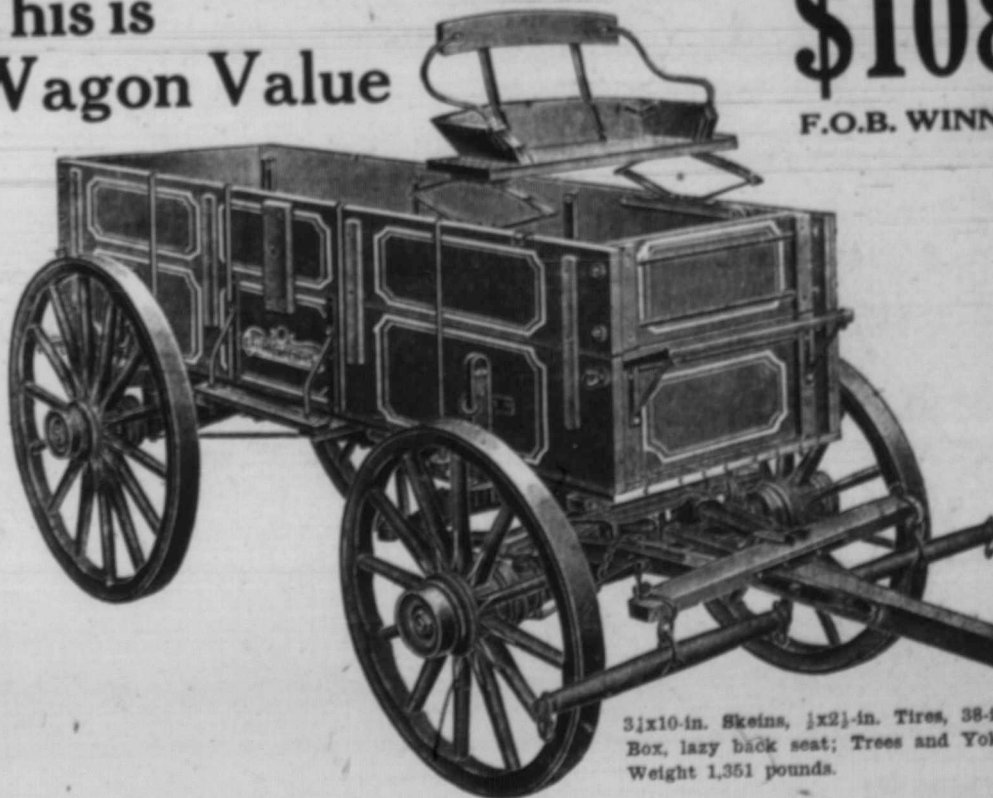
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