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of lessons suggested by these topics: The capes of Ireland; the Norman Kings; the reduction of decimals; the classification of nouns; the objective complement; the industries of Cuba; the spelling of words ending in cious and ceous.

Originality Needed

The practical significance of all this is that the school program must be looked upon by teachers as but a rough guide. The great need in every community is that the work of the school shall accommodate itself to the needs of the people. The good teacher is she who possesses power and adaptation. Her aim is to bring to her pupils that which they most need in life. Her first study is the community and its needs rather than the textbooks and their contents.

It is possible that teachers are sometimes too mechanical, too ready to follow custom and routine. They may wish to teach what they know rather than what the pupils need. On this account young teachers without prejudices may have something in their favor. They may be more adaptable. There is little to hope from a teacher who has gone to seed; better one who is in the flower of youth; better still, one of the ever-blooming variety.

This whole question raises a score of problems that are worthy of discussion. Among these are the following: 1. Is the program of studies sufficiently elastic? 2. Should all teachers receive the same academic and professional preparation? 3. How can we reduce the valueless instruction given in the schools? 4. What qualities and endowments should the teacher in the rural school possess? 5. What changes should be made in textbooks for rural schools? 6. What equipment should a rural school have? 7. What are the advantages of permanency in the teaching staff?

Perhaps someone else will discuss some of these or related problems.

SETTLERS NEED BURNING PERMITS

A decision has been reached by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, that henceforth all settlers locating on homestead lands in the timbered parts of the West, will have to take out burning permits before starting fires to clear their lands. These permits will be issued by forest rangers or others, under certain safety requirements as to weather conditions, piling of slash, vigilance to prevent contact with nearby bush, etc.

This is one of the most important steps yet taken to guard the lives of settlers and the sole stock of timber supplies of the three prairie provinces. The terrible illustration of Northern Ontario's forest conflagrations due entirely to unrestricted settlers' fires, undoubtedly had much to do with the decision of the Department of Interior at Ottawa. An appeal has been made to the three provincial governments, by the Canadian Forestry Association, to supplement the Dominion Government's action by applying the "permit plan" to those settlers already located in bush country. British Columbia, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have long since adopted the permit law for settlers' fires, saving large annual losses in human life and property.

DEUTSCHLAND RETURNS

Germany's first commercial submarine, the Deutschland, arrived at New London, Conn., on November 1, thus completing her second voyage. Captain Koenig is again in command and states that his ship left Bremen on October 10. It is said that the submarine carries a cargo of 750 tons of dyestuffs, medicines and chemicals.

PERMIT THRESHING ON SUNDAY

According to Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, the Attorney-Generals of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan have agreed not to issue any fiat, which is the procedure necessary to prosecute any offender under the terms of the Lord's Day Act. The situation is regarded as very serious in many districts. Less than 50 per cent. of threshing has been done and such action is considered quite justified under the circumstances. This action is an emergency one. It is not intended that too liberal advantage be taken of it. It applies only to those and in districts where the need is urgent. It is intended that the Royal North West Mounted Police see that the privilege is not taken advantage of.

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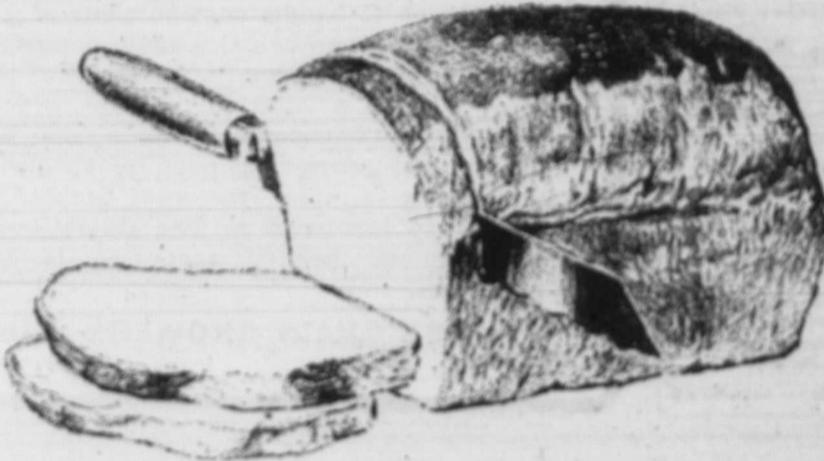
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