

# IT PAYS TO SHIP YOUR GRAIN TO A "STRICTLY COMMISSION FIRM"

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## Thompson Sons & Company

Grain Commission Merchants

703F GRAIN EXCHANGE

WINNIPEG, MAN.

worth of improvements. And what improvements! You would rather have \$2,000 than those improvements. This man and his wife paid down in cash, from long years of savings, \$1,000, and gave a mortgage for \$11,000 at 6 p.c. for deferred payment of rent. You will see that this man really bought \$2,000 of invested capital, which was a just transaction, and \$10,000 worth of land value, or deferred payment of rent, which, measured by the natural law, or law of justice, is a vicious and poverty producing transaction. A few days ago, the interest of this \$11,000 became due, and the man,—your brother and mine—spent several days trying to borrow the money to pay the annual rent by mortgaging his wheat crop and all his personal property.

Look what a burden our civilization has placed on this bread winner and his family. What real capital he has borrowed does not amount to much. But we force him to pay \$600.00 each year for the right to feed his family. He is compelled to pay his share of township, school, county and State taxes. And the harder he works, and works his family, the less he eats, the more he saves and improves his land, the higher will we tax him.

Then he is forced to pay his share of \$600,000,000 governmental tax. Besides that, in buying lumber, hardware, farming implements and clothing he must pay \$125.00 more per annum for trust made goods, than they sell for at 10,000 miles from home. Last but not least, he must pay off the \$10,000 deferred payment of rent. Now under this barbarous contract how long will this hard working family feel the sting of involuntary poverty?

The man is 57 years old. During the next ten years, with fair crops and no sickness or death, he may reduce the debt \$2,000 or \$3,000. He will have done well if he does that. But the time will come, when from failure to meet a deferred payment of rent, the man and his family will be turned out of house and home.

The land will not produce a bushel of wheat or corn more to the acre, than it would 25 years ago, when the writer grazed sheep over it and it would not sell for \$2.00 per acre.

Dont tell me that the above story is an exception. I can write 200,000 of its kind in Kansas. Some worse, some not so bad, but yet all bad.

We have in the West hundreds of men living in affluence who do nothing for the advancement of civilization or the betterment of mankind but attend to the collection of deferred payments on lands they secured at a nominal price and passed over to individuals who are creating wealth under conditions described by the above writer.

At a little town about two hundred miles west of Winnipeg, (and this is illustrative of the situation in 90 per cent. of the shipping points of the west where the Grain Growers' Grain Co. has not enough shareholders shipping their grain to influence the situation,) the Grain Combine took from the grain growers on October 1st, for wheat sold on street for No. 1 and 2 Nor., 10c. for No. 3 and 4, 10½c and for the lower grades 11 cents, the railway got 9 3-5c per bush. for hauling it to Fort William. The three lower grades averaged the farmer 49½c per bush. NOTICE, for every DOLLAR the farmer got for that low grade wheat, the elevator man got TWENTY-TWO CENTS for putting it through his elevator.

In the by-products of the farm, returns for the producer are in a more unsatisfactory condition than that for grain. The following will show the prices in Winnipeg as compared to the prices at the town referred to above, on October 1st:

PRICES AT COUNTRY TOWN.	PRICES AT WINNIPEG
Potatoes ..... 25c (no sale)	Potatoes ..... 60c
Beef Cattle.... 23c (live weight)	Beef..... 8c-15c.

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