

Mr. Bohanan gave him the benefit of his experience. With the permission of the Committee, I desire to read several extracts from this Hanna Herald. This is what the newspaper says:

"Mr. Bohanan has, by his system, made a most valuable contribution to the farming profession in the dry parts of Alberta. We doubt whether a better service has been done by any man unless Seager Wheeler and Doctor Saunders, and when Mr. Bohanan's method of weed control and moisture conservation becomes generally accepted, it may prove that this is the greatest discovery yet.

"This method may prove the success or failure of the Hanna district, as we understand that a large number of our best farmers are ready to adopt it."

This is what Mr. Bohanan stated at the Hanna Board of Trade.

"Mr. Bohanan makes the unqualified statement that Western Canada in general is the best country in North America and that no man need look further for a farm home than in this part of Alberta, and that he would not hesitate to start farming on right lines anywhere in the Hanna District and make a success of his farming operations. He makes no difference in the soil possibilities, as all our land he considers particularly fertile, but that sand he considers will play out first, and is more subject to drouth than the heavier land."

I desire to make a further reference—.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. I think it would be interesting, if you have the information, to tell us what method this gentleman adopted?—A. I propose to come to that. In the Hanna Herald of March 29, 1923—I may say that Mr. Bohanan's address to the Hanna Board of Trade created so much interest there that following along, in practically every issue of this paper, there have been references to the work of Mr. Bohanan, and he has been answering questions which have been asked him by other farmers. In this issue of March 29—.

Q. I suppose, Mr. Bowman, that the farmer is about the only producer who, when he finds a good method, spreads it around among his neighbors. Manufacturers, when they develop an improvement in production, do not tell their neighbours about it?—A. Frequently they do not.

Q. I think Adam Smith pointed that out in his "Wealth of Nations," that the farmer was one who always let any improved methods be known to his neighbours.—A. In this issue of March 29, Mr. Bohanan writes a lengthy letter, giving a resume practically of his life, covering two and a half columns. At the conclusion he says—I interject this to say that he came from the Southern States, the State of Tennessee, that he afterwards went to Illinois and Texas, and then to Alberta. Here is his final judgment, after living in Alberta for many years and making a success of farming. (Reads).

"We then moved out to our present location on Section 33, Range 2, West of 4th and are doing our best to make a go of it. The holdings of myself and boys consists of 3,420 acres of land, all pretty well improved, and I think we have done much better for the family than if we had lived in Illinois."

That is to my mind, an important statement that he makes there.

"Had my good wife and I lived in Illinois until the grim Reaper came along, we probably would have left our boys 60 or 80 acres of land

[Mr. Charles M. Bowman.]