

with the family, and great and strong friendships have grown up between the mistress and the maid in farming communities, where, in many cases, later on, the mistress finds her maid not far away, herself the wife of a farmer also succeeding. There is no active demand in Canada except for household workers, unless it be certain skilled factory workers and occasionally employment of a special character. Regarding the workers in factories, it may be noted that the fullest consideration has been shown for their welfare, their wages and factory conditions are subject to review by an official Department, and the worker is not encouraged to go to any place where the housing accommodation and conditions are not also satisfactory. Add to this the fact that such workers cannot be found elsewhere in Canada, and it becomes certain that the factory hand has the opportunity of making good under comfortable conditions, at least so far as the Canadian Government can make them.

Farmers in Canada.

Paralleling the conditions of prosperity which seem to prevail at present amongst agricultural classes in the Old Land, one of the results of the war has been to increase very materially the prices received by farmers and agriculturists in Canada for their products. It is not within the scope of the present article to discuss the demerits of the high cost of living, but one cannot exclude the fact that the farmers in Canada are getting more than twice as much for their produce as they were before the war, and yet land values have hardly increased. Why? There is something curious and incomprehensible in this. I know of a choice half-section of land within four miles of a railway station, in a prosperous English-speaking community on the prairie, that has recently been valued by the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada at \$18 per acre, which means, with the present price of wheat to the farmers of Canada, that nine bushels of wheat (or half a crop) at \$2 per bushel buys the freehold of an acre of this land. This is how a farmer can pay for the freehold of his farm from one crop, and explains why American farmers are flocking into Western Canada and securing the best of the lands which British farmers ought to have secured long since.

These are conditions which ought to be immensely attractive to farmers with large or small capital from the British Isles, and if they do not secure this cheap, good land while it is available, they will wake up too late some day to the desirability of purchasing, and find the price very greatly enhanced. The American farmer knows better; he sells out in the States for \$100 per acre, and very often much more. He moves with his family to Canada, and if he has two sons they can buy the freehold of three farms for the price of the one they sold on the other side of the Boundary. Where else in the world is this possible?