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However, it is not only in the acreage in wheat that the bulletin shows a substantial increase. All other crops are keeping pace. The increase in the acreage is due to the settlement of new districts by people attracted by the fertility of the soil, and of the extension of the area under crop by farmers in the older districts.

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The C. P. R. also issued a crop report, which includes telegraphic dispatches from its agents in all the principal wheat-growing countries in the West. Among the large number received there is not a word of complaint, save possibly from Great Britain, where it is said that rain is now required. Some of the districts have had slight frost, but this has not done any damage. Others report a large rain fall, which evidence of the season's work. At Bonington, N. W. T., a agent, for instance, says: "The rain did not do us any harm here." We shall have better crops than ever."

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 "No, thank you," answered Mr. Gottem. "I'll stay at home. My oldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife

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 Tells of the sacrifice sublime  
 Of One who prayed alone and wept  
 While His weary followers slept—  
 And how His blood and Mary's tears  
 Consigned, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side,  
 And echoes of the distant chime,  
 Bring that sweet story back to me,  
 Of Bethlehem and Calvary,  
 No child of any kind,  
 For sinners once upon a time.

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