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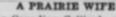
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A PRAIRIE WIFE

In the Canadian Collier's of a recent date was a description of a prairie wife, showing the conditions under which she lived and worked, and pleading for a recognition of Canada's debt to her in the development of the country. The fact that it has been widely reprinted in the Canadian press, reveals the consciousness of that debt, and the appreciation of her share in nation-building. It is hardly possible to exaggerate the limitations and difficulties of her life. Going from the East, where social privileges are many, and taking up her task amid the solitude of the prairies, she faces a life that no one can understand who has not experienced it. Prairie homes have seldom the advantages of the East, and they are frequently situated where no sight of life can be had from any side. And here the woman works and waits through the interminable hour of national development.

A man who was in Edmonton twice this summer states that upon both occasions he saw insane women being put on the train for the East. The prairie isolation had been too much, and at last, too late, they were being taken back to older Canada. In Calgary is a man who has had experience on this line. A few years ago he took un a quarter section, and lived on it. He was miles away from any other human being, and such was the sense of isolation that when within six weeks of the time when the homestead would be his by virtue of occupation, he fled the spot, fearing that he might secure the property at the cost of his intellect.

Fair warning should be given to the women of the Fast, whose concection of the West ends form in a golden nicture of waving grain, framed in blue sky and varnished by sunshine. There are days when the picture holds true. There are wondrous and peculiar charms of the prairie. But there are features which outht to be known. There are days when the picture holds true. There are days of loneliness and heart break that can hardly be atoned for by any profit. Let all honor be given to the women who have gone and paid th

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Rye, bushel	.921/2	.39
Barley, bushel	1.221/2	.30
Hay, timothy, ton	20.56	8.65
Hops, pound	.56	.141/4
Potatoes, bushel	.84	.22
Flaxseed, bushel	1.94	.78
Extra steers	8.26	5.10
Hogs, heavy	6.31	3.22
Butter, dairy	.341/2	.181/2
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