

HOW SHALL THE PEOPLE BE FED?

Two Answers to "Amateur Economist"

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—In your issue of July 10, "Amateur Economist" asks a question of far-reaching importance to the people of Canada: "How shall the people be fed?" It is a question for political economists to answer, and one which perhaps should be of more interest to the consuming public than to the producer.

As "Amateur Economist" says, conditions are fairly satisfactory for the farmer who owns his farm, and for the boy who inherits a farm comparatively free from debt. Even granting that a boy does inherit a farm free from debt, he will spend money to buy stock and implements and make necessary improvements, he will spend many years of toil before he is free from debt.

IS ONTARIO FOR SALE

To the close observer today conditions in the country must present a curious anomaly. One writer has said that rural Ontario is now for sale, meaning that the majority of farmers would sell their farms if they got a reasonable offer. Many farms are being offered at the price of the buildings erected on them; never before were the prices of farm products so high, and still as "Amateur Economist" says the average farm investment does not yield bank interest. What is the matter?

The question has arisen in my mind, Has any man a right to own land? By what moral right is one man born into this world to inherit a fine farm all his own, and his hired man born to inherit nothing, and the majority of the latter class practically doomed to labor for others to live? We rise in arms, or are beginning to rise, when we see a few men become millionaires through obtaining a monopoly of some natural resources such as sugar-bushes, mines, forests, etc., which were given by the Creator for the use of all mankind.

CONCENTRATED OWNERSHIP

In England a few men own vast territories of land. In Canada many men own small tracts. But in all three cases where is the difference in principle? Does ownership in all these cases not constitute a monopoly, but on different scales?

It would seem that before these vexing questions can be settled aright, this question of legal rights to land must be settled, and all must be restored to their natural and equal rights in the common heritage.

Greatest political economist, Henry George, states two simple principles which we should all remember: "First—That all men have equal rights to the use and enjoyment of the elements provided by nature. Second—That the use and enjoyment of what is produced by his own labor." To quote him further, he says: "To fully secure the individual right of property the elements of nature as common property. And conversely, where every one is secured the full right of property in the produce of his labor, no one can have any right of property in what is not the produce of his own labor."

LAND COMMUNITY PROPERTY

His idea is in short to secure to all land as the joint property of the people just as mines, railroads, etc., are treated as the joint property of many shareholders. Land could thus be held, he says, in the secure possession of these using it, and unused land could be taken possession of by any who wished to use it, by paying to the community a fair rent for the privilege they enjoy, but this privilege should have no reference to any improvements he has made on it or to

any profit due to the use of his labor and capital.

Of this method, Herbert Spencer says: "Such a doctrine is consistent with the highest state of civilization, may be carried out without involving a community of goods, and need cause no very serious revolution in existing arrangements. The change required would be simply a change of landlords. Separate ownership would merge into the joint stock ownership of the public. Instead of being in the possession of individuals the country would be held by the great corporate body so-called. A state of things so ordered would be in perfect harmony with the moral law. Under it all men would be equal. Landlords, all men would be alike free to become tenants. Clearly, therefore, on such a system the earth might be enclosed, occupied and cultivated in entire subordination to the law of equal freedom."

How does this idea appeal to "Amateur Economist"? To many, no doubt, it will appear ridiculous. Rank Socialism is the name given to it by Socialists. Henry George was not a social one of them. Land-owners especially will be antagonistic to it, yet who virtually owns their land? Is it not the Crown? What share may is not land, but the deed to the land. Will they buy land without a deed? No. Let them neglect to pay their taxes for a year and it will be brought home forcibly to them who owns the land. These are just a few questions and thoughts which "Amateur Economist's" article has stirred up. I hope others will join in the discussion and state their views on this important question.—Land-owner," Russell Co., Ont.

Standardize Land Values

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—I have just read with much interest the article by "Amateur Economist" in answer to the question: How shall the people be fed? I think that he is on the right track. It is very evident that, from a national point of view the situation is grave.

I do not propose to go into a whole lot of detail as to how this state of affairs arose. I mean all that comes under the "high cost of living." We can call it what we like, the "cost of high living" or anything else we have a mind to, but it is still a serious matter. All I want to do is to make one plain and concise suggestion. It is that the nation get busy and standardize the value of land according to the standpoint of those who want to produce homes for themselves.

I know that there will be a great howl raised by some at such a suggestion, but you will greatly oblige me by putting this proposition before the people of this country. If you will analyze this proposition thoroughly I think that it will be found to hold water all right.

It is a well known fact that, whenever there is any considerable demand for the owners of property, that can make a profit, the speculating real estate man, is ever ready to place insurmountable barriers in the way of the man who wants a home for his family.—L. D. McCleintock, B. S. A., Covansville, Que.

Of all the powers available for farm use, none are more desirable than the gasoline engine.

Learning by the experience of others is best. Learning by your own experience is expensive; but it doesn't cost half as much as refusing to learn at all.

"STOP! HERE'S A DYER FENCE!"

Do you want a strong, durable fence—one that holds back the strongest animal, and lasts for years? DYER has it, guaranteed. 172 per cent. freight. Law firm known. 75¢ ft. Cut this ad out and mail to me.

Send me your full description and give offer. I want to save dollars and I want the best. And this does not oblige me to buy.

Name and Address.

DYER says: "A one cent postal to me NOW may mean many a \$1 saving to you!"



All "ARLINGTON COLLARS" are good, but our CHALLENGE BRAND is the best



Don't Let the Flies Poison Your Cows or Horses

Flies are filth-carriers and disease-brooders. Every time they bite your cows or horses there is danger of poisoning and disease. And cows will milk, and horses won't work well, until they are well if you let the flies worry them, bite them, poison them.

INTERNATIONAL FLY WAY

keeps Flies, Mosquitoes and other insects away from your stock. To any farmer who wants clean, contented cows and horses it pays for itself a hundred times over in the gain in milk and flesh.

Sold on our positive guarantee to drive away flies and other biting, irritating insects.

For sale by Dealers everywhere in 50¢ and \$1.00 sizes.

International Stock Food Co., Ltd. TORONTO

EGGS, BUTTER and POULTRY

For best results, ship your live Poultry to us, also your Dressed Poultry, Fresh Dairy Butter and New Laid Eggs. Egg cases and poultry crates supplied.

PROMPT RETURNS

Established 1854

The DAVIES Co. Ltd. Toronto, Ont.

"Ohio" 1913 Model The Improved Logical Silo Filler

"Ohio" improvements for 1913 are radical—eclipse of all previous efforts. Don't close a deal for any Cutter and take chances with unknown makes until you see what the "Ohio" does.

50 years' experience—absolutely dependable quality. Famous Patented Direct Drive system of "Ohio" superiority—the only machine that is driven, cuts and discharges direct from main shaft. Simple, low-speed fan—non-splashing—no clogging in any cut. Cuts close on all crops—cane, etc., ripping.

One Lever Controls All. Retrive feed reverses by wind friction at finger pressure—no strain—let a good tooth change man. All gears perfectly balanced. Famous "Hill-Cut" grip self-feeding. Economical half-inch cut—convenient to 50 tons daily—2 to 4 ft. per hour. Durability. Used by Experiment Stations everywhere. Guaranteed. Many big new features this year. Write for free "Ohio" catalog today. A postal will do.

Western Silage Method—A 25-page book mailed for 10¢, with order. Made by The Silo Mfg. Co., Salem, O. Sold by John Deere Co., Chicago.

Make Sure

of protecting yourself against loss, by mentioning Farm and Dairy when writing to advertisers. Note conditions of our guarantee on Editorial Page.

Can be Sown With Seed Drill

Use HARAR FERTILIZERS for your fall wheat. They are so dry and so finely ground that they can be sown with an ordinary seed drill.

Harar FERTILIZERS

Write for full particulars about the fall wheat fertilizer, are natural fertilizers and nourish the soil besides stimulating the crops.

THE HARRIS ABATTOIR CO., LIMITED TORONTO, CANADA