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The most important event of the past week from the standpoint of the organized farmers, was the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg. The council was in session for two days and each province was fully represented. A full report of this meeting is published on the next page.

The land question is occupying a larger and larger place in the thoughts of serious-minded men. There is recognition everywhere that Canada has made a serious bungle in handling her great heritage—the prairie. The Canadian Problems Club of Winnipeg, of which two members of The Guide staff are members, has formulated a plan for assisting in bringing idle land under cultivation. Under the heading Idle Agricultural Lands, the plan is given in this issue.

Railway competition used to be put forward as the antidote for exorbitant freight rates in the western provinces. Well, we got railway competition, which was followed last year by an increase of 15 per cent. in the rates, and now the railways are to get another increase of 25 per cent. on trans-continental shipments. The action of the Canadian Council of Agriculture on the question appears in the reports of its meeting. The matter is treated editorially in this issue, which also contains a splendid article on The People and the Railroads, by our Ottawa correspondent.

Last week we reported that The Guide's circulation had passed the 40,000 mark. It keeps right on climbing. Now it is over 42,000. The circulation department is the busiest department of The Guide these days. "Every member a Guide reader" should be the slogan of each local of the farmers' organizations.

The big summer fairs are with us again and for the next few weeks will claim a share of the attention of thousands of farmers. Our field representative is attending all the big shows and full illustrated reports of them will be published in The Guide. Next week the Calgary fair report, with illustrations of some of the outstanding prize winners, will appear. All lovers of livestock—and who does not like a show-ring winner—will peruse these reports with interest.

Latest reports of crop conditions indicate that there are large areas in the west where prospects are very discouraging. In fact, signs are not wanting that a difficult situation with regard to seed grain may arise in some districts. The situation is no less serious with regard to feed. Steps are being taken to move feed where it is most needed and cattle to where feed is more abundant. The adverse conditions are especially deplorable on account of the acute need for more food but they are beyond control. The farmers have done what they could.

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