

has to be changed here and there to give at once new pastures to the stock and protect the growing potatoes, turnips, etc., from them. In an increasing number of cases in British Columbia, "threshing" may be arranged and (as happened the other week in a district not thirty miles from Vancouver) the as yet rare occurrence may be experienced of taking part in a threshing for some hours or days involving the introduction of an "outfit" such as many Prairie farmers keep busy for a week or two at a time.

It is pleasant to find that in some cases the hard-working pioneer farmer, who literally "opened up the country," is, in his latter days, beginning to reap a little of the "rest after toil" that is his well-earned due. The horse and buggy are giving place to the more expeditious and convenient motor car; the labour-saving machine "Separator" has been installed for years; butter-making methods improved; and a beginning at least made towards better methods of bringing producer and consumer nearer—to the benefit of both alike.

Much still remains to be done towards making land-clearing conditions tolerable, and lasting fame awaits the enlightened, enterprising and patronage-free government (whether in being or to be?) which shall introduce land-clearing machinery on a scale and under an arrangement which will make that initial heavy work less of a back-breaking burden to the settler or rancher.

In these days, when it would be a "National Service" to see that no fruit is wasted, the provincial or municipal governments should see to it that no farmer or fruit-grower in outlying districts is discouraged by the loss of fruit from lack of transportation facilities, or from (what must be even more trying) lack of speedy and reliable handling of the goods at the market end.

To citizens who can arrange it, we suggest that they seek to give at least a week's service on a farm in every season of the year. Even if they work for friendship alone, they will reap a recompense in that change of occupation which is more than rest—which involves real refreshment of body and mind, and—in the measure in which they can take interest in Nature and enter sympathetically into the lives of others—inspiration of heart.

A week of strenuous work on a farm may be commended, not only in the interests of "National Service," but as a tonic for overwrought citizens.

## Notes and Comments

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### GAMBLING

A FEW months ago a lot of people were righteously indignant because some Christian Chinamen circulated a petition asking the Vancouver authorities to suppress gambling in Chinatown. They claimed it was more or less of a libel

on the city and a slur upon the general administration of law. Anyway, some claimed that gambling was an inveterate habit with the Chinese and that there would always be a certain amount of it in the purlieus of the underworld section. And now, from