



Operation No. 3.—The Dollars are all but in the farmer's pocket.

twenty-five or thirty feet of disc harrows or drills, is in a sense getting away from this close communion with nature, a thing that he cannot afford to do. This is not anything that should be a drawback to traction cultivation. It is only one of the side issues that requires careful watching.

THE HOME LIFE

The day of the log cabin and the ox team is doomed. The farmer has come to a realization that when he builds a home he must build something more than a mere stopping place. He has come to realize that there is a comfort side to the farm more than three good meals a day and a place to sleep. It means a nice house, a substantial barn, fences that are well kept, a lawn that is a pleasure to look upon, a piano, the gasoline range for the hot summer weather, etc., etc. He has come to realize that if he is going to perpetuate his farmstead and have it pass on to his children and his children's children, that he must provide for them a place wherein they can

enjoy a certain amount of social life. Human nature is much the same the world over, no matter in what station you may find it and a certain amount of social intercourse must be enjoyed if a natural craving is to be satisfied. This is especially true with the young people. They must have a place to which they can bring their friends, a place that they are not ashamed to call home. The storing up of the bank account is a very necessary and laudable thing for any farmer, but there are several kinds of bank accounts. One farmer with whom the writer was speaking sometime ago mentioned the fact that the \$2000 that he had invested in his automobile was paying him 25 per cent. upon his investment whereas that same money in the local

bank was paying him only 3 per cent. He said, "Every boy that I can keep on the farm is worth \$10,000 to me and I consider that my automobile has been a most valuable agency in keeping my boys happy and contented and willing to stay at home." Every farmer cannot enjoy an automobile, neither can every farmer enjoy a fine house and barns. We all have to make a start but as a star of success that every farmer looks to as his guidance, do not forget

line. It furnishes food for thought and at the same time furnishes him with an opportunity of meeting his brother farmers in a social way. There is a constant exchange of ideas and a constant straightening out of many little tangles and difficulties that the farmer may have met with in the course of his daily work.

The seed fair is also a very valuable thing for the farmer to keep in touch with. The slogan of "Good Seed" is constantly brought to his attention and if the farmer be a thinking man he cannot help but fall into line sooner or later with the "Good Seed" array. The various Grain Growers' Associations are doing a most excellent work. They are bringing the farmer to a keener realization of the fact that if anything is to be done for him in the way of handling his grain crop to the best advantage, he must do it himself and that in this matter, as in

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

The New Year is always a time for the making of resolutions and the following three hundred and sixty-five days is generally a time for breaking them. Nevertheless, a resolution never made is a resolution never broken and the man who has not ambition enough to make them is little less than a dolt. It would seem to me that it would not be a bad plan for every farmer to lay down a code of resolutions at the beginning of each year. Some of them he may keep and a great many of them he may not, but if he keeps only a small percentage of them he has succeeded in doing at least something. Why not lay down a set somewhat after the following:

RESOLVED That I as a farmer will do my utmost to increase the profit on my investment.

RESOLVED That in 1910 I will sow nothing but good clean seed.

RESOLVED That in another year

I shall make some provision for the housing of my farm machinery.

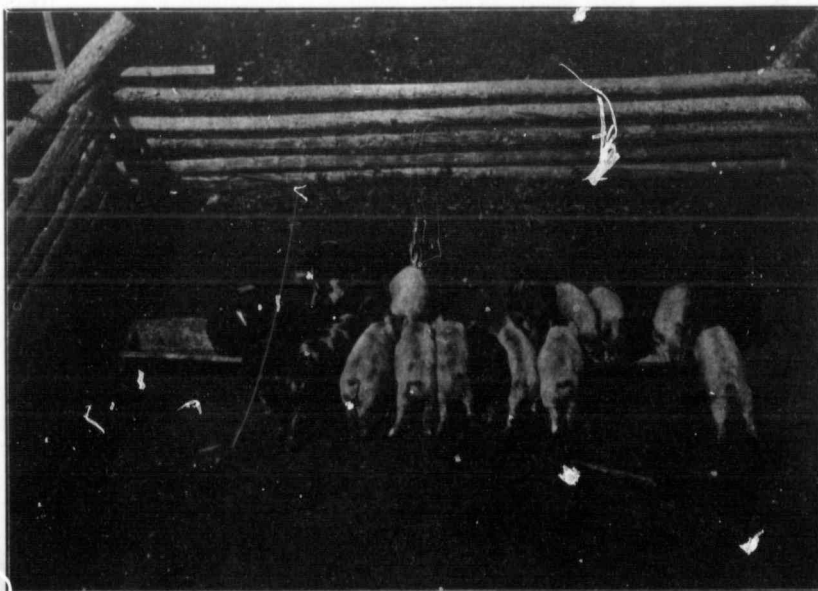
RESOLVED That in 1910 I will look carefully into the weed proposition on my farm and will do my utmost to keep all weeds under control.

RESOLVED That during another year I shall look carefully after the comforts of my family; that I will take an active part in the public life of my community and that I will lend a helping hand to the various farmers' organizations in my community.

RESOLVED That in 1910 I shall carry out the best possible system

of soil tillage and that I shall lose no opportunity to become more thoroughly acquainted with modern, up-to-date farm machinery and to investigate carefully the traction cultivation proposition.

RESOLVED, in short, That I will be a bigger and better farmer in every way in what promises to be the biggest year in Canada's history, 1910.



A Happy Bunch that should gladden the heart of any farmer. Incidentally they will increase profits materially.

that the home life contributes no small part to its brilliancy.

THE FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS

There is in every locality some form of Farmers' Organization. These are of many different kinds and ostensibly for many different purposes, but in the main they all have a common end, viz., the making of the farmer a bigger and a better man and a benefit to his community. There are the Farmers' Institutes, of which too much cannot be said in praise. These are held during the winter time when the farmer is not very busy and when he can spare a day or two without serious loss to himself or to his farm. In attending these institutes he arrives at just what his neighbor is doing in the way of better farming and he himself gives his experience along this

a great many others, "In union there is strength." Heaven helps men that help themselves and the man that is trampled on should never feel that the world is against him. In the farmer's case, as is the case with everyone else, it is the man that sets up a howl and howls so loud that everyone can hear him who generally gets what he wants.



The horse is no longer master of the observation situation. Miles of wheat look good from the Auto.