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About Ourselves

T HAS BEEN some time since we told you about that 50,000. That our message at that time bore fruit we have every reason to believe, for never in the history of this magazine have we enjoyed such a profitable summer subscription campaign.

We realize that the farmers are busy during the summer months and that it is a very easy matter to neglect to renew, but with such a large percentage of renewals as we have received this past summer, we cannot refrain from expressing to one and all our sincerest gratitude. All that we ask is that you keep the good work going. Don't ignore that renewal notice when you get it. Just send in that dollar and we'll do the rest.

If ever Western Canada had reason to feel grateful, surely the spirit of gratitude must be on the mountain top as she contemplates the result of the harvest of 1912! With the exception of little black clouds here and there that have never been absent in the brightest growing season that has gone, taking in the whole of the immense crop area, the grand aggregate is nothing short of splendid.

We not only "ought to feel" but we are grateful, recognizing as every sane man and woman must do that with all our smartness, erudition, skill or by whatever name we may seek to embellish our human intelligence, it would have been but a sorry reckoning had it not been bap-tised and blessed by that Almighty Power that never errs in its movements of justice and mercy.

We have in mind the less fortunate all the more keenly and sympathetically as we recall those neighbors almost on the other side of their fence who have come off "scot free" from blemish or disaster. No man who has been reared on Canadian soil and has drawn his life's breath from the prairie breeze ever rejoices at a neighbor's misfortune. Rather is it a luxury to him to help his friend in distress. The unfortunate neighbor knows this and he loses all the poignancy of what misfortune may mean to him in dollars and cents in the knowledge that the eyes of sympathy are all around his dwelling and that the hand is outstretched at every point of the compass to help him where he cannot help himself.

The Scotch have a proverb to the effect that "Giff-gaff maks gude freends." Artemus Ward had another to the same effect, and it seems that whether a man hails from Scotland. Kentucky or Kishbath Jerah he can't get away from the "family feeling" when he comes to Western Canada.

Silkstone Guessing **Contest Extended**



Owing to the harvest operations in progress throughout the West, the farmers and their wives have the farmers and their wives have the sense of the

NOTE THE DATE OCTOBER 31st.

The jar holds (9-16) nine-sixteenths of a gallon of water and it is now filled with money—gold, silver, bills and copper. The hundred dollars and more than (\$50) fitty dollars. Buy more quarts of Silkstone and send in your guess at the amount of money at once. You may be the lucky winner.

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