

produce bounteous crops with the aid of experienced farm help, so if there can be any system of training affected to produce good skilled farm laborers, why then first and foremost they are needed on the farms already broken up. This will absorb all the skilled labor for years to come.

Novices from the city are of no use on farms; in some cases are actually a stumbling block to a farmer's progress. Therefore hundreds of farmers are more satisfied to do without help and let the farms return to grass and weeds.

Besides, in all the country from Moose Jaw to Calgary, feed is very scarce as it is a short grass and short-straw district and great economy and care must be practised in the feeding of farm stock or the farmer goes on the rocks. The city man is, generally speaking, no economist when it comes to dealing with actual farm conditions, yet he would scoff at \$1.10 per day which the experienced farmers who left the farms to serve the country are receiving. Yes, by all means train the men and women, for the situation demands it, but we require those 60,000 or 70,000 whom Mr. Ross speaks of, and more, in order to maintain production on our cultivated land else our valuable time, money and energy will be wasted in combatting weeds, gophers and other pests which seem small matters yet in the aggregate make a tremendous difference in the output of grain each year.

I look around and see farmers in every direction struggling to put in large crops without help. And then the gophers go after it as though it was meant for them, reducing the yield generally by 500 to 1,000 bushels to every quarter section. Through lack of help the farmer is forced to overlook this and go on with fallowing else the weeds which are invading from numerous abandoned and deserted farms should also claim his.

Fellow farmers, let our aim not be acres, but bushels of wheat. Extensive acres are best with abundance of labor, but mighty expensive to the country which is depleted of labor.

Therefore, in answer to the cry "Break New Land," we will muzzie it until our cultivated lands are worked thoroughly to the advantage of the Empire.

—S. V. Cowan, Waldeck, Sask.

Keep the College

Editor, Guide: Having noticed an article in one of our farm papers referring to the proposed sale of our present Agricultural College, or rather the exchange of it for a much less pretentious building, and realizing that our boys will be deprived for some time to come of its great educational value, I think it would be a great mistake on the part of our provincial government to agree to such a transaction. We cannot afford to do without the education that our present college is giving, if only in the tractor business alone, to say nothing about the many other important branches which are taught there, I think the college is worth all we are putting into it. There will be a large attendance at it just as soon as things become normal again and according to present prospects the war will be turned very much in our favor in a short time. I myself am thinking of sending a boy to the college very soon, but if the government is going to furnish us with a much inferior institution we shall think twice about it. I for one protest against the exchange.—John S. Troughton, Man.

A Labor-Saving Device

Editor, The Guide: I have a great labor-saving device and I would like to pass it on to my fellow men. I have a good team, and I always believe in making work as light as possible for myself and everything about me. So, of course, I keep my eyes open for any new advantage over gravity. As I watched one of my teams pulling a heavy load I conceived the idea of lengthening one horse's end of the doubletree two inches. As sure as you live it made it easier for him, so I gave him four inches, then eight inches, and each time it was easier for him to pull his share of that load. Says I to myself, I'll give you 32 inches, then I made it 64 inches. I could easily tell by the way that fellow pulled that a

time or two more on the lengthening deal and the load would go along without Cap. Then I could leave him in the pasture to get sleek and fat. But all this kindness on my part only made Cap. big feeling and he thought he was smarter than his mate Lab., when all the time it was I who made it possible for Cap. to strut along so light and gay. Meanwhile Lab. has to dig in harder than ever. Now I have a soft spot in my heart for Lab. too; so if some kind friend will tell me how to fix his end of the doubletree (I have used up all my wood fixing Cap.'s end) so that I can put poor Lab. in the pasture with Cap. then I can have a fat team—and the load go on just the same. I call them Cap. and Lab. for short; their full names are Capital and Labor—and mine is Government.—A.J.F.

The Giant Needs No Help

In the revised excerpt of his address in controversy, Mr. Murray states that "were it responsive to the leadership of unscrupulous men actuated by selfish motives, it could be, etc., etc." If the C.M.A. is not led by men with selfish motives, why do they insist on a high protective tariff? If the C.M.A. looked to "some people" like a young giant in 1910, it must at least be a young giant now, after four years of war prices for its members' products. Of

course, the tariff is a great benefit all right, for them, and I think the C.M.A. must be led by selfish men, otherwise the government would hearken more to the call of the farmers' organizations. Things usually move along lines of least resistance. About one million acres of wheat land had gone back to grass when the war started, perhaps two or three million will go back to grass when the war is over. We have a heavy tax rate in sight. It will tax our resources very heavily to meet it. The competition will be very keen, which means more efficiency, more and better machinery and more buildings and conveniences will be needed to keep farmers on the farm. It seems wise to anticipate such things. A young giant can usually take care of himself.—Wm. H. Hoppins, Huxley, Alta.

The German Courier

Editor, The Guide: I understand The German Courier has been ordered to stop publication on request of the G.W.V. Do the men responsible for this unreasonable measure realize the unjust hardship caused for thousands of men and women who came to this country in later life and are unable to read in any other language but the German? If the paper in question had been writing anything opposed

to the Allies' cause, it would be different. But the news given was the same as that from any other weekly, like the Free Press, for example.

One more thing. I read that the president of the C.P.R. expects a great many immigrants from friendly countries, but how do we know that some time the countries from which these people came will not commit some unfriendly act towards us and find themselves under the same cloud as are Germans today?

The stepping of papers for no other reason than that they are printed in the language of a country which is an enemy is not good and will turn more friendly aliens into unfriendly ones than anything else.

Wm. Van Vliet,

Quinton, Sask.

Plutocracy and Patriotism

Editor, Guide: The calamity that has struck North-Western Canada this year, in the form of hail, drought and frost, has caused to be shown up in a marked degree, the kind of patriotism indulged in by some of those in high places. For the past two years or more, the government of Canada and some of the Big Interests have exhorted the rural population, by all means conceivable, to produce and to produce. The

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