

INDEPENDENCE ON THE FARM

SPLENDID RESULTS FOLLOW FARMING IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

Americans In Canada Not Asked to Forget That They Were Born Americans.

Farm produce today is remunerative, and this helps to make farm life agreeable. Those who are studying the economics of the day tell us that the strength of the nation lies in the cultivation of the soil. Farming is no longer a hand-to-mouth existence. It means independence, often affluence, but certainly independence.

Calling at a farm house, near one of the numerous thriving towns of Alberta, in Western Canada, the writer was given a definition of "independence" that was accepted as quite original. The broad acres of the farmer's land had a crop—and a splendid one, too, by the way—ripening for the reapers' work. The evenness of the crop, covering field after field, attracted attention, as did also the neatness of the surroundings, the well-built substantial story-and-a-half log house, and the well-rounded sides of the cattle. His broken English—he was a French Canadian—was easily understandable and pleasant to listen to. He had come there from Montreal a year ago, had paid \$20 an acre for the 320-acre farm, with the little improvement it had. He had never farmed before, yet his crop was excellent, giving evidence as to the quality of the soil, and the good judgment that had been used in its preparation. And brains count in farming as well as "brawn." Asked how he liked it there, he straightened his broad shoulders, and with hand outstretched towards the waving fields of grain, this young French Canadian, model of symmetrical build, replied: "Be gosh, yes, we like him—the farmin'—well, don't we, Jeannette?" as he smilingly turned to the young wife standing near. She had accompanied him from Montreal to his far-west home, to assist him by her wifely help and companionship, in making a new home in this new land. "Yes, we come here year ago, and we never farm before. Near Montreal, me father, he kep de girls' mill, an' de cardin' mill, an' be gosh! he run de cheese factor' too. He work, an' me work, an' us work tarn har," be gosh! "Us work for de farmer; well 'den, sometin' go do always w'at you call

been re-sown to feed. There are individual crops which will run as high as 45 bushels on acres of 500 and 1,000 acres, but there are others which will drop as low as 15. A safe average for winter wheat will be 19 bushels. The sample is exceptionally fine, excepting in a few cases where it has been wrinkled by extreme heat.

The northern section of Alberta has been naturally anxious to impress the world with the fact that it has not suffered from drought, and this is quite true. Wheat crops run from 20 to 30 bushels to an acre, but in a report such as this it is really only possible to deal with the province as a whole and while the estimate may seem very low to the people of Alberta, it is fair to the province throughout.

When the very light rainfall and other eccentricities of the past season are taken into account, it seems nothing short of a miracle that the Canadian West should have produced 102 million bushels of wheat, which is less than 18 million bushels short of the crop of 1909. It is for the West generally a paying crop and perhaps the best advertisement the country has ever had, as it shows that no matter how dry the year, with thorough tillage, good seed and proper methods of conserving the moisture, a crop can always be produced.

As some evidence of the feeling of the farmers, are submitted letters written by farmers but a few days ago, and they offer the best proof that can be given.

Maldstone, Sask., Aug. 4, '10. I came to Maldstone from Menominee, Wis., four years ago, with my parents and two brothers. We all located homesteads at that time and now have our patents. The soil is a rich black loam as good as I have ever seen. We have had good crops each year and in 1909 they were exceeding good. Wheat yielding from 22 to 40 bushels per acre and oats from 40 to 80. We are well pleased with the country and do not care to return to our native state. I certainly believe that Saskatchewan is just the place for a hustler to get a start and make himself a home. Wages here for farm labor range from \$35 to \$45 per month. Lee Dow.

Tofield, Alberta, July 10, 1910. I am a native of Texas, the largest and one of the very best states of the Union. I have been here three years and have not one desire to return to the States to live. There is no place I know of that offers such splendid inducements for capital, brain and brawn. I would like to say to all who are not satisfied where you are, make a trip to Western Canada; if you do not like it you will feel well repaid for your trip. Take this from one who's on the ground. We enjoy splendid government, laws, school, railway facilities, health, and last, but not least, an ideal climate, and this from a Texan. O. L. Pugh.

James Normur of Porter, Wisconsin, after visiting Dauphin, Manitoba, says: "I have been in Wisconsin 25 years, coming out from Norway. Never have I seen better land and the crops in East Dauphin are better than I have ever seen, especially the oats. There is more straw and it has heavier heads than ours in Wisconsin. This is just the kind of land we are looking for. We are all used to mixed farming and the land we have seen is finely adapted to that sort of work. Cattle, hogs, horses and grain will be my products, and for the live stock, prospects could not be better. I have never seen such cattle as are raised here on the wild prairie grasses and the vetch that stands three or four feet high in the groves and on the open prairie.

Sir Wilfred Laurier Talks to Americans. Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, is now making a tour of Western Canada and in the course of his tour he has visited many of the districts in which Americans have settled. He expresses himself as highly pleased with them. At Craig, Saskatchewan, the American settlers joined with the others in an address of welcome. In replying Sir Wilfred said in part:

"I understand that many of you have come from the great Republic to the south of us—a land which is akin to us by blood and tradition. I hope that in coming from a free country you realize that you come also to another free country, and that although you came from a republic you have come to what is a crowned democracy. The King, our sovereign, has perhaps not so many powers as the President of the United States, but whether we are on the one side of the line or the other, we are all brothers by blood, by kinship, by ties of relationship. In coming here as you have come and becoming naturalized citizens of this country no one desires you to forget the land of your ancestors. It would be a poor man who would not always have in his heart a fond affection for the land which he came from. The two greatest countries today are certainly the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Republic of the United States. Let them be united together and the peace of the world will be forever assured.

"I hope that in coming here as you have, you have found liberty, justice and equality of rights. In this country, as in your own, you know nothing of separation of creed and race, for you are all Canadians here. And if I may express a wish it is that you would become as good Americans as you have been good Canadians and that you may yet remain good Americans. We do not want you to forget what you have been; but we want you to look more to the future than to the past. Let me, before we part, tender you the sincere expression of my warmest gratitude for your reception."

SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING PROFITABLE SHEEP FLOCK

Farmers Must First Get Away From Belief That Animals May Be Kept as Scavengers—Start With Well-Bred Ewes.

If we make a success of keeping a flock of sheep on our farms we must get away from the common belief that sheep may be kept as scavengers. While it is a fact that sheep will clean up weeds and briars, and manage to exist on poor pasture, yet this is only incidental.

If we keep a flock of sheep as scavengers they soon assume the appearance that their purpose would signify. Their fleeces appear seedy and full of burrs and briars, and they show the

the individuals that they are selecting and mating.

It takes considerable time for a man to train his eye and touch so that he can make intelligent selections even from his own flock.

When we observe the quality and study the conditions which surround the average farm flock we do not wonder that the majority of farmers make a failure of the sheep business.

It is really astonishing to note the waste of opportunities in the sheep



A Pen of Southdowns.

effects of mismanagement and neglect.

It is best to start with a few well-bred ewes and the best ram that can be found at a reasonable price, and gradually build up a herd of fine ewes.

In this way the new breeder can make a closer study of the individuality of his sheep than he could if he was working with a larger number. A more intelligent selection could be made of the rams that were brought to mate with his ewes, and he could be all of the time increasing his knowledge of the business as the size of the flock increased, until he would be capable of wrestling with many of the more intricate problems that would come when the flock was nearing perfection. A great many fail with sheep because they undertake to work with too large a number.

Every sheep looks alike and they cannot make an intelligent study of

business. Any intelligent farmer who is a student of the present economic conditions cannot fail to see that the future of the mutton growing and fattening business affords an attractive outlook for the farmer who is in a position to handle a farm flock of from one to two hundred well-bred ewes.

Relic of Barbarism. A Texas paper views it this way: "Mud roads are a relic of barbarism and always indicate a people of slow and unprogressive habits. If a stranger should ride over all the roads of any county and find them all macadamized, he would be ready to bet on the superior intelligence and enlightenment of the people, whether he met a single one or not. The roads of this county can be greatly improved by the road drag and now is the time to do it."

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Best Ensilage. Various kinds of roughage, such as clover, green oats, peas, etc., have been used for ensilage, but corn fodder makes the best. That is the almost universal verdict.

IMPROVING THE POULTRY FLOCKS

Better Results Could Be Had if Farmers in Given Locality Would All Keep One Breed of Chickens.

The community idea might be worked a great deal more than it is in the pure-bred poultry business. Better results could be had if the farmers in a given locality would all keep one breed of poultry. If they would unite on some good, popular, easy selling breed, they would find buyers much more easily than when each man keeps a different kind of stock, says the American Cultivator.

With dairy cattle this plan has worked wonderfully well for certain groups of farmers in various parts of the country. In Wisconsin there is a dairy center, where almost everybody keeps Guernseys. In New York state there is a region where dozens of farmers keep Holsteins. In northern New Jersey there is another Guernsey center, and in various parts of the center there are Jersey and Ayrshire dairy centers. In all these localities there are hundreds of pure-bred animals, which can be seen in a few hours. Such a condition becomes known all over the country, and buyers travel hundreds of miles, knowing that if they do not find just what they want at the first farm they visit they are likely to find it further on in the same neighborhood.

In southern Rhode Island breeders in an accidental way kept a native

class of fowls which later were known as Rhode Island Reds. When this breed began to attract notice the region was visited by scores of buyers, who picked up every decent colored bird at fancy prices, putting thousands of dollars into the hands of the farmers that they could never have had expected for the demand at more than market prices.

If fifty farmers in a neighborhood would unite on almost any poultry breed there would be no difficulty in finding a market. A great many breeders with a reputation and a host of regular customers would be glad to know of a locality where they could buy what extra stock they need to fill their orders. The farmers could easily sell the stock themselves through one of their number or through one of the New York or Boston concerns which make a specialty of pure-bred stock in large quantities. It is not a very difficult matter for the farmer to learn to sell his stock on his own account. Fancy birds will almost sell themselves.

ACCOMMODATING.



Harduppe—Say, you bumped into me and knocked me down with your auto and I want damages. Showfurr—Oh, haven't you got enough? Well, start up and I'll bump and knock you again.

Active Possession. Guinevere, aged four, was going out to walk with a young lady, of whom she was very fond. As they opened the street door they were met by a swirling cloud of dust, blown up from the thoroughfare.

"Keep your lips tightly closed, Gwen, or you'll get your lungs full of m-crobes," warned the young lady. Guinevere pondered a moment and then, looking up, demanded: "What are your crobes?"—National Monthly.

A Woman's Backbone. History records many instances where a woman has shown that she possessed clear grit—commonly called backbone. She must have, to be able to half kill herself over a wash tub every week. Women are learning now, however, that if they use Easy Task soap in the laundry it means half the work done while they rest, their clothes are cleaner and sweeter, their hands are not red and ugly, their flannels do not shrink and their linens do not rot.

Scandal. Mrs. Simmonds glanced at the scare headline: "Bank Robbed! Police at Sea!" and laid down the sheet. "Naow, look at that, Ez!" she ejaculated, repeating the headline aloud. "Here's a big city bank broke into by burglars, and the city police force all off fishin' somewhere! What a scandal!"—Judge.

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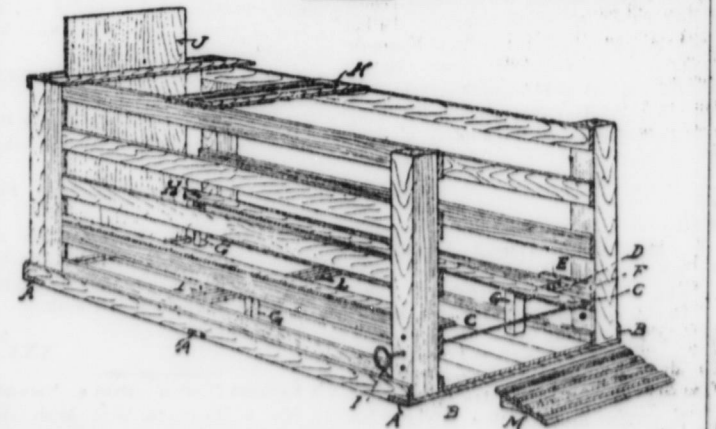
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