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Farm Topics

There is a feeling growing in the west that homesteads are being given away by the Government at too cheap a price, and that a reform in this matter is much needed. Regulations at present in effect with respect to homesteads are formed on the supposition that people must have strong inducements to take up this land. Some now argue that this is no longer the case. A homestead, they say, has in the last five years become a very desirable

piece of property, due largely to the fact of settlement. In other words, settlement has given a value to land, and the complaint is made that this value should be used for public purposes. To get this value and to avoid the allotment to those who can show the most brute force, as is now the case. It would be necessary to adopt a system whereby a man who wants a homestead will agree to return to the Government what the homestead is worth to him. This need not be required of him in cash at the time of filing, but a

purchase price might be spread over a term of years, as is now done with purchased homesteads or railway company lands. There seems little doubt but that a change in this direction would lead to a better class of settlers. With land as far removed from settlement at the Peace River district, however, it would probably not hold good.

The agricultural projects of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the west have always attracted the interest of the prairie farmers, who watch the progress

of these enterprises as the small boy follows his town's hall team. Mr. J. S. Dennis, who had charge of this work, has just returned to Calgary from the east, where he perfected a number of schemes for further development.

These relate particularly to western agriculture. First the C. P. R. had decided to establish twenty-five demonstration farms west of the lakes, five in Manitoba and ten each in Saskatchewan and Alberta. The circumstances which prompted this decision are the fact that farmers have not been disposed to accept generally the suggestions that have been made that they go more extensively into mixed farming, the contention that grain growing pays better, the statement that mixed farming must be followed by certain peculiar classes of people, etc.

The C. P. R. proposes to select managers for these farms from eastern Canada, the States, England, Scotland and other countries. The company proposes that these men shall give a statement of their operations to the C. P. R. Company's superintendent of agriculture and the operation of these farms shall demonstrate that it pays to diversify farming.

Another scheme that is to be launched at once is to provide purchasers of C. P. R. lands with money at a low rate of interest before the purchasers have got their titles. The idea is to set aside sev-

eral hundred farms, put a value on them as they stand raw prairie, then advance money for improvements up to \$2,000 at 6 per cent. These improvements are to consist of buildings, fencing a well, breaking and preparing for crops. It is so arranged that the buyer of one of these farms may himself do some of the work and the wages so earned will go towards paying the interest on the money borrowed, the principal being payable in annual payments extending over ten years. This year it is expected two hundred and fifty families will be located under this system. "The ready made farms plan is being advanced," said Mr. Dennis. "This year we have seeded some 9,000 acres. We are carrying out our policy to colonize rather than to sell land in wholesale tracts. Our greatest benefit comes from getting people settled and started to produce."

Lubricating Old Axles

Many lubricate axles only to prevent wear; they overlook the fact that by reducing friction they lessen the draught. A well oiled axle lightens the load. Oil to axles is best governed by the rule, "little and often." If too much is used it exudes at the ends, gathers dust, and gathers dust, and thus the lessening of the friction is not so great, while oil is wasted. In many cases where the lubricant is wasted, it is because it is stuff not fit to be used, for a good lubricator costs enough to keep the average man from allowing it to waste. Oil that "gums" much is unfit to be used. Castor oil is a splendid lubricator for axles, but used alone may gum too much. This is corrected by the addition of refined coal oil (that used for lamps) or lard; the coal oil is better. Some wagons are yet made unpurified with metal shields or "thimbles," being banded with steel; for these some tallow may be used, as it is one of the best lubricants when iron and wood are brought together. Pine tar is a good addition to the lubricant for wagon axles and is part of most of the "axle greases" sold. Plumbago is another good addition; its fine particles fill the small irregularities in the opposing surfaces, thus making them smoother. A mixture of lard and plumbago is good for the journals of reapers, mowers, etc.; we have found castor oil and refined coal oil also good for this use, particularly for use on the "sickle driver." For carriages nothing is better than castor oil or refined coal oil. Lard oil alone has not "body" enough for the journals of reapers, mowers, etc.; add a little castor oil, or tallow or plumbago. While the axles or reap-

ers, grain drill, etc., will not need lubricating so often during the year as the axles of the wagon, oiling them must not be neglected, as the rough ground the wheels pass over makes the wear on the oil axles quite rapid. Tor. Globe.

A Singular Rescue

(Christian Herald)

The three year old child of Albert Stepp, living two miles from Canton, Texas, fell feet foremost in a thirteen inch bored well sixty feet deep. By the use of a mirror the child could be seen, and the little fellow was constantly crying and calling to his grandpa to come and get him. The grandparents and parents were wild with excitement and overcome with grief at their inability to afford immediate succor.

Forty or fifty men and women were gathered, all anxious to get a loop over the child to draw it out, but with no avail. A negro boy twelve years old was let down, and, getting the child by the sleeve, both were drawn up half way. The sleeve gave way and the child fell back to the bottom. All were horror-stricken for fear the fall would certainly kill the child. Then they tied a rope to the leg of the negro boy and let him down head first. He put the loop of a rope about the child's body and then the two were drawn out separately. The miraculous part of the incident is that the child was only bruised a little and not seriously injured.

Tax Notice

Public notice is hereby given that I have received from the Assessors, the Assessment list for The Town of St. George for 1912, and the same is now filed at my dwelling house. All persons thereby assessed in the Town shall be entitled to a deduction or discount of Five per centum on the amount assessed against them respectively, upon payment of their respective rates to me, within 10 days from the fifth day of July inst., and a like discount of two and one half per centum upon payment within twenty days, and more than ten days after that date. After 20 days no discount will be allowed. And all rates and taxes must be paid within thirty days after the said 5th day of July or execution will be issued.

Dated at St. George, July 5th, 1912.
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Town Treasurer.

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