

# Scarcity of Labour, and High Wages, Cause of Much Idle Land

The Wages a Farmer Can Afford to Offer are Usually Less Than a Man Can Earn For Himself by Working His Own Farm Obtained Under the Homestead Offer of the Government.

(Toronto Globe.)

There is a considerable area of land in older Ontario idle on account of the scarcity of labor or the rates that must be paid to secure competent help. It is frequently reported that farm-owners have offered as much as two dollars a day and board for capable men and have been unable to secure them, the result being that portions of their land pass out of cultivation. It is a problem worthy of analysis, for it shows that copying the systems and methods of older countries will reproduce their conditions. There is much land held idle in Britain, because the owners have so much they can afford to reserve it for their own amusement, and much held idle through reluctance toward giving a larger share of the product to the producers. The owners of many Ontario farms repeat on a small scale what is done on a large scale by the British landlords. If a capable farm hand can make more than two dollars a day and board by taking up some of the vacant land available in Ontario and other parts of the Dominion he would be foolish

to work for an Ontario farmer for that rate. There is an economic law of wages where there are opportunities for self-employment available. Wages will equal what a man can make on the land or other opportunities of self-employment within his reach. It is not necessary for all or any farm workers to take up the new land in order to get the proportionate wages. The mere fact that they can do so forces wages up.

If natural opportunities exist on which a man can secure three dollars a day and board or four dollars a day and board the Ontario farm-owner will be obliged to pay proportionate rates for help. When the wages thus rendered economically necessary will not leave him a return for his capital and supervision his land has no immediate economic value. No good land is really in that position in Ontario, but there is a reluctance to yield to the economic laws of the labor market which prompts farm-owners to keep their land idle and suffer loss through its idleness rather than pay wages which seem unreasonable. The result is that men who should be cultivating this land and sharing the results of their

labor with the owners find stronger inducements in free land in the North and the West. There is no guidance for estimating the value of human service except its products, and if men cannot be obtained for two dollars a day and board it goes to show that their work will yield them more elsewhere. The Ontario farm-owner who cannot or will not part with a proportionate amount of his product to the worker must leave his land proportionately idle.

It is a public as well as a personal misfortune when farm-owners are unable or unwilling to meet the economic necessities of the labor market and their land is rendered unproductive. This could often be avoided if there was the same readiness to meet economic necessities in the purchase of labor as there is in the purchase of stock, supplies and implements. When the condition toward which we are hastening by every available means is actually attained and the opportunities for self-employment are gone there will be an abundance of surplus humanity, and "labor" will be cheap. We will, then have a re-creation of the experience of older countries.

less than £5 per acre per annum; that is the rental yield of the 7½ acres which are at present opened out used to be about £355 per annum. Thus, at the present time these 77 acres produce more than six times the value of their former produce, and, in addition, at the same time, house, under ideal conditions, a population of nearly two thousand people." That is to say, England can preserve her manufacturing industries get her people "back so the land" and feed her people from the land. Bournville has probably found the way to the real solution of a great economic problem. The effect of improved conditions upon the inhabitants is no less remarkable. The average death rate per thousand for the five years ending 1904 was 6.3 in Bournville, 10.2 in the urban district and 15.4 in England and Wales; the infant mortality per 1,000 live births over the same period was 80.2 in Bournville, 100.2 in the urban district and 131.2 in England and Wales. Bournville boys and girls attain a greater weight and height than those in a Birmingham slum. Bournville boys of twelve years weigh 71.8 pounds, and stand 54.8 inches in height while those from the Birmingham district weigh 63.2 pounds and stand 52.3 inches. Though countless examples from David and Goliath downwards forbid us to estimate capacity and ability in pounds and inches, yet the importance of health and strength for the proper development of the individual will nowhere be disputed.

The Bournville trustees give their own conclusions in the following words: "That there is a great demand for houses with gardens and rural surroundings, notwithstanding the absence of many of the interests and attractions of town life, and the fact that residence in such houses may involve a four-mile journey to work in the morning and a similar journey back at night; that given gardens, men will cultivate them, and that the health and wealth of the village are thereby largely increased; that the health of such a community is very much above the average; that such a population will develop communal interests and corporate action of a most valuable kind; that the wise planning of areas is of the utmost importance; that by such a scheme it is possible to reverse the downward drift of population; that it is financially practicable." This fact will, for many people, turn the scale in favor of Bournville. One of the conditions of the trust is that it must pay 4 per cent. on the money invested. But I shall point out again that no garden city scheme has proved a financial failure, and that no excuse remains for sacrificing the well-being of the people to fear of financial stress.

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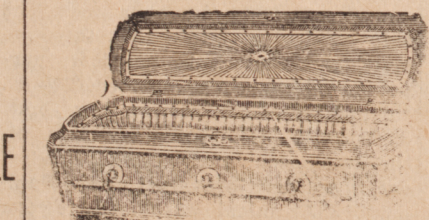
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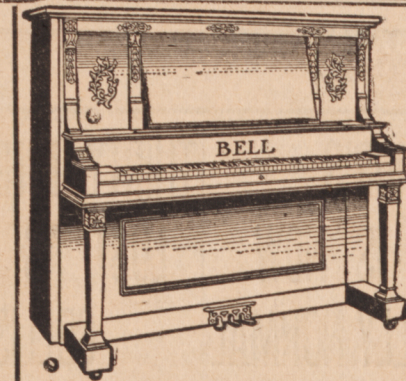
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