

WESTERN CANADA AND THE LAND-HUNGRY

It Is Essentially an Agricultural Country.

Western Canada is the Mecca of the land-hungry man who wishes to earn a good living from the soil and save up money to take care of him in his old age without paying a fancy price for the privilege.

Western Canada is the great wheat producing section of the North American continent, with an average production of more than 30 bushels to the acre as compared with an average of 17 bushels to the acre in the States.

What raising can hardly be made profitable on land that costs from \$50 an acre up unless such land will produce a much higher than a 17 bushel average, or unless the price of the cereal reaches an excessive figure.

The initial investment of \$50 an acre is more than the average man can afford to make if he expects to raise wheat and to make a success of it.

A good homestead of 160 acres can still be secured free in Western Canada and additional land admirably suited to the raising of wheat can be secured at so low a cost per acre that it can be made extremely profitable.

No other part of the world offers such tremendous opportunities at the present time to the ambitious young farmer as the three great provinces of Western Canada.

It is worth the while of the land-hungry man to cease his depressing search for local cheap land or for land that is not entirely worked out by long cropping and to look outside his own district. Western Canada is a country that should receive the consideration of all such men. The Western Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are essentially agricultural territory.

Out of 475 million acres there are 180 million acres of first-class agricultural land actually available for development—a block three and a half times as large as the total land area of Minnesota, and equal to the combined land areas of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

But whereas the population of the five states mentioned is fifteen million people, the population of Western Canada is only about one and three-quarter millions.

It has been said that the average yield per acre of wheat in the United States last year was 17 bushels. This average does not, of course, represent the efficiency which may have been reached by individual farmers or by individual states. However, place against this figure the fact that the 1915 Western Canadian average—the average from nearly twelve million acres—was over 30 bushels. In the case of the Province of Alberta, the average reached 32.84 bushels per acre.

There are already a large number of American farmers in Western Canada, so that the newcomer could never overlook the fact that the same language is spoken—feel himself in an alien country. There seems, in fact, a tendency to establish little colonies composed of those coming from the same sections. The characteristics of the country, and the climate and season, are very much the same as in Minnesota or North Dakota. Social conditions bear a family resemblance. Education is free, and is good; its cost being defrayed partly by taxation, partly by grants from the Canadian Government, from the sales of school lands, of which the country was first surveyed, two sections in every township were allocated. Taxation in every rural district, in many towns and cities, is based practically on land values alone, improvements of all kind being exempted.—Advertisement.

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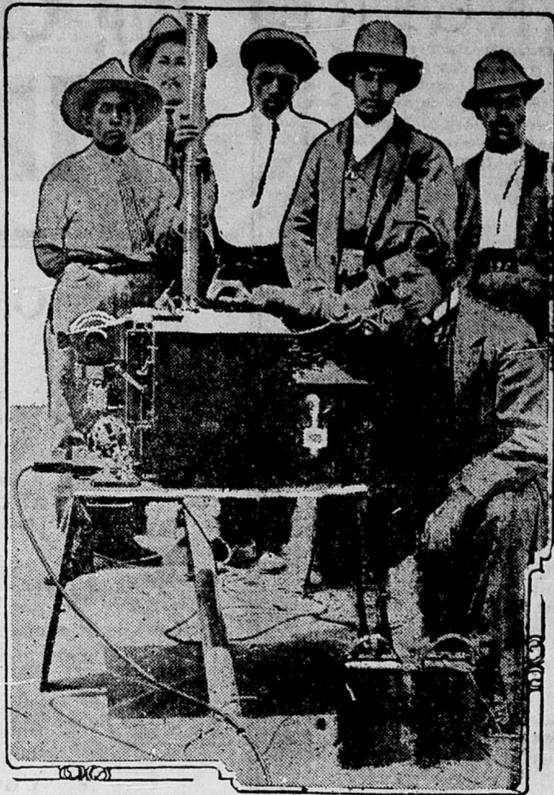


Photo shows one of the five American de Forest portable wireless outfits being used by the Mexican government. The apparatus can be put together or demounted in a few minutes. The machine will no doubt be in constant use by the Mexican army in case of actual war with the United States.

Multiplication of Auto Cars.

From the American Highway Association.

In 1905 there were 48,000 motor cars, including commercial vehicles, in the United States, according to the registration statistics assembled by the division of road economics of the United States offices of public roads and rural engineering, in 1915 there were 2,445,864. This was an increase of 5,000 per cent. Ten years ago of the expenditures on account of the building of rural roads and bridges in the United States less than 3-10 of 1 per cent was derived from the tax on motor vehicles; last year nearly 7 per cent of the money available for this purpose was derived from this source.

In 1901 the first revenue derived by any of the states from automobile revenues was collected in New York state and amounted to only \$94. Other states followed the example of New York, requiring the registration of motor cars, chauffeurs and operators, until in 1905 the total amount collected in all the states on this account aggregated \$62,500; last year the revenues from this source amounted to \$38,245,718. In nearly all the states practically 90 per cent of the motor car revenues was applied in 1915 to road work and 70 per cent of this sum was expended under the control and supervision of the state highway departments. In 42 states all, or a large part, of the revenue from motor cars must be expended for the construction, improvement or maintenance of the public roads, or for the maintenance of the state highway departments. In six states this requirement is not made.

In 1915 the total number of motor vehicles registered in the United States was 2,445,864. The total road mileage in the United States outside of incorporated towns and cities is approximately 2,275,000 miles. This would mean that there is slightly more than one motor car for each mile of rural road in the United States, if the distribution of the cars were uniform for all the states; but it is not, as in the state of Nevada there is one motor car for every six miles of rural road, and in New Jersey there is one motor car registration for every 44 persons, in the state of Iowa there is one registration for every 16 persons and in Alabama only one registration for every 200 persons.

New View of Ventilation.

From the Washington Times.

The fact that good ventilation is essential to good health is established beyond question. But until recently it was generally believed that a room that was well supplied with oxygen was well ventilated, and conversely the air of a room having a low percentage of oxygen was particularly harmful for breathing. The "stifling" feeling produced by hot, crowded rooms has been thought to be due to the toxic matter in the expired air and the low percentage of oxygen.

air contains about 21 per cent of oxygen, but this may be reduced very much before the diminution becomes harmful. Indeed, it is necessary to go only a short distance up into the exact percentage of oxygen in the air, therefore, being not a matter of degree, but a matter of kind, the oxygen supply much more than it is reduced in crowded assemblies, and yet mountain air is especially healthful.

The exact percentage of oxygen in the air, therefore, does not appear to be the determining factor in good ventilation, as was once supposed. And recent experiments seem to show that headache, dizziness and nausea produced by the air in crowded rooms are due to heat, humidity and stagnation of the air, rather than to its chemical composition.

It is found, for example, that in badly ventilated rooms where the oxygen is greatly diminished by the number of persons present, the usual feelings of discomfort to breathing will be largely prevented if the air is cooled and kept in motion by electric fans. Even where such stirring up of the air does not actually change the percentage of oxygen, it relieves the bad effects upon respiration, as movement of the air seems to be quite as important as chemical composition.

Punishment.
By Florence Klinton Payne, in Neutilus.
Here is a little idea I have worked out for correcting the little tricks tiny babies have before they are big enough to be left alone to think it over, and that is—to let the punishment fit the crime.

Did your tiny child ever pull your hair until you thought you wouldn't have any left? Well, of course, it is good for the hair to be pulled, but personally, I'd rather do it myself, and that is—I'd rather do those brand new teeth shouldn't be tried on me or my hair to try new things up of the air does not actually change the percentage of oxygen, it relieves the bad effects upon respiration, as movement of the air seems to be quite as important as chemical composition.

Perfume Soothes Lion.
From the New York Sun.
A new method has been discovered for curbing the temper of lions. It is simple and safe, and, according to Charles Smith, boss of a menagerie at Chicago, it is highly effective. It consists merely of permitting a lion to sniff a bouquet of roses.

Smith gave a demonstration at the Coliseum when he sprinkled the perfume over a handkerchief and entered the cage of King Leo. Leo was sleeping, but when the cage door was opened he prepared to spring. Smith dangled the handkerchief in front of the lion's nose and Leo sniffed heavily. Then he buried his nose in the cloth. He seemed more contented than when sleeping, and permitted Smith to brush his mane and head and pat him on the back.

Smith said he had been experimenting with perfume with the lions for several months and is convinced that aroma has a remarkably peaceful and soothing effect on wild beasts.

The jack pines planted in Nebraska's sand hills by the government forest service some 10 years ago, are now more than 15 feet in height.

those tiny fingers grab your hair, just smilingly take a bit of kiddie's hair and say gently, "This is what you are doing to me. Do you think it feels good?"—and so with the other baby tricks.

Not that the things themselves are such dreadful offenses, but so much of the world's trouble comes because we don't know how the other fellow's hair feels, and he doesn't know how hard he is pulling ours. So do you think we can begin too early to make our little people understand the merits of their hair, and incidentally make them considerate even in little things?

The Japanese Bugaboo.
From the Daily Oklahoman.
Mexico has been making vain attempts to purchase munitions of war in Japan, but her regulations have been turned with little ado. The Japanese pier has been the military's factories have all they can attend to in supplying the demands of Japan's allies in the European war.

This is no doubt true, but the fact remains that Japan, if she cared to, could fill at least a portion of Mexico's orders, and the further the military's factories have refused to comply even in part ought to teach a comforting lesson—that Japan does not hate the United States, as some of our statesmen, equipped with overly vivid imaginations, have been endeavoring to have us believe.

Japan has been represented as awaiting a favorable opportunity to spring an attack upon our national throat. Now has arrived a time when she has the chance to land aid to our enemies. She surveys the opening and refuses to enter. Of late the government at Tokyo has on numerous occasions said to Washington that the Japanese people have no ill will toward this country, and that they are hoping for a continuation of the friendly relations heretofore existing. This latest development tends toward proving the truthfulness of these assertions, and will unquestionably go a long way toward still further cementing the friendship between the two peoples.

Turtles as Tommie's Pets.
London Cable to New York Sun.
During the fighting on the Tigris British soldiers off duty found it very hard to amuse themselves, according to Edmond Candler, the British press representative in Mesopotamia.

At one time when the British force in the neighborhood of El Hamah, because the Turkish position was too strong to be taken by a direct frontal attack, the soldiers found themselves in a narrow strip of ground, with the Tigris on one side and a salt marsh on the other.

The soldiers enjoyed bathing in the salt marshes, and a favorite sport was catching tortoises. A Tommy Atkins would dig a string around the leg of his pet and put the animal in the parterre of the trenches to graze while he fought the enemy.

The pet of one of the soldiers, a Scotsman, found too little food on the parapets, and died. The body of the victim was gravely buried by the soldiers with an identification disk about its neck.

That Bow On Men's Hats.
Why do men wear bows on the left side of their hats? A hatter gives the following explanation:
In the old days, when men were much in the open air and hats were an expensive article of attire, they used to tie a cord round the crown and the ends fall on the left side so that it could be grasped if a gust threatened to carry off their head gear. The reason the cords fell on the left side was that the left hand was more often free than the right hand. Later on the ends came to be tied in a bow, and later still they became useless, but the bow has remained, and it will probably remain till the event of the next deluge."

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It is a curious fact that the fur seal was once a land animal. The baby seals are actually afraid of water; they would drown if thrown into it, and have to learn to swim by repeated efforts. When once they have been taught to swim, however, they soon forget to walk.

There are in existence only two important herds of fur seals, one of which has its breeding ground in the Commander Islands, belonging to Russia, the other in the Pribilof Islands, belonging to the United States. Of these the latter is much the larger. The Pribilof Islands are government property, and thus it happens that the United States government finds itself the owner of by far the most valuable herd of fur seals in the world.

Son Wanted to Prove It.
Father sat in his study one afternoon writing out a speech, when his son called shrilly from the garden:
"Dad! Look out of the window!"
"What a nuisance children are at times!" grumbled the parent as he put down his pen and advanced to the window. With a half smile he raised the sash and stuck forth his head.
"Well, Harry, what is it?" he asked.
"The boy from a group of youngsters, called out, "Dad, Tommy Perkins didn't believe that you had no hair on the top of your head."

Fellow Feeling.
Mr. Landry, a wealthy though miserly man, was one day relating to a Quaker a tale of deep distress and concluded by saying:
"I could not but feel for him."
"Verily, friend," replied the Quaker, "thou didst right in that thou didst feel for thy neighbor, but didst thou feel in the right place? Didst thou feel in thy pocket?"

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A number of politicians were attending a convention in Chicago a short time ago when one of the number was approached by an old acquaintance who was plainly down in his luck. Sliding up to the politician he said:
"Say, Jack, lend me ten, will you? I'm short."
The big fellow went down into his pocket, flashed out a big roll and handed a five-dollar bill to the down-and-outer.
"Say, Jack," said he of the "touch," "I said ten."
"I know you did," replied the politician, "but I think this way is fairer. You lose five and I lose five."

Taken Philosophically.
An Irishman was sauntering homeward from his labors one pay day when he passed a quarry where some blasting was being done. Just as he passed a blast came and blew one of his hands off. The quarrymen quickly gathered about and consoled with him while awaiting the ambulance.
"What a fearful thing!" cried one of them.
"Oh, well," answered Murphy, "it might ha' been worse."
"How's that?" asked the man.
"It might ha' been the hand wid me wages in."

One of the easiest ways for a man to get married is to tell a young widow that he intends to remain a bachelor.



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