

# LAND OF WEALTH

Western Canada Has Unbounded Possibilities.

Glorious Opportunities for the Stock Raiser, the Wheat Grower, and the Mixed Farmer—its Fields to Feed the World.

Before there were any cattle in Alberta, or it was known that it was possible to feed them outside all the year round, the Indian hunters could always find the buffalo during the winter months pasturing in the foothills. In the summer the herds wandered on the plains and fed on the prairie grasses. The plains have since become grain fields, but the foothill district extending north from the International boundary for a thousand miles will always be a natural feeding ground for live stock. In the southern part of Alberta the altitude is greater than in the more northerly districts, but while the herds in the south have winter tracts of treeless pasturage, in the north from Red Deer on into the Peace river country there are more trees, a richer vegetation and more natural shelter.

Those who have been advocating stock raising and mixed farming for the past few years point to the number of hogs marketed as an evidence of the increased production of the Western Provinces. They may also take credit for the increase in cattle and sheep, which is very great, but perhaps not so marked as what has been accomplished in hog raising. For the first six months alone last year about half a million hogs were shipped from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. A very conservative estimate value of these animals to the farmer would be \$25.00 a head.

The Canadian West is fast forging to the front of the wheat-producing countries of the world, and "No. 1 hard" is without doubt the best wheat in the market today. When it is considered that the three hundred and forty-three thousand bushel crop of 1915 was from only eleven million acres of her hundreds of millions of acres, it gives an idea of what her future will be.

It is felt, however, that on account of the great money there will undoubtedly be in growing wheat during the next few years there is a possibility that farmers may be tempted to drop the growing of coarser grains, which might result in less stock being raised. Every effort is being made by the Agricultural Departments of the various Provinces to impress on the farmers that forage crops and coarse feed in abundance mean production of flesh and milk, and that in the long run the great future of the Western Provinces lies in mixed farming which will found her prosperity on a more enduring basis.

Mixed farming has always been the rule in the Eastern Provinces where the formation of the land invites variety of crop, but it has not been as common in the Western Provinces, though the practice has grown in recent years. Hitherto the man mining wheat from the rich soil has purchased most of his household food and necessities, his energies being devoted to getting every possible bushel of grain out of every foot of his land, and he has paid prices for his supplies that have made a big dent in his profits. It has now dawned on him that he can raise vegetables and poultry, and supply his own table; that with very little effort he can raise a lot of garden produce and in a very simple manner solve his own problem of the cost of living. Further, that there is an increasing market for domestic necessities such as poultry, eggs, butter, milk and cheese, which command very high prices, and that there are other roads to prosperity besides that through the wheat field.

In 1916 Canada imported 7,989,299 pounds of butter, most of it from as far away as New Zealand, and for the first time in 60 years failed to ship butter to England, a condition due to the home consumption, which is estimated to be increasing at the rate of \$3,000,000 worth a year, being greatly in excess of the increased supply. This condition has brought about a change in farming methods that is far-reaching, and will result in greatly increased production all round of the necessities demanded by the home market.

**Natural Resources.**  
One of the most important considerations to the farmer is fuel. In northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, where portions of the country are well wooded, the settler has little difficulty in getting all the wood he requires and thousands of men find employment in the winter cutting wood, which is shipped all over the prairie portions of the provinces. There is an abundance of coal throughout the country. It is estimated that the coal deposits in Alberta cover over 81,000 square miles and represent an available tonnage of over ten hundred thousand million tons, while those in Saskatchewan cover an area of 18,000 miles, containing over 69,000,000 tons. In Manitoba the coal reserve is not as large, but even there 180,000,000 tons is considered a conservative estimate. At the present time these deposits are only worked to a small extent, but there is no doubt that they will be a great feature in upbuilding the country and will exercise a powerful influence on its commerce. It is a common thing in the coal districts for farmers to get their coal supply off their own farm. Near Edmonton, for example, the farmers not only supply themselves, but they carry coal to the city market and find it

a considerable source of revenue in the winter time. The Edmonton coal fields under and around the city have an estimated content of sixty thousand million tons. Farmers sell the coal at \$4 a ton for domestic use.

The pioneer of Western Canada knew little of the enjoyments of life, compared with the farmer in that country today. The continual extension of railway lines affords facilities undreamed of a few years ago, closing up the gaps of communication, creating immense business for the East in the West and the West in the East, and drawing the farmer all the time nearer to the zones of commerce. In creating wider markets the railways are doing more than any other agency can do for Western Canada and the country as a whole. The products of the farms, which are now readily marketed, and the vast train of employment that follows the enlargement of the farming industry, is creating new agricultural centers and causing towns and cities of importance to grow all along its lines.

An admirable system of agricultural instruction has been developed through the efforts of the Dominion government and the various provincial Departments of Agriculture. This forms part of the educational system of Western Canada and is doing much for all branches of agriculture. Experimental farms have been established at various points in the provinces, which have done wonders in developing improved methods of farming.

The result has been a great awakening to the necessity of better methods of tillage, scientific stock raising and dairying. Farmers are beginning to realize that to get what they are entitled to out of the land, they must adopt scientific methods, and as a result, careful seed selection, proper rotation and summer fallow is the order of the day. Under the favorable conditions generally anticipated, prospects point to an all round increase in production that will leave a great deal of money in the hands of the western farmer this year, and prosperity for Western Canada as a whole. It will be years before Europe will make up arrears in agricultural production, caused by the enforced idleness and wholesale destruction, and Western Canada will play a big part in filling the void.

The result of the continued shortage in cattle, the future price of beef and the solution of the perplexing problem of feeding the world are vital questions uppermost in the minds of many thinking people today.

There is no doubt that the wide acres of Western Canada can, and will, be made to play an important part in bringing about a proper balance in supply and demand. In the northern parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and in Alberta are many thousands of acres of the richest pasture in the world, well watered and treated by the sunniest of climates. These rolling hills for the greater part are still unpeopled and untrodden by the hoofs of domestic animals.

One of the causes assigned for the decline in stock-raising is the reduction in the areas available for grazing on account of so many big ranches being converted into farms. Experiments conducted at Vermilion, Alberta, would rather go to show that the old grazing grounds were too large, and that the feeding is really better when the animal is confined to a comparatively limited area, providing the pasturage is of the right kind and there is plenty of water.—Advertisement.

**Brief Respite.**  
"Congratulate me," said Mr. Dubwaite.  
"What for?"  
"I'm out of debt. I've just paid the last bill I owed."  
"I do congratulate you. How long do you expect to stay out of debt?"  
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"What makes you think so?"  
"I saw a doctor go in."  
"But perhaps it's nothing serious."  
"It must be. They're old-fashioned folks and don't believe in calling in a doctor until the patient is almost dead."

# LATEST NEWS EPITOMIZED

FROM TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS THAT COVER THE WEEK'S EVENTS.

## OF MOST INTEREST

KEEPING THE READER POSTED ON MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT TOPICS.

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### WESTERN

Salt Lake county's first bond election, authorizing an issue of \$1,500,000 worth of bonds to finance road improvements, carried by more than four to one.

Because of the prevalence of influenza, the government of Victoria has ordered every person appearing on the streets or in public gatherings to wear a mask.

F. J. Cassidy, 38 years old, alleged editor of the International Weekly, a radical organ, whose offices were raided by the police, is in jail at Seattle on an open charge.

Colorado supplied 34,393 men, Wyoming 11,393, Arizona 10,492 and New Mexico, 12,439 to the United States Army during the recent war in all branches of service.

Naval authorities and the Oakland police are searching for Yeomanette Irene Burke, stenographer in the radio service on Mare Island, who is posted as a deserter.

Boats are patrolling the shores of Juneau, Alaska, to prevent the escape of Peter Jackson, a native, who shot and killed Deputy United States Marshal Clyde D. Calhoun of Craig, who had arrested Jackson.

Lava in the greatest quantity observed in forty years is flowing from Kilauea, the largest active volcano in the world. The lava is pouring over all sides of the central fire pit walls onto the old crater floor.

Hugh Campbell Wallace, nominated ambassador to France by President Wilson, for many years has been prominent in the politics of the Democratic party and is Democratic national committeeman from Washington.

Wireless service from the naval radio station at South San Francisco will be crippled for several months, it was announced, following a fire on the 600-foot tower. The fire was caused by a short circuit.

Any alien, regardless of his race or color, who served in the army or navy during the war is entitled to citizenship, according to instructions received at Honolulu by William Ragsdale, chief of the naturalization bureau, from the Bureau of Naturalization at Washington.

That Salt Lake City will not only be on the aerial mail route between the East and San Francisco, but that it will be a terminal of a branch from this city to Seattle is assured, according to advices received by William H. Swanson from Frederick Porter, chairman of the membership committee of the Pacific Aero Club.

### WASHINGTON

A cablegram to Washington from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces in France gave the total casualties in American forces in Siberia up to Feb. 9 as a total of 314 men killed, died of wounds and missing in action.

Appointment of the "United States Liquidation Commission—War Department" to liquidate the business and financial affairs of the army in England and France was announced by Secretary Baker. Edwin E. Parker of Houston, Tex., is chairman.

Final legislative action on the war revenue bill levying \$6,000,000,000 in taxes this year and \$4,000,000,000 yearly thereafter until revised was taken by the Senate.

Secretary of State Lansing in a statement issued says the government of the United States welcomes the union of the Serbian, Croatian and Slovenian peoples.

Representation before the society of nations for the farmers of the world was demanded by the national board of farm organizations in semi-annual conference at Washington.

In an effort to clear the congested legislative calendar and thus remove the necessity for the early convening of the new Congress in extra session, Democratic senators decided at a conference to hold night sessions of the Senate until Congress adjourns sine die March 4.

The total cost of the war to all belligerents, including the central powers, was placed at \$193,000,000,000 by Secretary Baker in an address at the American women's "victory dinner" in Washington. This estimate, the secretary said, was based on figures just compiled by the war college.

From the signing of the armistice to Feb. 8, 287,332 American troops in France and Great Britain had embarked for the United States, while up to the 10th of February 67,454 officers and 1,039,116 men had been demobilized in this country. Total arrivals of overseas troops up to Feb. 7 were 215,749.

Adoption of the motor truck delivery system under direction of the Postoffice Departments as a means of putting the farmer in closer touch with markets is advocated by Assistant Postmaster General Blakslee.

### FOREIGN

W. D. Childs, for many years chief representative of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Russia, is dead of starvation in Petrograd.

The situation at Kaffish on the Archangel front is more satisfactory for the moment, according to an official statement issued by the British war office.

Reports from Omsk state that the Russian government there has accepted an offer from Japan of men, money and arms to settle the Bolshevik difficulties.

The Dutch steamer Rick, Rotterdam to Bergen, struck a mine and sank three miles off the Norwegian coast. The crew was saved and has landed at Christianstad.

The French dreadnought Moravian has been driven ashore at Sebastopol in a snowstorm. At last accounts it seemed doubtful whether the big warship could be saved from destruction.

The Poles have refused the German demand to withdraw troops from the Posen province, but on the contrary, have called all Poles of military age to the colors to defend that territory.

Germany is preparing to raise a large loan in the United States as soon as peace is signed, says a Geneva dispatch. The money is to be used to pay for expected raw materials from allied countries.

Admiral Viscount Jellicoe's book on the naval operations of the war which is now published settles at last the "mystery" of Lord Kitchener's death by stating that the cruiser Hampshire sank after striking a moored mine of the type laid by the German U-boats.

The Havas agency gives out a statement by Viscount Childs, the Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, who now is representing his country at the peace conference in Paris, declaring the reports to be untrue that Japan has exercised pressure on China to restrain the action of the Chinese delegation to the conference.

Few large cities of the countries that were engaged in the war have been less affected by it than the ancient capital of Greece. Free entirely from the menace of air raids and hostile bombardment, and participating actively in the war for comparatively only a short time, Athens is today in all essential features exactly as it was in pre-war days.

The program of the new German government, which has just been published at Berlin, includes equal rights for men and women, the improvement of the educational system, conscription along democratic lines to establish a people's army, rationing at maximum prices of food and necessities of life, care of the wounded and the families of those killed during the war, the socialization of all industries ripe for such treatment, particularly the coal and iron mines, and considerable additions to income taxes.

### SPORT

The Navy wrestlers had a walkover at Annapolis defeating the University of Pennsylvania team by a score of 33 to 0.

Wladek Zbyszko, Polish wrestling champion, defeated Arvid Anderson of Boston in two straight falls of 29 and 9 minutes each respectively, at St. Louis.

Alfredo de Oro, the Cuban cue expert from New York, wrestled the three-cushion billiard championship from Augie Kleckhefer of Chicago by winning the third block of their 150-point match.

West Philadelphia High school set a new American interscholastic record in the 800-yard relay race at the sixteenth annual national interscholastic swimming championships, University of Pennsylvania pool, making the distance in 2 minutes and 35.45 seconds and clipping their own mark made in 1915.

### GENERAL

Careful survey of food prices covering a period of thirty days shows the high cost of living has taken its first big drop.

Charged with the embezzlement of \$80,000, J. S. Swartz, cashier of the Park bank of Pittsburg, which was closed by the state examiner, is in Mercy hospital in an unconscious and delirious condition.

A world shortage of gasoline waits just around the corner for the motor-propelled world, according to Mark L. Requa, Standard Oil official, who has been directing the oil division activities of the Fuel Administration.

German ships of approximately 300,000 tons flying the American flag and furnishing the United States an additional troop-carrying capacity of more than 60,000 men a month, will be ready to put to sea in the next few weeks.

Following much shooting and hand-to-hand battles on tops of freight cars eighteen men were arrested at Monroe, Mich., by the state constabulary on the charge of whisky smuggling. Several hundred quarts of liquor were confiscated.

Two hundred and fifty soldiers and freshmen at Northwestern University in Chicago, are on a strike in opposition to compulsory military training. They absented themselves from drill and presented a petition to President Holgate asking that the training be made optional with the students.

Five armed but unmasked bandits held up the Liberty State Bank of Minneapolis and escaped with \$10,000 in cash and \$15,000 in Liberty bonds. Obligatory military service, always bitterly opposed by the majority of Cuban citizens of all classes and ages, is now a thing of the past in that republic.

Wisconsin has granted women the right to vote at presidential elections. The Senate by a vote of 27 to 4 passed the House bill to this effect. All that is now needed is the signature of the governor.



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**Reasonable.**  
A self-important individual stopped beside a trench where a little man and a big man were employed. Noticing that the first was hard at it, while the other was doing a lot of soldiering, he said: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself to let the little man do all the work."  
"Why shouldn't he?" retorted the big fellow; "he's the nearest to it."

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