

**FARM LABOR.**

**Its Management—Some of the Conditions Necessary Before It Is Brought Into an Ideal State.**

Unquestionably there is nothing connected with the business of farming which gives us as much annoyance, or which is as difficult to get on a satisfactory basis as farm labor. There are various causes which tend to bring about this state of things, and perhaps none more so than the unreasonableness of employers. Socialists tell us that the world could produce enough for its needs if every man worked but half the number of hours that is now considered a working day; but unfortunately on our Canadian farms it seems necessary for the farmer and his men to put in each day a solid day's work all the year around, and even then it is difficult to hold one's own among the keen competition. In these days when the competition between capital and labor have become so tense that a little extra strain at any time may bring about the most serious results, it is a matter of no small importance for farmers to consider whether something more cannot be done to put the labor question, as it affects the farm, on a better basis.

In an ideal condition of affairs, the employer would never ask or expect his men to do more work than was right or reasonable, and when hiring would in all cases be ready and willing to give a fair and just remuneration for services to be performed, and would endeavor to carry out a system of farming that would give employment to his men in the slack part of the year. The employed also would not take undue advantage of the employer because of a temporary scarcity of labor; would never shirk his work, but would be faithful in doing his duty, whether his employer were with him or not, and would in all cases be ready to put forth an extra effort at a busy time.

It is scarcely to be expected, however, that such an Utopian state of affairs will ever exist, while frail human nature remains as it is, but by the exercise of a little thoughtfulness and mutual forbearance, the relations between employer and employee may be much improved. In considering the question of farm labor as it affects the operations and profits of the farm, and the home life of the dwellers there, morally and socially, it will generally be found on large and moderately large farms, that the employment of married men boarding themselves, is altogether preferable to boarding men in the house. Outside the question of profits, there is the all-important consideration of home life,—the home life cannot by any possibility be what home life ought to be, when the farm house is nothing better than a boarding house. It is not too much to say that the future life of many a bright boy or girl in this country has been a failure through too little attention having been paid to their yearning for home comforts. One of the first things to be aimed at in operating a farm in this way is to employ none but good men, and then to do everything in reason to make their lives comfortable. Farmers have no right, even if they have the power, to make their men work from early morning until after dark at night, and looked at from no standpoint than that of personal gain, it is a very decided mistake. Incidentally it may not be amiss to say that the farmer ought not to ask his sons to do what no reasonable man would expect his hired men to do.

Then again it is a matter of the first importance that the men serving shall be well treated. Their houses if not large, should at least be made comfortable. The gardens attached should be large enough to enable them to grow vegetables for their own use, but not so large as to take up too much of their time, and if a few apples and small fruits can be grown on the ground, they would be more appreciated than by those who can afford to buy them. A cow is almost a necessity to a family on the farm, and an arrangement should be made to have it pastured, but on no account wintered by the farmer. It is too severe a trial of human nature to allow a hired man to feed his cow from his employer's meal box, and is almost sure to cause trouble.

The faculty of getting on well with hired men on the farm is well worth cultivating. My own experience leads me to know that if you engage good men, there is little trouble in keeping them, if we, as employers, do our part. It is our duty to try to make them comfortable as circumstances will permit. If we do so we may expect faithful service and from good men we will get it. Let the rules be strictly laid down and adhered to, and on no consideration keep a man after his time is out, if he has at any time given a word of impertinence.

However, owing to the conditions in which most farmers are placed, the larger number of farm hands are unmarried men who are boarded in the house, and this is most likely the state of affairs that will continue for some time to come. It is a difficult question to deal with, and as far as both employer and employee are concerned, it is a most unsatisfactory state, largely arising from the fact that in many sections there is comparative little employment for one half the year; and just so long as the farmer has to look out for new men every spring, and good men find themselves discharged at the first sign of winter or before, it will remain so, and no amount of philosophizing will put it right. The rapid

extension of winter darning during the past few years has done a good deal to ensure steady employment the year round, but conditions are still unsatisfactory in many districts.

In conclusion it may be said that as a general thing the best men are the cheapest. Try to get good men and where conditions will admit of it, have profitable employment the year round, and use them as you would like to be used if you were in their circumstances.—F. W. Hodson, Live Stock Commissioner.

**WE REPAIR WAGGONS AND BUGGIES.**

If your wheeled vehicles need repairing of any description we can do the work as well as anybody in the county.

We can repaint your buggy and make it look like a new one, or will sell you a new one and take your old one in part payment.

**Chambers & Palmer.**

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Agent for

**ORGANS, PIANOS, SEWING MACHINES and MASSEY-HARRIS FARM IMPLEMENTS.**

We guarantee good goods at reasonable prices.

Call and see our instruments and machines before buying.

Shop opposite Post-office, FENELON FALLS. MAY 12th, 1902.

**SECOND DIVISION COURT OF THE County of Victoria.**

The next sittings of the above Court will be held in Twomey's hall, Fenelon Falls, ON MONDAY, JULY 7th, 1902,

commencing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Thursday, June 27th, will be the last day of service on defendants residing in this county. Defendants living in other counties must be served on or before Saturday, June 21st.

E. C. EDWARDS, Bailiff. E. D. HAND, Clerk. Fenelon Falls, April 15th, 1902.

**FENELON FALLS GAZETTE**

is printed every Friday at the office, corner May and Francis Streets.

SUBSCRIPTION: \$1.00 A YEAR, IN ADVANCE or one cent per week will be added, as long as it remains unpaid.

**Advertising Rates.** Professional or business cards, 50 cents per line per annum. Casual advertisements, 8 cents per line for the first insertion, and 2 cents per line for every subsequent insertion. Contracts by the year, half year or less, upon reasonable terms.

**JOB PRINTING** executed neatly, correctly and at moderate prices.

E. D. HAND, Proprietor.

**NEW MACHINE SHOP IN FENELON FALLS.**

The undersigned has opened a well-equipped Machine Shop on Francis Street East, opposite the north side of Twomey's hotel, and is now ready to repair all kinds of Farming, Steamboat and Mill Machinery and Bicycles, and to repair or renew the wooden parts of implements. Lawn Mowers repaired and sharpened, and Saws sharpened and gummed.

Prices right and all work attended to promptly.

**JOHN JONES.**

Fenelon Falls, April 18th, 1901.

**Dr. T. P. McCULLOUGH, Specialist,**

**EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.**

Will visit Simpson House, Lindsay, every Wednesday. Hours, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Consultations, eye, ear, nose and throat. Peterborough, corner George and Murray streets.

**The Boer War is Over,**

But our sale continues with increasing earnestness, because our **Reduced Prices** are being proven by our customers.

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST YOU THIS WEEK:

**Special Lace Curtains just received, at 35, 50 and 95c. 5 pieces navy and white and black and white Dress Ducks, full yard wide, warranted fast colors, extra good value. Regular price 14c.; selling for 10 cts.**

We are showing a wonderful assortment of Wash Goods this week, and the smallness of the price will astonish you.

We have Dimities, Percalés, Organdies, Swiss Goods, and the prices—well, just call and see how they are and you will be amply repaid.

The Cheap Store. **WM. CAMPBELL.**

**PRINTING.**

**BILL HEADS, NOTE HEADS, LETTER HEADS, STATEMENTS, CIRCULARS, ENVELOPES, POSTERS, DODGERS, SHIPPING TAGS, PROGRAMMES, BLANK NOTES, RECEIPTS, ETC., WEDDING INVITATIONS, MEMORIAL CARDS, LADIES' VISITING CARDS.**

We have lately added a stock of type and stationery for printing Wedding Invitations, Calling Cards, etc., and can turn out first class work at reasonable prices.

Come and see samples.

Francis Street West.

**"Gazette" Office.**

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**GROCERIES DEPARTMENT.**

We desire to call your attention to the following line of goods, just received:

Choice Cleaned Currants; Choice Seeded Raisins, one pound packages (East Brand); Fine Filiated Currants; Selected Valencia Raisins; Sultana Raisins. A full stock of Crosse & Blackwell's Peels; Soft-shell Almonds; Shelled Grenoble Walnuts; Shelled Almonds.

**CROCKERY DEPARTMENT**

Toilet and Dinner Sets. For the next two weeks we will offer special value in these goods; also a large stock of Fancy Goods, Lamps etc.

**BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT.**

A full line of the best goods and latest styles money can buy.

**READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Call and see our Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits, also a nice line of Ulsters and Overcoats. These are only a few of the lines of new goods just placed in stock. You are invited to take a close look through the stocks and compare prices whether you buy or not.

Our 25c. Tea is immense value.

**JOS. McFARLAND.**



**Wedding Rings.**

**Correct COLOR, QUALITY, to WEIGHT, Correct SHAPE, FINISH, STYLE.**

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AND GUARANTEED FOR ALL TIME.

**Britton Bros., Lindsay.**

Issuers of Marriage Licenses.

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**DIRECTORY.**

**SOCIETIES.**

**KNIGHTS OF TENTED MACCABEES**  
Diamond Tent No. 208. Meets in the True Blue hall in McArthur's Block on the first and third Tuesday in each month.  
CHAS. WISE, Com.  
C. W. BURGONNE, R. K.

**CANADIAN ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS**  
Trent Valley Lodge No. 71. Meet in the Orange hall on Francis street west on the first and third Mondays in each month.  
D. BRIDGEMAN, N. G.  
J. T. THOMPSON JR., Sec.

**O. I. No. 996. MEET IN THE ORANGE**  
hall on Francis St. West on the second Tuesday in every month.  
J. J. NEVISON, W. M.  
F. J. AIDOUS, Rec-Sec.

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.**  
Court Phoenix No. 182. Meet on the last Monday of each month, in the True Blue hall in McArthur's Block.  
D. GOULD, Chief Ranger.  
THOS. AUSTIN, R. S.

**CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS,**  
Fenelon Falls Lodge No. 626. Meets in the Orange Hall on Francis street west on the first Thursday of each month.  
THOS. JOY, Chief Ranger;  
P. DEYMAN, Sec.

**CANADIAN HOME CIRCLES. FENE**  
LON Falls Circle No. 127, meets in the True Blue hall in McArthur's Block the first Wednesday in every month.  
P. C. BURGESS, Leader.  
R. B. SYLVESTER, Secretary.

**A. F. AND A. M., G. R. C. THE SPRY**  
Lodge No. 406. Meets on the first Wednesday of each month, on or before the full of the moon, in the lodge room in Cunningham's Block.  
F. A. McDIARMID, W. M.  
E. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

**CHURCHES.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH—QUEEN ST. REV.**  
Benj. Davies, Minister. Preaching services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible Class and Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Praise and prayer service on Thursday at 8 p. m.

**METHODIST CHURCH—COLBORNE**  
Street—Rev. John Garbutt, Pastor. Sunday service at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School at 2.30 p. m. Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—COLBORNE**  
Street—Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 2.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor meeting every Tuesday at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

**SALVATION ARMY—BARRACKS ON**  
Bond St. West—Capt. Kivell & Lieut. Jago. Service every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8 p. m., and on Sundays at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7.30 p. m.

**ST. ALOYSIUS R. C. CHURCH—LOUISA**  
Street—Rev. Father O'Leary, Pastor. Services every alternate Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 2 p. m.

**ST. JAMES'S CHURCH—BOND STREET**  
East—Rev. R. MacNamara, Pastor. Service every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 2.30 p. m. Bible class every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Seats free in all churches. Everybody invited to attend. Strangers cordially welcome.

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY—PATRICK KELLY,**  
Librarian. Open daily, Sundays excepted, from 10 o'clock a. m. till 10 p. m. Book exchanged on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 12 a. m. till 3 p. m. and in the evening from 7 to 9. Reading room in connection.

**POST-OFFICE—F. J. KERR, POSTMAS-**  
ter. Open daily, Sundays excepted, from 7.30 a. m. to 7 p. m. Mail going south closes at 7.35 a. m. Mail going north closes at 11.25 a. m. Letters for registration must be posted half an hour previous to the time for closing the mails.

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2. If any person orders his paper discontinued he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it is taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.  
3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.  
4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.  
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