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The Triple Alliance.

The farmers of the west are provoked over the triple alliance, which, as defined in the western provinces, means the railroads, banks and the protected manufacturers. The homesteader goes on to a homestead, works hard, skimps and finally raises a wheat crop. When he sells his wheat he finds that when he has paid the banks, the railways and the protected manufacturers for the goods he buys from them, he is as badly off as when he started. The western farmer is out to break these monopolies. He wants free trade, cheap money and cheap railway rates. We hope he gets them, not that they will be Socialism, not that they will put the capitalists out of business, but simply because they will hasten the development of capitalism and turn it in the direction of farm lands.

Capitalism is the means used to exploit labor. Public roads cost much money to build. Yet, as they are owned publicly, we do not hear of financiers talking about the "capital" they have invested in roads. But we hear of their "capital invested in railroads." For railroads are privately owned and are used to exploit labor. Railroads have been getting more than the average rate of profit. They have been charging monopoly prices, and getting themselves not only railroad profit, but farm profit as well, through their excessive charges. This has resulted in tremendous railroad activity. We have seen thousands of miles of railways built each year in a country of a few millions of poople. Capitalists have considered railway ownership to that the get-rich-quick schemers turned up their noses at agricultural land. Let the hayseeds have that. Let them toil and moil, and when shipping time comes we'll get the cream. That has been the attitude of the capitalist class. Of coucse they realize that land will be valuable some day, so as a side issue they gobbled millions of acres and hold it for a rise. The manufacturers have also found an easy way to millionairedom. The wage slaves and the farmers have been the goats Now the farmers are stirring. They rise astonished at the temper of the west. The voice of the west must be heard. Banker, manufacturer, railroad baron are soon to be made disgorge some of their unearned revenues. When this the present time.—Ibid. is accomplished farming will be better paying, and the railways, banks and

manufacturing establishments will not be the melons they are now. Farming will rise in the profit scale, and other branches of exploitation will decline. This will not bring Socialism; it will but cause capitalism to flow to agriculture. The capitalist class will see the revenues to be obtained by farming, and will buy farm after farm. Prices of land will rule high for a time, and the farmers will think they are getting a good price for their land. They will be, considering the revenues they are making with their inefficient, individualist antiquated tools. But the farm capitalist will revolutionize production. Chemistry, food soils, electric stimulation, gigantic machinery, will completely revolutionize the farm industry; the cost of agricultural operations will fall, and the cost of living will fall also.

But the cheaper cost of produciion under capitalist operation will so lower prices that the individual farmer cannot compete. He will be forced to abandon his farm like the small shoemaker has been driven out of business. In a few years many a homesteader and many a little eastern farmer who think their future is assured will become hoboes, tramping the countryside and looking for work. The only hope of the small farmer is the Socialist remedy, the collective ownership of the machinery by the producing class. -Cotton's Weekly.

A Horse Meat Factory.

A few miles from Montreal is a be a good thing, particularly when the horse meat factory. About thirty head Canadian government would give the of horses are killed each week, and railway barons millions of public mo- shipped to countries where the meat ney. Poor men who got next the is used. The plant is being enlarged game have dropped off multimilion- until one hundred horses will be killed aires from the railway graft. Rail- each week. The sale of horse meat for ways have been such a melon patch food is illegal in Canada, as yet. But those who made the law can easily unmake it. Are the masters not preparing for a chance to force lower wages on the workers of this country ? The workers just live on the wages paid at present, and if they are able to secure the cheap horse meat the masters will be enabled to lower wages. The emigrants flocking to Canada would just love to pick a horse rib; it would seem like home to them. Butcher shops in towns near to railroad construction camps save their "dog meat," and sell it by the basket to foreign slaves. and demand. The complacent east is | Sphagetti and macaroni boiled in an old tin by the side of the railway track are delicacies. Horse meat would be a luxury. And it would be a luxury to some of the native Canadians at

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