

# NO WAR TAX ON CANADIAN LANDS

### Untruthful Reports Circulated by Interested Parties.

Defaming a neighbor at the expense of the truth does not help those who are guilty of the practice, and it may be said that those spreading false reports about Canadian lands, in the hope that they may secure customers for their own, will certainly fall of their purpose. False statements so maliciously circulated will sooner or later be disproved. And, as in the case of the lands of Western Canada, the fertility of which is now so well known to people of every state in the United States, the folly of this work shows an exceeding short sightedness on the part of those guilty of the practice.

The present war has given some of these people the opportunity to exercise their art, but in doing it they are only arousing the curiosity of those who read the statements and a trifling investigation will only reveal their untruthfulness.

A very foolish statement has recently appeared in a number of papers, reading in part as follows:—

"It is believed that as a result of the war tax on land imposed by the Canadian Government a number of former Dakota farmers who went to the British Northwest will be compelled to return to the United States. Information has been received that the tax will amount to about \$500 for each farm of 160 acres, which in the case of many of the former residents of the two Dakotas would practically amount to confiscation."

To show that the public has doubted, hundreds of inquiries have been made the Government at Ottawa, Canada, only to bring out the most emphatic denial. A full-fledged lie of this kind has, of course, only a short life, and will tell in the end against those who forge it and spread it, but, as a Winnipeg paper points out, it is most complimentary to the agricultural possibilities of Western Canada to find that rival farming propositions need audacious mendacity of this description to help them.

What is the truth? The Saskatchewan Government has authorized a levy of \$10 per quarter section on unoccupied lands owned by non-residents. The Alberta Government has imposed a Provincial tax of 10 mills on the assessed value of all unoccupied lands. There are some special applications of these taxes, but the main provisions are as above. Those vacant lands held by non-residents in Western Canada form a grave problem. They are making for poor communities, poor schools and poor social and economic conditions generally. By having them cultivated the owners as well as the districts in which they are located will benefit alike. It is for this reason that the Government has recently asked the co-operation of the non-residents. The high price of grain for some years to come, and the general splendid character of Western Canada land will make the question well worth consideration.—Advertisement.

**His First Sweathert.**  
Her name is Milly. I haven't said anything about marrying her yet—not to her or anybody—but I've carried her books three or four times and I hit her in the back of the head with a soft snowball, and I guess she likes me, too. She threw a snowball back at me when I hit her and then, when I washed her face for her with snow, she just said: "Oh, George, you mean thing!" as if she might be willing to marry me sometime if I got nerve enough to ask her when we're grown up. I wonder how a fellow gets nerve to ask them. I don't think I'll ever have.—Ellis Parker Butler, in the American Magazine.

**The Way to Do.**  
Friend—I see you adopt the policy of a good housewife in managing your theater.  
Manager—How so?  
Friend—You always keep your house in print.

**No Uncertainty.**  
"The Eskimos have a very peaceful life."  
"Yes. They know pretty well what kind of weather it is going to be without waiting for any tips from the ground hog."

**Not the Same.**  
"Have you caught any of the divine afflatus from the coming of the spring?"  
"No; all I've caught is the influenza."

**Final Opinion.**  
"I see there is an exodus of foreigners in Mexico."  
"Well, instead of them fool foreigners joining in any such nonsense, I think they ought to get out."

**Their Identity.**  
Germany—The other powers come to these straits in fowl disguise.  
Turkey (mournfully)—Yes, as Turkey gobblers.

**Proofs of it.**  
"The author of that work hasn't a leg to stand on."  
"How about his footnotes?"

The girl who wins the love of a truly good man makes a lucky hit and is herself a lucky miss.

# Horticultural News

## CONTROL PEACH TREE BORER

### Most Satisfactory Method is to Go Over Trees Twice Each Year and Dig Out Larvae.

Regarding peach tree borer pest all over the country, George M. List of the Colorado agricultural college, has the following to say:

The larvae live between the bark and wood a little below the surface of the ground in a mass of gum and woody material. It is a soft whitish caterpillar with a reddish-brown head. The egg from which this hatches is laid on the trunk of the tree at or near the surface of the ground by a handsome day-flying moth. The larvae after hatching eat through into the inner bark and sapwood of trunk or large roots, upon which they feed, causing a gummy exudation. They feed in this way for about a year, often almost girdling a large root of the tree.

When the larvae are full grown they construct cocoons of the gummy exudation, their casting and silk, about an inch below the surface of the ground, where about three or four weeks later they change to moths. Although there is but one generation in a season, the moths are present most of the summer. The larvae reach maturity at different times, thus keeping up almost a constant supply of adults.

The most satisfactory method of control has been to go over the trees and dig out all the larvae once in the spring and again in early fall. Their presence is easily detected by the gummy exudation on the crown and large roots.

## HAUL BRUSH OUT OF ORCHARD

### Handy Device, Made Out of Poles Ten or Twelve Feet Long, is Shown in Illustration.

This sketch shows a handy a device as I have ever seen for hauling brush out of an orchard. I selected a couple of straight poles ten or twelve feet long and about six inches in diameter at the large end, writes T. C. Graham of Douglas county, Kansas, in Mississippi Valley Farmer. I hewed them down, leaving them sled-runner shape at the big end. A two by six inch plank, four feet long was bolted across in front and two cross braces nailed on securely as shown in the drawing. Large holes were bored at the ends for standards. I begin loading the brush on the rear.



Sled for Hauling Brush.

leaving it to drag on the ground. When ready to unload I simply take out the rear standards and snake the sled out from under the brush.

## CARING FOR STRAWBERRIES

### Cultivation Should Begin Early in Spring and Continue All Summer—Keep Out Weeds.

Cultivation of strawberries should commence early in the spring and continue all summer, announced W. W. Thomas, before the Illinois Agricultural society. A small-tooth cultivator is the best and should be used about every ten days or oftener. If rains should be heavy and pack the soil, then cultivate as soon after the rain as ground is dry enough. The grass and weeds should be removed from row and from plants and soil loosened between the plants. Give thorough cultivation, it will pay. The soil should be kept thoroughly loose and well pulverized all summer.

When the runners commence to grow, hoeing will have to be done with more care. When the new plant begins to form on the runner, it should be pressed down and a little loose soil thrown on the runner just behind the small plant. I advise letting the first runners grow after each enough plants have been transferred. Cultivation should always be thorough, and in dry seasons like the last it should be increased.

## VALUE OF LOW-HEADED TREE

### Easily Managed in Regard to Pruning, Spraying, Thinning and Picking—Much Labor Saved.

(By R. S. HERRICK)  
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## RATHER ROUGH ON FATHER

### Daughter's Remark Might Have Been Construed Unkindly by the Casual Listener.

Since Fred had been a sophomore, and was therefore a college "man," he had given himself patronizing airs toward Sister May, who had been his guide, philosopher and friend during boyhood. Vexed by his haughtiness, she was unmercifully quizzing him the other evening at dinner.

"Has our man made up his mind," she inquired, "as to what profession he will honor after awhile?"

"Why, yes, little one," Fred responded, with his most aggravating smile. "I have made up my mind to be a doctor, like grandfather and father."

"You a doctor?" May sniffed scornfully.

"I'd like to know why not—if I get my diploma," asked Fred, still annoyingly calm.

"Well, you'll never be a great surgeon like father," May insisted.

"Again, why not?" Fred smiled, condescendingly.

"You a surgeon like father?" May cried vehemently. "Why, you big softy, you couldn't even kill a fly!"

Nobody but father caught the significance of the remark, and somehow he did not mention it.

## Reason of His Faith.

"Brudren and sistahs," began Jim Dinger, the gambling man, during the revival in Ebenezer chapel. "I rises to testify dat I has done been snatched from the slough o' sin and de snaspole o' 'nickerky' whah I has been wallerin' for lo dese many days."

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"Yas, brudren and sistahs, de Lawd's done made mud eyesight so po' of late dat I kain't see'ly see de spots on a cyahnd, and I mought dese as well jine de church as to stay outside. Muh days o' usefulness is ovah, anyhow."—Kansas City Star.

## So Paw Says.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, what is the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?

Paw—An optimist, son, is a man who is happy when he is miserable, and a pessimist is a man who is miserable when he is happy.

## Point of View.

Aviator—I must take a vacation!  
Manager—To get rested up?  
Aviator—Lord, no! Down!

## SOME HARD KNOCKS

### Woman Gets Rid of "Coffee Habit."

The injurious action of coffee on the hearts of many persons is well known by physicians to be caused by caffeine. This is the drug found by chemists in coffee and tea.

A woman suffered a long time with severe heart trouble and finally her doctor told her she must give up coffee, as that was the principal cause of the trouble. She writes:

"My heart was so weak it could not do its work properly. My husband would sometimes have to carry me from the table, and it would seem that I would never breathe again.

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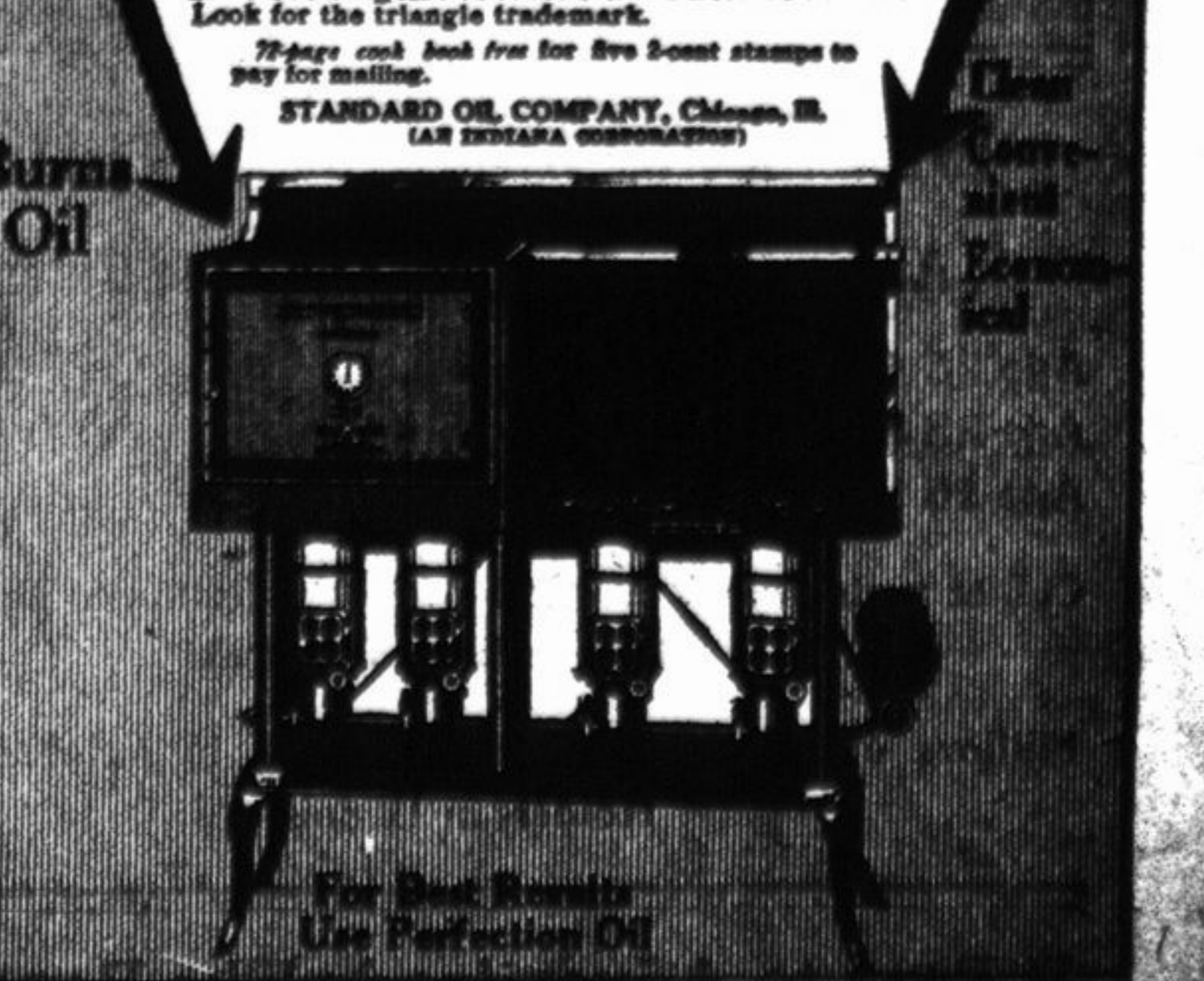
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