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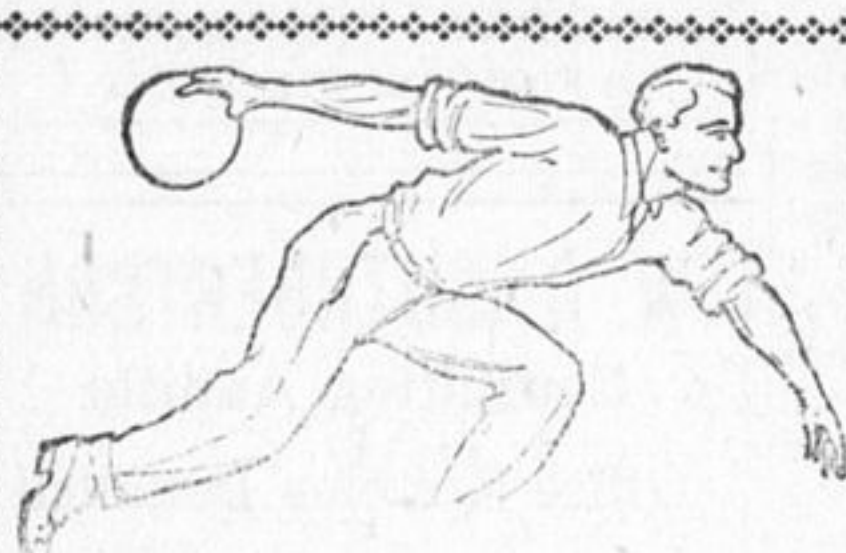
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New Regulation Likely to Retard Settlement of North

General Opinion of Settlers and Others Seems to be That 80-acre Farms Will Not be Large Enough for Success. One Settlers Reviews Question from Both Sides.

Several settlers and others with special knowledge of conditions have been asked by The Advance as to their opinion in regard to the recent change in the regulations decreasing the size of farms obtainable by settlers in this North Land from 160 acres to 80 acres. Not one man spoken to regarding the matter has favoured the idea of the smaller farm. One man said: "Any size farm is both too big and too small until there are roads." Another suggested ironically that the settler who had only 80 acres would be likely better off than the one with 160 acres, if they both had sold pulpwood to the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. four years ago. It seems to be a general opinion that no settler can "make a go of it" on as small a parcel of land as 80 acres.

The New Liskeard Speaker has been actively opposing the change in the regulations, and in the last issue of The Speaker there appeared a letter that seemed to corner the question in effective way from both angles. This letter was written by a farmer at Brethour and is as follows:—Regarding the action of the government in only granting eighty acres instead of one hundred and sixty, I just wish to say a few words.

I feel sure the government is doing what it thinks is best for the country. By only giving eighty acres to each settler, it will result in more settlers settling in each township. This should benefit social activities in new communities. Also having smaller farms will mean less road expense, and road tax for each farmer. As it is, each farmer has to keep or pay for keeping up a road half a mile long. By having an eighty-acre farm, each settler's taxes will be therefore lower.

Then in farming school sections people will be close together. The children will not have so far to go, and, as the winters are very cold here, there will be fewer accidents or casualties in the line of frozen feet and hands. This, I should think, would result in better school attendance during the winter.

We have also got to consider the type of settler who settles on the land. Also we should know what his previous surroundings were. If he came from a European city, eighty acres would be large enough in most cases. Supposing he came from a section in which farms were small and numerous eighty acres would also be enough. So, I should think, it would be advisable for the government to learn the qualifications of the settlers and grant the land accordingly.

Now I do not think an eighty-acre farm is large enough for a progressive farmer. If you study farming conditions in Southern Ontario you will find that the most successful farmers have more than one hundred acres. By a successful farmer, I mean one who is free from debt, has a fine house and barn, a well-educated family, the very best of stock and a complete set

of implements. Also the farmers who have gained publicity almost always have large farms. Therefore I believe that the government should give each settler a lot of one hundred and sixty acres, and in this way a good chance to become a great farmer.

If you take a survey to find on which size of farm the most money is made per acre, you will come to the astonishing fact that the farm from two hundred to three hundred acres makes the most money per acre, according to the investment of money made in the farm. This is easily explained. When you consider that each farmer needs a complete set of implements to farm with, the farmer on eighty acres will therefore have a greater investment per acre than the farmer on a large farm. Implements were made so that a farmer could work more land. And the more land he works, the greater his crop will be and also his profits. As implements are destroyed more by careless usage and exposure, a large farm should not necessarily shorten the life of implements. Therefore a large farm will have practically the same investment. In other words, more money is made "Per Acre" on a large farm than on a small farm according to the investment.

Again, I say that the government should grant each settler one hundred and sixty acres, and more if thought advisable.

The government is evidently dissatisfied with the way the country is opening up. Here is a remedy, which I think would work. As the law stands a man has to pay fifty cents per acre for the land and has to reside on the land for three years. Also a certain amount of land has to be cleared. Some of this land is taken up and then held for speculation. To prevent that I should pass a law compelling each landholder to put improvements on his land. If he is not living on his farm and puts no improvements on it for a period of three years it should go back to the Crown and be given to the next applicant with the same conditions attached regarding the settlement and patenting of the land. In this way, if one owner failed to make any improvements in opening up the land, it would be given to someone else, who could also have a chance to open up the land. This, I should think would also prevent speculation, which is a great drawback in a new country.

In education of the young children I would advise school consolidation for each township. This is not necessarily a more expensive form of education. Even if it is more expensive, a consolidated school is more efficient than an ordinary country school under one teacher.

The problem of social activity in new communities where the farms are large and families widely scattered will be adequately solved by the introduction of "tin lizzies."

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The Mail and Empire to Inaugurate Fifth Picture Puzzle Game—To Distribute One Hundred Cash Prizes—Everybody Can Participate.

The Mail and Empire, Toronto, Ontario, publishes this week in the columns of this newspaper an announcement of a "C-Word" Picture Puzzle Game. The picture puzzle will contain a number of objects and articles beginning with the letter "C". The idea of the game will be to see who can find the most. One Hundred cash prizes, totalling something over \$8,000.00, will be offered for the One Hundred best answers submitted according to the rules of the puzzle game.

All cash prizes offered in connection with the picture puzzle game will be awarded in time to reach the successful participants by Christmas Day. Any one of the prizes offered ranging from a First Prize of \$2,000.00 down to the 100th prize \$15.00 will make a handsome Christmas present for the successful puzzle "fans."

Everybody likes puzzles, and The Mail and Empire's new Picture Puzzle will be a real treat for our readers. All can participate in the Games, from the tiniest child to Pa and Ma, and even Grandpa and Grandma. Baby has a block puzzle, Young Folks have Chinese ring puzzles, and you Older Folks, all sorts of puzzles. But our readers will find this new picture puzzle equally tantalizing to everyone. You will have a mighty good time solving it—because it's everybody's game. And the Puzzle will be easy to solve, as a large picture will be published with the objects showing clearly without any effort to disguise them. Don't fail to look for the announce-

ment in this paper this week and when you see it—start right in making up your list of "C-Words", and try for one of the big cash prizes.

NEW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FORMED IN NEW LISKEARD

The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—Owing to the disastrous two seasons experienced by the local Athletic Association, it began to look as though winter sports were due for a slump in this town. However, there has been a newly organized club put on the map, to be known as The New Liskeard Fire Department Amateur Athletic Club, the object being to carry on with a Junior N. O. H. A. team, and to inaugurate a Juvenile League in town. The officers elected for this new club are as follows:—President.....M. G. Hansman Vice-President.....R. W. Thompson Sec.-Treas.....H. Perry The manager for the Junior team will be Mr. Roy Grills, while the Juveniles will be in charge of Mr. Gordie Spence.

SCHUMACHER L. O. L. HOLD FINE EUCHRE AND DANCE

There was a record crowd at the Euchre and Dance given last Wednesday evening in the McIntyre Hall under the auspices of the Schumacher L. O. L. Everybody had a very fine time and the evening was much enjoyed. The best of music was provided by the Ramblers Orchestra. Luncheon was served during the evening. In the Euchre, the first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. Harry Leng. The first prize for gentlemen was won by Mr. Alex. Maekenzie. This Armistice Euchre and Dance was a very enjoyable evening and Schumacher L. O. L. No. 2975 is being generally congratulated on its success.

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