COST OF GRAIN GROWING IN CENTRAL CANADA

A careful canvass made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been enused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cents a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cents per buchel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cents and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 171/2 cents and for his high-grade wheat of 191/2 cents; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat sinks very much below its present level. A matter of importance to the prospective settler is that of the cost of production. The following table has been prepared after careful investigation:

Interest on 320 acres, value \$30 per acre, 3 years at 6 per cent interest.....\$1,720.00 Interest on horses, machinery, wagons, ploughs, harrows, etc., to operate 320

years 450.00 Getting 320 acres ready for crop first year, doing one's own work, with hired help, about \$3.50 per acre..... 1,120.00 Getting 320 acres ready for

acres—say \$2,500 for 3

crop, second and third year, about \$1.25 per acre per year, or \$2.50 per acre 2 years one's own work and hired help..... Seed per year, wheat, per acre \$1.25, 3 years..... 1,200.00

Seeding, 320 acres, 25 cents per acre, 3 years..... Twine, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre, 3 years..... Harvesting, 320 acres, 30 cents per acre, 3 years....

240.00

Marketing, 320 acres, estimate 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 3 cents per bushel, or 9 cents per bushel for 3 years.... Threshing 320 acres, estimate

20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, 6 cents per bushel per year or 18 cents for 3 years..... 1,152.00

Total\$7,834.00

By wheat crop farm 320 acres for 3 years, average 20 bushels per acre per year for 3 years, or a total of 60 bushels, = 19,200 bushels at 80 cents per bushel.....\$15,360.00 Balance to credit of farm after 3 years operation, \$2,-

"To operate 480 acres would cost less in proportion, as the plant reguired for 320 acres would do for the larger farm, and the interest on plant for the extra 160 acres would be gaved."

563.00 per year..... 7,526.00

The figures given may be open to criticism, but they will be found to be reasonably accurate, with a fairness given to the expense columns. There are those who profess to do the work at a much less cost than those given.

Signs of a Winner.

"Does your wife win at bridge?" "I don't know for sure," replied Mr. Meckton, "but I think so. The women all look as if they disliked her very much, but they keep on inviting her to play."

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L'ESSON FOR FEBRUARY 18.

MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

LESSON TEXT Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-20. MEMORY VERSES-Luke 5:8, 9 or 16, GOLDEN TEXT-Repent ver for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 3.2.

The story of John the Baptist's ministry, opening as it does with a prophetic reference, connects the Old and the New Testaments, showing the New to be the fulfillment of the Old. Thus we say: The Old is in the New contained, the New is in the Old explained; the Old is in the New concealed, the New is in the Old revealed. Christ is the theme and unifier of both Testaments. If he had not been coming, the Old would not have been written; if he had not come, the New would not have been written.

What a strange impression this flery preacher of the wilderness, John, must have made upon his hearers! His dress, as his message, bore the marks of the wild. Strange, is it not, that such a one should be chosen to prepare the way for the Messiah? We might have chosen a different instrument-a well dressed, polished, eloquent, silver-tongued orator.

The Baptist's message had its basis in the word of God-"The word of God came unto John in the wilderness." That is where every pulpit message ought to come from. The business of the preacher and teacher of Christ is not to invent a gospel, but to proclaim one already provided. The Bible is the final critic of the message.

John's ministry was preparatory: it looked forward to the coming of something better. Just as John himself gave way to Christ, so his message of repentance made room for faith in Christ. John baptized with water unto repentance. The Baptists's ministry went no farther than that. Jesus Christ turned the water of John's baptism into steam by the fire of the Holy Ghost. John prepared; Jesus regenerated.

The necessity for repentance cannot be overlooked in this lesson. In a sense, it is the first step into the Kingdom. Both John and Jesus began their ministry with a call to repentance.

Repentance is clearly defined in this lesson as a turning from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. There are three elements in repentance: First, the intellect is involved—it is a change of mind or viewpoint; second, the emotions are involved-it means to have a care regarding the thing in question, so we find the words "sigh," "grief" substituted for repentance; third, the will plays a prominent part in repentance, for there is included in the word the idea of an after-thought. resulting in a change in one's course of action. Repentance is not only a heart broken for sin, but also from sin.

That this is John's meaning of repentance is clear from his exhortation to those who asked him the meaning of his call to repentance-exact no more than that which is appointed you; do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance. A little boy was once asked the meaning of repentance. He replied: "It means being sorry enough for a thing so as not to do it again."

John preached the wrath to come. Evidently he believed in future punishment. He did not believe that the desire to escape future punishment was sufficient or the best reason why men should receive Jesus Christ And It may be that no man really becomes a Christian who seeks to be one only that he may escape the results of his ein. We are saved that we may glorify God in the life that now is as well as to be delivered from the wrath to come. He who does not serve Christ here will not dwell with him in heaven.

The fact of wrath and future punishment is not an invention of modern theology. Christ believed in it and taught it when he referred to the worm that dieth not, and the fire that is not quenched," and pictured the ungodly being cast into "everlasting fire." We should have to blot out a large part of the Bible if we were to blot out all the Scriptures which teach future retribution for sin. When we consider the fearful atrocities perpetrated upon the sons of men, the frightful iniquities practiced upon helpless women and children, and then see the ease and luxury and splendor in which the perpetrators of these crimes live, we would be very sorry to be assured that there is no future retribution for the perpetrators of such deeds. Give the justice of heaven the same degree of common sense consideration that you give to the justice of earth, and somewhere in the

tentiary. John's preaching drew the crowds, and so will the preaching and teaching of the Gospel today, when proclaimed by men as consecrated to their mission as John the Baptizer was to his. The crowd have not tired of the Gospel, but only of the average preacher of the Gospel. The messenger, and not the message, is at fault. The hearts of men with all their needs, as well as the Gospel of Christ with all ts power, is the same today as when Thrist walked upon the earth. John vas a bold preacher, and a study of ils life shows us that he died because if his bold rebuke of Herod's sin.

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INTERNATIONAL SEA'S REAL HOBOES SURELY HARD MAN TO PLEASE

Wander from One End to Other of World. 1

Skippers of These Vessels Do Not Care What Cargo May Be-Will Carry Anything from Fruit to Arms for Revolutionists.

New York.-The "hobo" of the ser is no relation to the Weary Willie of the land, and although the old song of "Wherever there's freight, that's where the tramp goes" applies, in a measure, to the pilgrim who steals his way on the cargo carriers of the steel rail, it was penned by some one who had in mind the thousands of sturdy steam craft that are known on the seven seas as tramps.

All vessels that do not ply on regular routes may be said to be tramps, and, while tramping may be looked upon with disfavor by those who live ashore, those affoat and the shipping interests hold the tramp ship in high favor. A manufacturer gets a large order to deliver, say, at Tampico, Mexico. There are no regular freight ships plying from his nearest coast port. Whta does he do? He telegraphs or telephones to a ship broker at that port, and the agent charters a tramp steamer of the required cargo capacity.

The skipper of the tramp is the man with whom to talk. He does not care what the cargo may be-fruit, oil in case, wheat, lumber, ties, dynamite or sinews of war for a revolutionary party in any part of the world -- just so the price is in keeping with the risk and the time required.

Among the calculations of the proposed revolution that certain dissatisfied patriots may be contemplating the question of transportation of their 'army" and stores is a minor one, for the members of the junta know that for the price a tramp steamer may be chartered. The risk to the owner? Oh, that's nothing if the price is right.

During the Russo-Japanese war it was common to read of both the Japs and Russians destroying steamers found to be carrying contraband. The owners of the steamers were satisfied, for the men who chartered the vessels had paid enough freight money to justify the loss. As for the skipper and crew, if they escaped with their lives to enjoy their portion of the money paid, well and good. If they went down, well, is it not all in the business?

The business of tramping is as old as ships, but it was developed to a high



A Tramp Steamer.

degree by the Yankee skippers of the early days of this country. In those days a young man returned from a voyage with a rating of second or first mate and a knowledge of navigation. He wanted a vessel of his own; so he

organized a company on a stock basis. With the ship in commission the captain's real work began, and when he slipped his moorings for a voyage he was going tramping, although he called it "trading." In his quest for cargoes he did not bother where he might have to go, his only stipulation being that he should have a return freight or a monetary consideration.

Those were the days when trading was not so prosaic as today, for the doughty skippers of sailing craft took all kinds of chances, especially those who went over on the African coast, swapping beads, mirrors, calico, knives and other gimeracks for ivory. Many of those skippers were not averse to "blackbirding," as running slaves was called, and many a cargo of blacks was run to the states, even after the British government started in to break up slave trading.

It is to the tramp steamer that England owes her position as the foremost maritime power. The crown has encouraged the building of liners and tramps by the giving of subsidy. In other words, the crown is a part owner, but only in time of war does the crown assert its rights. Then these tramps must respond, to be used as troop transports, as many were during the Boer war.

Mouse Bites Woman.

Lawrence, Ind .- Miss Nora M. Frenzelmeler, aged thirty-one, a trained nurse, is in a serious condition, suffering with blood poisoning.

Miss Frenzelheler attempted to kill a mouse with a stick of stove wood. She crippled the little animal and when she picked it up the mouse bit her on the right hand.

Her hand will probably have to be emputated to check the spread of the infection.

Driven Backward by Storm. Boston.-With engines going full speed ahead, the Hansa Line steamer Braunfels traveled backward 54 miles in 24 hours during a storm which she struck a few days ago on her way to this city from Calcutta.

Wonian Delivers Mail. White Plains, N. Y .- When her hus band, the postman, became too ill to deliver the mail, Mrs. William Girl ing went forth in the gale, and jour neyed 22 miles alone. Not a house on the rural route was missed.

Artist Did His Best, but Somehow Managing Editor Would Not Be Satisfied.

An artist was drawing a cartoon wherein the flag of our nation played a large part. He drew the flag, first time, with five stars in the blue field and took it to the managing editor, who promptly let out a yelp.

"Wadye think this country is," said the managing editor, "a trust?" "What's the trouble?" asked the art

"Trouble," bellowed the managing editor, "why, we need more stars,

stars, stars!" So the artist brought the picture back and this time he had 117 stars in it by actual count.

The magaging editor felt his bead nd choked slightly. "What do you think you're draw

ing?" he asked as last. You're the hardest man to please I ever met in my life," said the artist indignantly; "first it's too few and then it's too many. How many stars do you want, anyway?"

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He'd Be There.

Lee Harrison says he was standing at Forty-third street and Broadway when a young man wearing one of those Poughkeepsie looks approached

him and said: "Excuse me, but I want to find my cousin, who lives in New York." "Very well," replied Lee. "It will

be all right this time. What's your cousin's name?" "Cohen." "Say," said Lee, grabbing him by

the arm, "come out here in the middle of the street and yell 'Cohen.' You'll probably be able to find him in the crowd that answers."

Sun a Lamplighter.

In the acetylene burning lighthouses along the Panama canal will be installed copper cylinders exposed to the sun. When the sun rises in the morning and the rays fall upon these cylinders they will expand and close valves that admit gas to the burners. As night approaches and the sun's rays diminish in power the cylinders will contract and again turn on the gas, which will be ignited by small pilot jets.-Scientific American.

Certainly.

Guide-No one has ever been able to find out what the Sphinx stands for-whom it represents!

American Tourist-That's nothing! We've got a lot of congressmen home the same way!-Puck.

Such Confidence.

The bride, to show her undying confidence in her new husband, gave him a night key. Then she telephoned for the lock-

smith to change the lock. Bostonese.

Hokus-So that Boston girl said I wasn't worth my salt, eh? Pokus-Well, she dld remark that you were in inverse ratio to our chlor-

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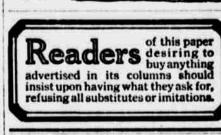
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