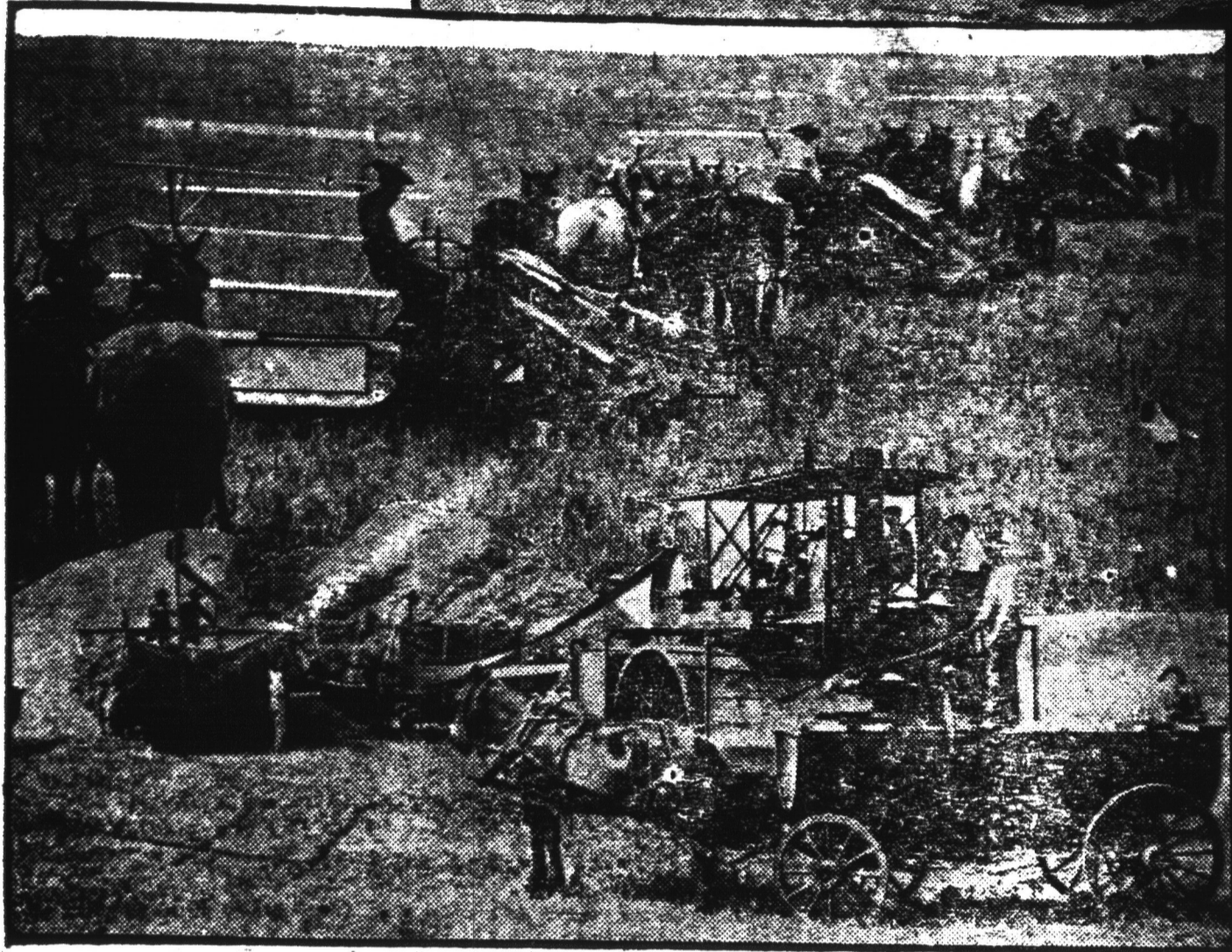
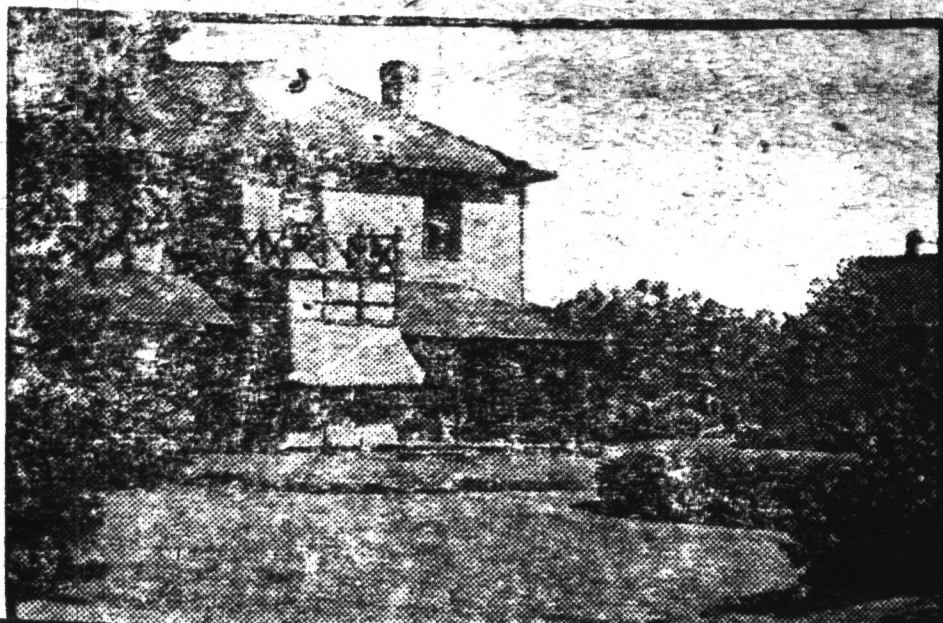


# Getting the Most Out of the Farm



William Gilbert's Home and Farm at Stony Plain, Alberta.

As a rule a farmer in a new country does not get nearly so much as he might from his farm. Why should he? Land is cheap. If he wants to get larger returns he can easily get more land. So he reasons. He aims, therefore, rather to increase the size of his farm than to increase the output from the land he has.

But will not intensive farming pay in a new country? Is it not better for a farmer to double the production on the land he has rather than double the size of his farm to attain this end? Judging from the success of several hundreds of farmers in various parts of the prairie provinces of Canada—the last part of the North American continent to be developed—where land is no doubt as cheap as anywhere, intensive farming methods do pay even in a newly developed country, especially if good railway transportation facilities are available. One farmer who has made a great success by farming intensively in this new country is William Gilbert. His farm at Stony Plain, Alberta, about twenty miles west of Edmonton, is being made to produce to the limit, and yet, at the same time, is being conserved to the utmost, because the main products are butter, milk, pork, mutton and wool.

Mr. Gilbert hails from England where the farms, as a rule, are considerably smaller than those in Canada or the United States. There he spent his early life, and learned a good deal about the dairying and stock raising businesses. He came to Canada in 1904, taking up a homestead in the West, to which he added another quarter section, so that for a long time he was farming three hundred and twenty acres. About five years ago, however, he sold this farm and bought the one he now occupies at Stony Plain, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. The land was rough, low lying, and had more than seventy acres of meadow. In fact, it was considered more or

less worthless so land is rated in Western Canada. Mr. Gilbert thought something could be done with it, however. And he was right. During the five years it has been in his possession, the proceeds from this land have enabled him to spend more than ten thousand dollars in various kinds of improvements, such as clearing the land, ditching, erecting a silo and barn. The farm is now in such a state that it will carry more stock than some farms four times as large will maintain. In addition to his work horses, he has kept as many as three hundred hogs, one hundred sheep and between twenty and fifty head of cattle at the same time on this farm. His aim has been to intensify as much as possible, raising only the best stock he can obtain.

The National records show that Mr. Gilbert has sold more pure bred Berkshire hogs than any other breeder in Canada. He is the first Alberta breeder to sell a herd boar to the United States. He says the whole secret of producing stock of this quality is to breed nothing but the best. When he started in the hog business he scoured the American continent in quest of herd boars and bought the two best sires that he could get in the United States. One is Ames Rival 148, whose half brother is grand champion of the world, and the other was the grand champion of the Kentucky state fair in 1914. The sons and daughters of Ames Rival are to be found on most of the large stock farms in Western Canada, including experimental and government farms.

While Mr. Gilbert was building up a herd of Berkshires he was also building up a herd of Holsteins and at the present time has, including calves, a herd of about fifty head of pure bred. The outstanding cow of the herd is Mercedes Duchess 2nd. This cow weighs about seventeen hundred pounds when in full flesh. Another good cow is Lizzy Wayne. The animal that stands third place in

the herd during the month of January in a year yielded 1,800 pounds of milk. Mr. Gilbert's stable is full of good cows as is evidenced by the record sheets which show that most of them yielded from 1,500 to 1,700 pounds of milk per month.

At the Sunny Brook Farm—the name by which Mr. Gilbert's farm is known—a milking machine is used. Between eighteen and twenty cows are being milked at the present time. About one-half of these cows yield over fifty pounds of milk daily. They are milked three times daily, and Mr. Gilbert finds that the milking machine is a very profitable investment. He uses a B. L. K. milker, which cost about \$500 to install, and he contends the machine paid for itself the first year.

Mr. Gilbert feeds his pure bred for commercial profits. The rule that he follows is to feed one pound of grain to every three and a half pounds of milk produced, and finds it profitable to give his cows this quantity even with the present high prices of grain. From his experiences he concludes that there is no reason for the milk sheets showing a decreased yield during the winter months and he contends that if a cow is given the proper shelter, and feed and water in the right proportions, she will give as much milk when stabled as when on grass.

One of the biggest problems Mr. Gilbert has had in the past has been to secure enough roughage to properly winter his stock, but he is satisfied that he has solved the problem by the installation of a silo. Last year he built a thirty by fourteen stave silo, which, including the value of labor, cost between \$600 and \$700 to build; and filled it with green clover. The results so far have been highly satisfactory and he believes that it is one of the best investments that he has ever made. The other forms of roughage that he depends upon are meadow hay, green fodder, broom grass and roots. He is also trying out sweet clover,

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