

Timely Suggestions for Xmas for Men

While those gifts that are useful are not only the most sensible but the most appreciated as well, you will find that for HIM a gift that lacks real usefulness generally fails of appreciation.

We have kept this fact well in mind in this season's purchases—you will find here a host of suggestions among which are:

Bill Folds.	Pencils.
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 Jewellers, Engravers, etc.

The Eastern Guardian

...IT PAYS to buy in this Province.
 ...T. GORDON IVES is Guardian Representative in Montague.
 ...SHIPPING.—The schr. Eva June, Capt. Cruikshanks arrived in Souris on Wednesday with a cargo of coal for Matthew & MacLean Ltd.
 ...D. F. TIERNEY is Guardian representative in Souris.
 ...We wish all our Customers the Compliments of the Season. McLeod and McGregor, Montague.
 ...From now until February 1st we offer special prices for spot cash in all lines carried. McLeod and McGregor, Montague.
 ...PUBLIC AUCTION.—I will sell by public auction, on my farm, Wednesday next, Dec. 29, at eleven o'clock a.m., stock, crop and farming implements. Sale positive. No reserve. Farm sold. Should day prove stormy, sale will be held first fine day following. Freeman Hewitt, Lower Montague.

EASTERN PERSONALS

...Among the passengers arriving by Wednesday evening's train at Souris were Prof. Theo. Ross, secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Anderson, Rev. E. E. Styles and Miss Sue Carleton.

CULTIVATION AND HARVESTING METHODS FIFTY YEARS AGO

By Walter Simpson
 (From the Jubilee number of The Farmers Advocate)

Fifty years ago! Not so very far for the older farmers to look back, but fifty years of such agricultural progress, when we glance back over it, seems an almost impossible accomplishment. The greatest optimist of fifty years ago could never have projected his vision so far into the future as to get a glimpse of the improved agricultural practice of today—in the evolution of which The Farmer's Advocate has been such a strong and leading factor.

Fifty years ago the reaping hook had just given place to the scythe and cradle. But the wooden plow, the wooden spike-tooth harrow, the wooden axle cart, and the log roller—all homemade—were about the only implements used in putting in the crop. These, with the scythe and cradle and the old roundabout threshing mill, did duty in preparing the crop for market. But about this time the combined mower and reaper put in an appearance. Crude as it was in its first form, it was the beginning of a revolution that has given us today such modern, useful harvesting machinery as makes the work of the farmer child's play compared with the efforts his father had to put forth in reaping. The cultivation of the soil fifty years ago was a slow, laborious process—the single-furrow plow necessitated so much walking—but these were the days when the farmer took a pride in the straight furrow, and the plowman was expected to turn a sod seven inches deep and five or six deep, and set it up so that every sod would fit into the notches of the ridge board. Such plowing was a necessity then in order that the spike-tooth could loosen up enough soil to cover the hand-sown grain between the sods.

The plowing done, it often took as many as ten trips over with the spike-tooth harrow to cover the grain and make a good tilth on the surface. A sod field treated thus came up in rows, that looked just like a modern field drilled in. The stubble land for a second crop got the same treatment, but did not require so much harrowing. The log roller did the rest. Soil cultivation in those days only aimed at loosening up the soil and covering the grain. We had not then heard much about conservation of moisture or of plant food in proper proportion to a full crop. Phosphates and nitrates were hardly in evidence in the farmer's vocabulary. Little was known of the chemical composition

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of farm-yard manures. The travelling farm lecturer was nowhere in evidence. But the farmer knew that barnyard manure, applied, gave a great increase in the crop, even if it was handled in a way that resulted in teaching out much of its fertility.

Fifty years ago the clearings were, in general, small, and most of the virgin fertility was still in the soil in available forms. Good crops were grown, notwithstanding the crude cultivation it received. Today, every clear cutting system of cultivation seems necessary to secure crops, and modern farm implements that do the work quickly and more thoroughly have become a necessity on account of the larger fields and the high cost of labor.

The farming of fifty years ago was a strenuous business. To convert the original forest into the luxuriant field of grain or clover required an exercise of muscle that the farmer of today knows little about. Immediately the crop was in, the farmer with grub hoe and pry, started in to clear his clearing. The ox team sometimes did duty in canting out the big stumps after the grub hoe and axe had done their part. All of his spare time, between planting and harvesting, was devoted to preparing more clearing for the next crop. Every one of those lines was looked upon by the farmer as an enemy to be removed to give place to the enlarged field of grain or potatoes. What a change we witness today, when the "bush lot" is often considered, acre for acre, the best value on the farm, and those lines so much about reforestation to benefit agriculture by conserving the rainfall! In their haste to clear all the land, the farmers of Eastern Canada have left a not-to-be-covered legacy to their descendants of today.

The methods of harvesting the crop fifty years ago were in a state of transition. Machines for cutting the hay and grain crop were coming into evidence on some of the larger farms. The combined mower and reaper had already, to some extent, taken the place of the cradle and scythe. The reaper, though somewhat crude, was capable of doing the work of at least four men in cutting hay or grain. Of course, in harvesting grain it left the binding to be done by hand, and also required two men to operate it—one to drive and the other to take off the day's work for the machine. The younger farmers of today would think this very laborious work as they watch the improved self-binders tying up all the sheaves on ten or thirteen acres in a day. But on very many of the farms, as late as fifty years ago, the old methods of harvesting were still practical. These methods, which seem very strange to many of our young agriculturists, but a few words about the ways of doing things before the advent of modern harvesting machinery will no doubt interest them and give an idea of the strenuous labor required in harvesting the grain of their fathers' and grandfathers' days.

The hay crop was largely harvested by the farmer without the aid of any power but his own muscle, and muscle it took to swing the scythe all day in the field to cut about two acres if the hay was standing up and too heavy; but if it was a tangled crop of clover, the best mower could not cut more than an acre. The hand-rake and pitchfork were used to gather it up on many farms. But the revolving horse-rake manipulated by a man was also in use, and gathered the hay into windrows by turning the rake over when it got full. This was done by raising the handles so that the teeth caught the ground. The sulky rake that we ride on today, and the tedder, and hay loader, make haymaking seem play compared with 50 years ago.

Harvesting the grain was slow and strenuous labor. The common method was to cut the grain with the cradle, mowing out and then raking up the swath into sheaves for the binder who did the binding with a band made from the grain. Another method mostly followed in harvesting the oat crop was to rig up the scythe with bow, or fingers, so shaped that it would gather the swath as it was mowed against the standing grain. The swath was then gathered by hand and laid on bands which the small boy made and placed at regular intervals. The binder followed, tying the sheaves and standing them up 12 to a stack.

It is a long way from this to the harvesting machinery of today. What the future has in store for us must be left to The Farmers' Advocate upon our centennial anniversary. I am sure all farmers will join with me in wishing the owners, editors, and all the staff of the grand old Advocate of the farmers continued prosperity in the effort to place the agriculture of Canada in the position it should occupy as Canada's greatest industry.

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