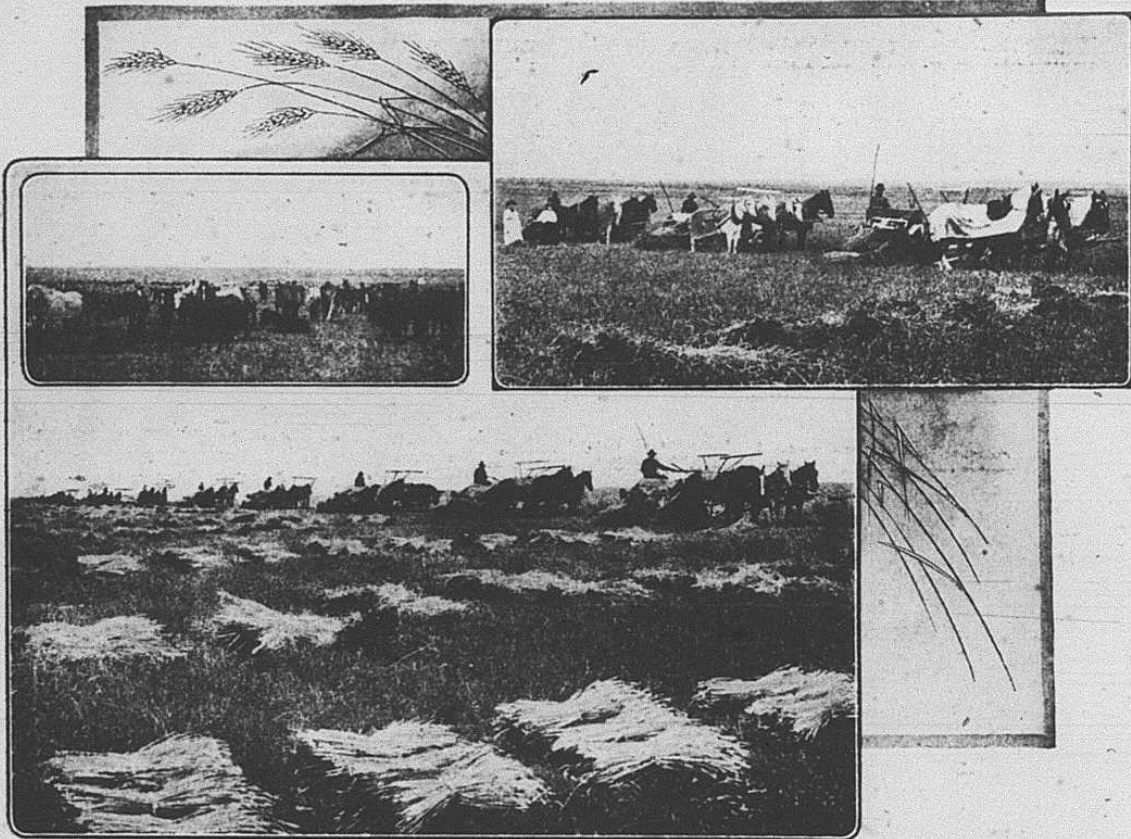


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purposes the fittest in the educational systems of the nations of the world to which they have super-added their own distinguished achievements in scholastic promotion. Thus, at the first North Dakota's educators had the pre-eminent advantage of well organized and maturely developed systems to con and select from. That they have made excellent and wise use of their superior opportunities goes without saying. The federal provisions for the support of our public schools when once in-

policy dictates, to the highest bidder. The state constitution declares their minimum price to be ten dollars per acre—some sell for more—the sales to date averaging something over thirteen dollars per acre. One fifth of the purchase price is payable at the time of sale and the balance in four equal five year installments with interest at six per cent; the principal to remain intact, the interest only inuring to the current support of the schools. When this magnificent grant shall have been converted



A Common Scene in North Dakota During Harvest Time

grafted into their operation will impulse the unfolding and perfecting of a splendid system which will always be a magnetic attraction to families with children ambitious for mental training and culture.

The federal government granted 3,170,000 acres of land to North Dakota for educational and charitable purposes. Two sections—16 and 36, 1,280 acres—in each congressional township, aggregating approximately 2,500,000 acres in the state, are for the maintenance of its public schools. These lands are being sold from time to time as public

into a permanent fund it will reach over \$25,000,000, and that will, at four per cent, insure \$1,000,000 to be annually expended in maintaining our common schools. The proceeds from the sale of these lands reach about \$5,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 have been paid in. Large blocks of school and state bonds (\$1,679,430, July 1, 1904) have been bought and loans (\$111,398, July 1, 1904) have been made on real estate, out of this fund. This public school fund yielded an income of \$2.82 per capita for all children of school age (6 to 20 years) last year—forty-six cents per capita over