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The Byelorussian of to-day (this being written in November 1920) ought to be regarded as a hesitant, distrustful man who looks into the future with fear, a result of his country having been completely denuded of cereals, hay, and potatoes; a hope for revival under the Polish rule of the former forms of economic activity, which once made the Jew an indispensable intermediary along the route of Vilnius – Maladzyechna – Lida – Białystok, has not expired in him.

Such were the sentiments that flew through the populace of Byelorussia in the recent, past weeks of the last year's summer and autumn.

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