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WHERE ARE THE IMMIGRANTS?

Immigration officials in the employ of the Flemming government are never seen to lose an opportunity to give themselves a boost in the St. John papers. They seek to create the impression that New Brunswick is getting its share of immigrants from the Old Country and that "the number of immigrants this season is going to double last year's figures." We have heard this story so often that it is really getting to be a chestnut. The immigrants are always coming but they never seem to get here or if they do nobody ever sees them. At any rate, very few of them find their way into the County of York, which is a rather important section of New Brunswick. True, this county gets a contingent of Middlemore boys every spring but we are not aware that the Flemming government is deserving of any special credit for that. We have also during the past two years been getting a number of Russians, Bulgarians, Finlanders, Greeks, Poles, Italians and Danes, but the popular belief has been that they came here to engage in railway construction and not to settle. On the contrary, if it can be shown that they have purchased farms and taken up permanent abode in this neighborhood, The Mail would be inclined to give the Flemming government credit for inaugurating and carrying out a successful immigration policy.

Immigration officials allege that immigrants are coming into the province at the rate of five thousand a year. If this is so York county, which is one-tenth of New Brunswick, should be getting at least five hundred new citizens every year. We sincerely hope that the returns of the next decennial census will prove this to be correct. In the meantime, we would like very much to hear of one parish in the County of York where, say, twenty-five or even ten Old Country residents have settled on farms during the past year. The Flemming immigration policy has been a fairly good thing for certain officials and it has made it possible for some people to dispose of farm-lands to newcomers at prices greatly in excess of their actual value, but whether or not it has proved beneficial to the province as a whole is a question which offers considerable room for a difference of opinion.

If immigrants are pouring into New Brunswick as alleged, there is no reason why this section of the province should not be getting a good share of them. In addition to the local government machinery for handling newcomers, we have in this city an elaborately furnished suit of offices equipped and maintained by the Dominion government for the encouragement of immigration. The only immigrants ever seen near the place are railway navvies who pass by on their way to the office of a firm of railway contractors located a few doors away. A staff of obliging officials are in charge and are generally reputed to be not overburdened with work. In fact, it would be a difficult matter for them to make the public believe that they have coped with any very large influx of immigrants during the past year. However, the new offices make a very nice appearance and as the men in charge draw good salaries and are perfectly harmless, Fredericton is very glad to have them at citizens even if it is a trifle difficult to see tangible results from their labors.

The Mail, sincerely hopes that the official who recently made the prediction that "the number of immigrants this season is going to double last year's figures" knows what he is talking about. The action of the government of the United States in lowering the duties on agricultural produce is going to do wonders for the farmers of New Brunswick. Vacant farms will now be taken up and the demand for farm-labourers next season promises to be greater than ever before. If the immigration officials

only have sense enough to use the U. S. tariff changes as a lever, they will be astonished at what they will be able to accomplish for New Brunswick during the next few years.

The new United States tariff admits coal free of duty. This is going to make business for the mines at Grand Lake and provide freight for the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway. The C. P. R. authorities were not going it blind when they began to take an interest in the Queens County coal mines.

The United States tax on many articles of food has been swept away. The Canadian tax on food products will survive until a Liberal government is returned to power at Ottawa and no longer.

TEN PER CENT

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RECIPROCITY BETTER.

Ald. W. W. Boyce, who has a large quantity of potatoes ready for shipment, says the new tariff arrangement is not so advantageous to Canada as reciprocity would be.

"This year there is an embargo upon potatoes from Great Britain and other potato-growing countries but in normal seasons potatoes can be sent to the United States from those countries in competition with Canada. Under reciprocity Canada would have had practically a preference in the United States market."

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

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ed. It will be either on the western side of the river near the English church, or on the eastern side of the stand formerly occupied by Ex-Alderman Robinson as a grocery store. Both the Reid brothers have had a long experience in the grocery business, having been connected with the Alex Gibson Company for a number of years and as they are both good honest right business men no doubt they will enjoy a large share of the Marysville trade. Their motto will be quick sales with small profits, attentive to business and polite and obliging to all.



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ESSENA—MAZERALL

A very pretty wedding took place Tuesday morning Sept. 30th, at St. Anne's Church, French Village, when Mr. Harry Essena, son of the late Henry Essena of Harvey Station was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Mazerall, daughter of Mr. J. L. Mazerall of Mazerall Settlement.

The bride who has been a school teacher for a number of years was becomingly attired in a costume of white corduroy velvet, with hat to match. She was attended by her sister Miss Edna J. Mazerall. Mr. M. Foley acted as best man. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome gold cross and chain and to the bridesmaid a gold locket and chain. The young couple are well known and held in high esteem by their many friends. They will make their future home at Harvey Station.

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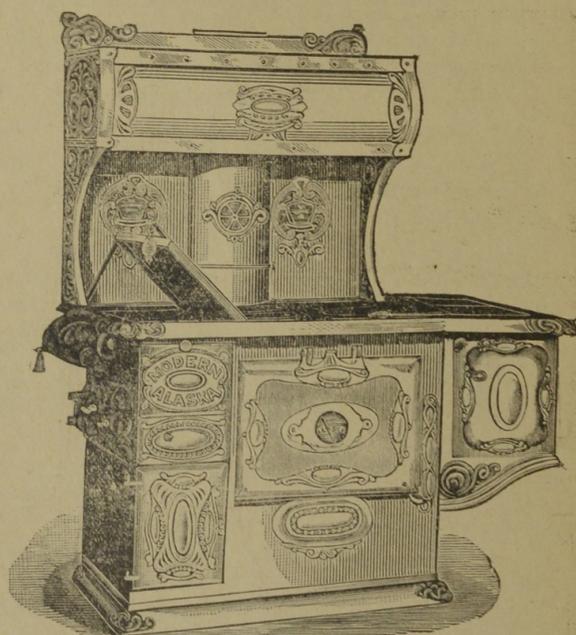
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