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THE RUSH TO CANADA.

Men who perhaps are somewhat over enthusiastic declare that Canada will receive 200,000 new settlers during the present year. These figures look large, but it is quite possible they may be realized. There is certainly a great rush to this country from almost every quarter especially from England and the United States.

A London cable says that nearly all the important British newspapers are encouraging general laborers as well as farm workers to emigrate to Canada. They represent that one shilling an hour is easy to be obtained in Canadian cities by ordinary day laborers, while bricklayers and carpenters secure two shillings an hour. The papers assure immigrants that there is no fear that the demand for labor will decrease.

The Daily Mail says that Canada will turn no one back unless mentally deficient or diseased. All that is required is that a man should possess a clear head and strong arms. Of course the vast majority of immigrants now leaving intend to farm. Extra steamers are being put on to accommodate the expected traffic.

A Montreal despatch published elsewhere tells of the arrival at that port of a big bunch of immigrants who spoke of the interest aroused in the home land over immigration prospects.

Rev. Mr. Barr sails from Liverpool on the Lake Manitoba on the first of April with 2000 settlers, whom the papers describe as pilgrim fathers and mothers. The immigrants are drawn from all parts of the country, and include fifty sons of clergymen and five nephews of Lord Donegal. Six physicians of independent means will nurse the clergyman's expedition. Amongst the supplies carried will be 1,000 tents, 2,000 waterproof sheets and a large supply of army blankets. It is stated that three towns to be founded by this party are to be called Preston, Barrievue and Lloyddeville.

All this is very satisfactory to Canada, and is the direct result of the activity of Hon. Mr. Sifton and his capable agents. The next ten years will probably see a couple of millions added to our population.

They are having high jinks in the Ontario legislature. A couple of Tory members, Gamey and Sutherland are charging that they were corruptly approached by government agents and offered considerations for their support in the legislature. Gamey alleges that he actually received money from Prov. Sec'y. Stratton but this is specifically denied. Premier Ross has moved for a royal commission of judges to investigate the charges, and the legislature will probably adjourn in the meantime.

Three Canadian doctors who went to South Africa with the medical corps remained in that country intending to practise their profession, but are prohibited from doing so because only English diplomas are legal there. Lord Milner has been appealed to, but refuses to alter the regulation which is a very absurd one. If Canadians are good enough to fight in South Africa they should be allowed in civil life the same privileges accorded men from the old country.

Mr. McLearn, member for Lunenburg in the Nova Scotia assembly gives notice of a motion for a grant to erect a monument or other memorial to the late Hon. Joseph Howe. Perhaps some member of the New Brunswick assembly will take similar action to honor the memory of Wilmot and Fisher in this province.

The Sun in referring to Mr. Blair's defeat in York in 1892, says he was beaten in his own county and his own town. The Sun is inaccurate in the latter statement. Mr. Blair had nearly 200 majority in Fredericton, polling 660 votes to 481 for the late Mr. W. K. Allen, the highest candidate on the opposition ticket. For the Sun's information the Fredericton vote is given in detail:

Government—Blair, 660; Wilson, 636; Anderson, 609; Colter, 600.

Opposition—Allen, 481; Howe, 433; Pitte, 423; Pinder, 399.

Discussing Mr. Foster's defeat in North Ontario, the Toronto Star says that he is not a man with a personal following, and when he is out of the House the Conservatives miss him and regret his absence, only because of his argumentative powers. Like the newly bereaved widow who had not lived any too happily with her husband, they may say: "I miss him and I want him, but I miss him more than I want him." It is the debater the Conservatives miss, not the man for his own sake, and if they could manage as well without him, they would prefer to do so.

When the new city council meets to order the assessment for the current year, the aldermen should not forget a small allowance for outdoor band concerts during the summer. The sum of \$150 would be a reasonable one for the purpose, and would be ungrudgingly contributed by the taxpayers.

Mr. Rufus Curry of Windsor, N. S., should have his picture taken for general distribution. He has declined a senatorship, something unparalleled in the history of Canada, or nearly so. Just pass the job over this way Mr. Curry and we'll guarantee to find a taker.

Citizens of Fredericton have an opportunity this evening of hearing high class music at the opera house by artists in their profession, as well as listening to good chorus work by local vocalists.

Sir Hibbert Tupper got his title for services on the Behring sea commission, and Hon. Clifford Sifton who is to act for the British government on the Alaskan boundary commission, may anticipate a similar distinction.

The recently elected New Brunswick legislature contains 13 lawyers, 16 business men, 10 farmers, 4 lumbermen, 1 contractor, 1 doctor and 1 gentleman.

What has become of the Fredericton Local Improvement Association? Hope the winter frosts have not nipped its ambitions and plans.

About time the roadmaster commenced to scrape the streets.

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