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THE LURE OF THE WEST.

The harvest excursions to the West Tuesday took 5,000 young men from the maritime provinces and more are to follow. Some of them will doubtless return but the majority of them are likely to remain and become permanent settlers in the new provinces.

It is a pity to see these provinces drained year after year of their vigorous young blood, but it is a satisfaction to know that the exodians are not settling under a foreign flag. When the Tory government was in power at Ottawa the rush from Canada was to the United States, and some of the most prosperous towns and cities in the republic are largely made up of Canadians and their descendants. There are said to be 50,000 of our fellow countrymen in Boston and vicinity, and at St. Paul and Minneapolis there are as many more.

It is most regrettable that these maritime provinces do not seem to be able to retain their young men and women, yet with a proper development of our resources there should be employment for all who are born here and many more.

We are getting practically nothing from the vast volume of immigration to Canada and we are annually contributing thousands to settle the Canadian West, and no doubt the rush westward will continue many years or until all the available farming lands are taken up, and after that the big cities which are rapidly arising, there will attract our young men and women.

If governments can do anything to forward the interests of these Eastern provinces in the way of retaining the natural increase of population and attracting immigration from abroad, the matter should engage the attention of our rulers. We have more varied resources than the new provinces with our possibilities in agriculture, mining, fishing, ship building, lumbering and manufacturing, and it is a thousand pities that we must continue to be merely the breeding ground for many thousands of young people who as soon as they are grown to manhood and womanhood leave us to build up other portions of the country or emigrate to foreign soil.

RAILWAY PROJECTS

Having given the new Transcontinental Railway a good start, the federal government is concentrating its energies on two other large railway projects, the double tracking of the Intercolonial from Paines Junction to Halifax, and the construction of the Hudson Bay railways.

With respect to the former, however, there is an alternative proposition which may be adopted or at least which will be made the subject of enquiry and survey before a final decision is reached.

The heavy grades of the Intercolonial eastward through the Cobequid Mountains, render the hauling of heavy trains expensive and slow, and it is proposed to construct an additional line from some point near Amherst up the Cobequid shore to Truro, where easier grades are available and through one of the best and most densely settled portions of Colchester. During the recent session of parliament \$10,000 was voted to survey the proposed line, and engineers will start at once on the work. If the line is found feasible and there is every reason to believe that it will be, the important districts of Parrsboro, Economy, Five Islands, Londonderry and Onslow will secure much needed railway service, and the Intercolonial will become a much lower graded railway in Cumberland and Colchester than it is at present.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Another vacancy has occurred in the Senate by the death of Hon. Mr. Menier, of Berlin, Ont. The deceased was 85 years old and a Conservative appointee.

One of the local government's school book vendors has been convicted of also being a "booze" vendor, and another is charged with a similar offence.

Already one of Mr. Hazen's new justices of the peace has left the province, having failed in expectations that the advent of the Tories in provincial affairs would make him rich.

Prominent Quebec Liberals claim that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will carry 30 of the 65 parliamentary seats in that province.

The Herald hears that Col. McLean, the Liberal candidate for Sunbury-Queens, is completing arrangements for a series of political picnics in the united counties, beginning the last of this month.

Lord Lovatt, chief of the Fraser clan is still receiving the homage of his clansmen in Canada. At Toronto Tuesday evening more than a hundred of that name welcomed the distinguished visitor.

One of the Tory candidates in Saskatchewan is charged with hoodluming to the extent of \$5,000 in municipal affairs, and the man who makes the charge and declares he will prove it is Premier Scott of that province.

It is announced that Premier Hazen is to address a Tory meeting next month at Toronto, and doubtless he will tell the people up there how he has cut off the heads of Liberal officials in this province while pretending to run a coalition government.

It was kind of tough that Mr. Hazen after inducing the legislature of this province to donate \$7,500 to the Quebec celebration fund and personally attending that great function, returned home without any additional handle to his name while the premiers of Quebec and Ontario received the honor of Knighthood.

Mr. Foster at Truro Tuesday evening continued his barnstorming expedition in Nova Scotia, and Mr. Stanfield, the Tory M. P. for Colchester, was presented with an address eulogizing his course in parliament. In his reply, however, Mr. Stanfield made no mention of the exodus of his supporters from Acadia Mines as a result of his friends, the Drummonds, closing down the works there.

Mr. Hazen's deputy sheriff in Carleton County in a letter to the Woodstock Press tries to explain how he came to let that circus man slip through his fingers at St. John. Such a thing would not have occurred with Albin Foster as deputy sheriff, but that very effective officer was dismissed because of partisan spite, after serving faithfully in his position as deputy sheriff for a number of years. Mr. Hazen's government is responsible for the dismissal of many excellent officials, simply because they were Liberals, and a number of them have been replaced by inefficient men.

Naturally trouble is expected from the large number of foreigners employed on railway construction in this province, but the proposed strikes near Moncton on the Transcontinental and on the International were promptly nipped on the head by the authorities. The strikers or at least their leaders attempted bulldozing, and were promptly arrested. These new transient citizens brought a great variety of dangerous weapons with them but they are being taught that in this country the man who draws a gun or a knife on a fellow citizen is promptly jumped on by the law.

An evidence of the loyalty of Mr. E. M. McDonald's Pictou constituents is thus given by the New Glasgow Chronicle:

In bidding good bye to one of our Pictou boys, who works in New York City and was returning there, we remarked, "Possibly we won't see you again till next summer." "You'll see me sure," he replied, "if an election is called. I retain my property here expressly to have a vote and this time I am coming to cast it for Ned, if I have to walk back! Any man who has done so much for this County as he, deserves support and remember I'm of Conservative stock."

The St. John Exhibition Management announces that they will have on their grounds during show week "the largest bull in the world." Chatham holds its show the same week and must secure a counter attraction to offset the drawing power of this bull. Why not apply for Mr. Hazen's Agricultural Commission. People would travel a long way to get a view of that wonderful combination, especially the medical chairman of it, or perhaps better still, if Mr. Hazen could be induced to assemble all his new justices of the peace at the Chatham show. St. John's biggest bull in the world would be entirely eclipsed.

In the sight of a dentist's chair all men are cowards. It is related that an Atchison county farmer and his little girl entered a dentist's office, the farmer desiring to have his aching tooth extracted. At the sight of the dentist's chair the farmer grew frightened, but rather than let on to the dentist he ordered a healthy tooth to be extracted from the mouth of the little girl. And the little girl never whimpered.

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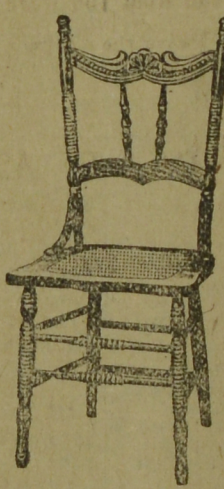
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