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SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST.

The rush with which settlers are taking possession of lands in Western Canada is one of the most gratifying of this country's present unexampled prosperity. We have induced very large numbers of immigrants from European countries, and representatives of the old world are still flocking in, but the inflow from the United States is the great feature of the year.

Mr. Saunders, director of Canada's experimental farms who has just returned from the West, bears testimony to the great progress everywhere apparent, to the excellence and great extent of the harvest and to the advance of colonization. The settlement of the unoccupied lands within 20 to 25 miles on either side of the railways is going on rapidly, and many visitors were met going from point to point on railways and in vehicles inspecting and purchasing lands. A number of these were from Eastern Canada, but the larger proportion came from the United States. Among these latter land seekers were farmers from Michigan, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and other states.

Along the line of railway to Prince Albert, the sales of land have been very extensive. One company of United States capitalists bought, in April last, 1,100,000 acres, and have since sold 600,000 acres at advanced prices. Another company organized at St. Louis, Missouri, has recently bought 200,000 acres in that section of the Territories, and other large purchases have been made in other localities by farmers and by individual and associated capitalists. The number of entries for homesteads made in the Dominion Land Offices throughout the Territories has been very much larger than in any previous year, and the number of desirable homesteads available for settlers within convenient reach of the railways has been greatly reduced. There has been a considerable advance in the price of land throughout the Northwest country, and with these advances the demand for land seems to have much increased.

Extensive as has been the colonization of Western Canada, during the past two years, the immediate future gives promise of even greater progress in that line. Canada has been favored recently with wide spread advertising of her great resources. The Canadian exploits in the South African war and the prominent place given to our statesmen and soldiers in the coronation celebration, the timely and patriotic speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues who have visited England, all have combined to exploit this country before the whole world as it never was exploited before, and the results cannot but be satisfactory. There is room for millions in our great western country, the hope and pride of Canada, and those who are living fifty years hence, yes even twenty-five years, will be amazed at the progress and wealth of this great Dominion.

STARTLING CHARGES.

The Sydney Post makes a very hot attack on the Nova Scotia school inspectors. It says that "a more useless class of men, with the exception of two, than those who fill the inspectorial office would be hard to find. And morally they are a reproach to the public school system. We know of instances in which the incumbents figured as witnesses to prove the illegal sale of liquor. Men who are part of a system that is supposed to inculcate the principles of temperance, are bar-room loafers and consumers of the ardent, in public. Their example is not a healthy one."

The Nova Scotia educational authorities can scarcely let such an indictment pass unnoticed. Certainly if the Post's charges are true, changes in the staff should be demanded by the people, but perhaps our contemporary is exaggerating the situation. In New Brunswick our school inspectors are gentlemen of high character and good educational attainments.

In an interview at Quebec, Sir Edmund Barton, premier of Australia, spoke in terms of unstinted admiration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who fully sustained the high reputation he had won at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. For himself, he met Sir Wilfrid for the first time at these conferences, and was charmed beyond expression by his polished diction and his comprehensive grasp of the questions that were discussed. Add to this the delight he experienced in finding Sir Wilfrid's views so largely in harmony with his own, and it would be understood that he looked upon his association with the Canadian Premier as one of the greatest delights of his visit.

Hon. David McCurdy who has removed from Baddeck, N. S. to spend the sunset of his days with relatives in Toronto is over 92 years old, but still enjoys excellent health. He was born at Ouslow, Colchester, N. S., in 1810 but removed to Baddeck in 1862, becoming prominent in the political life of the sister province. He was a member of the House of Assembly from 1873 to 1878, when he was appointed to the legislative council holding his seat till 1900 when he resigned on account of old age. Mr. McCurdy, with the exception of Senator Wark was the oldest man in Canadian public life when he voluntarily retired two years ago.

The Daily News of Amherst, N. S., publishes a startling indictment against the morals of that enterprising town. It says: "The moral condition of our town requires a thorough house cleaning. We have saloons in active operation that for gambling and immorality would be a credit to the Bowery. We have more prostitutes and street walkers per capita than any other community of its size in the Maritime Provinces, indeed we might say with perfect safety in the Dominion."

The Republicans carried Maine in Monday's State election, re-electing Governor Hill by 20,000 plurality, and all four congressmen, among them ex-governor Powers, of Houlton. Both branches of the legislature will be overwhelmingly Republican.

The British Consul at Marseilles, France, says in an official report to his government that Manitoba and Ontario wheat is far superior to the American, and he strongly recommends that Canada compete for supplying Europe with her wheat.

Mr. LaForest, M. P. P., predicts that Victoria and Madawaska will elect full opposition tickets to the Legislature, but there are lots of other people who prognosticate that Mr. LaForest himself will be defeated by a government candidate.

The San Francisco Bulletin observes that the greatest liar on earth tells the truth to his doctor, but that the most truthful man alive is tempted to lie to the assessor.

The Church of England Synod at Montreal has decided against the proposed change of name.

This was a wet day for the opening of the Halifax exhibition and the Sussex military camp.

Lord Dundonald was accorded a hearty reception at Camp Sussex.

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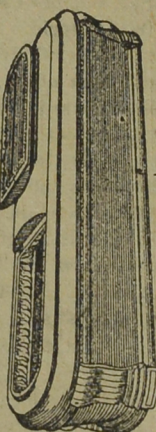
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