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Some Consideration of Those That Are Called Material, and Their Traces in the Dominion of Canada.

There are writers who perhaps carry too far the idea that men are influenced by the soil, climate and general character of the country in which they dwell, yet it is not necessary to go far afield in order to see that environment does powerfully influence race characteristics. The American of English descent is a very different man from the Englishman, and in Canada one can see considerable changes wrought in a single generation. The native born now far exceed all the other elements of the community, and in time the mass of the people will be not only native born but will trace their ancestry back through several generations of Canadians. When we come to examine the physical environment, we are confronted with the difficulty that Canada is a very extensive country, exhibiting a great variety of physical conditions. We may expect to see developed in time a Canadian of the sea coast, a Canadian of the prairies, a Canadian of the lakes. There are some general characteristics, however, and one is that this is a northern country and therefore a cold country. There has been perhaps too much sensitiveness on this point, as when Rudyard Kipling was scolded for the phrase "Our Lady of the Snows." Of course, if anyone took from this phrase the meaning that this is a land without summer, he obtained a very wrong impression. The best corrective would be the fact that Manitoba has a summer in which the finest grain and roots on the continent are grown. Yet the Manitoba winters are long and cold, and we see no particular use in blinking the fact or in wincing when ever anyone mentions ice or snow in connection with Canada. The climate has its advantages after all. If we cannot grow cotton, we have escaped the curse of slavery, which was due largely to the climatic conditions of the southern States. A shiftless, idle population cannot thrive in a country enjoying a good stiff winter. It is likely we shall be, for the most part, an industrious people by necessity, if not by inclination.

It is customary to speak of a northern climate as more conducive to health and vigor than a southern one, but this depends largely on the people. There is no advantage in fresh, bracing air unless it is taken

into the lungs. The modern appliances for house heating are very pleasant, but they have their temptations, and the same may be said about the electric cars, which convey us in such ease and comfort from our homes to our work. These conveniences are now to be enjoyed, not only by dwellers in cities but by farmers, and they ought to be used like other good gifts with discretion. A man who spends his winter for the most part in an artificial summer heat is in no position to boast of his invigorating climate. We must get into the habit of regarding the winter as something to be enjoyed rather than avoided.

That our summers are pleasant and healthful is evidenced by the large and growing number of Americans who come north to enjoy them. In this part of Canada the heat is tempered by the great lakes; in Manitoba and the Territories the air is so dry and clear that heat ceases to be an inconvenience, and all but incorrigible grumblers declare that the prairie summers are delightful. On the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on the Atlantic and on the Pacific coasts there are health resorts enough for the whole continent. Those parts of Canada which are not blessed with great fertility have been evidently marked out as playgrounds and breathing spaces for the enormous population which the North American continent will some day contain. The somewhat slow growth of population in Canada may in time be regarded as a blessing. Especially ought we to congratulate ourselves on the fact that there is not in Canada the common tendency towards congestion of population in large cities. Australia, with a much smaller population than Canada, has much larger cities, and there is difficulty in getting the people to take up land. A very large proportion of our growth is due to the settlement of the west, and in the next decade this is likely to be still more marked. The effect of our physical environment is hardly yet apparent. What manner of man, for instance, will be developed by life on the prairies, not for one or two generations but for five or six?—Toronto Globe.

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Plans and Specifications may be seen on and after the 28th July at the Chief Engineer's Office at Moncton, N. B., and at the Station Master's Office at Riviere Ouelle, where forms of tender may be obtained.

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