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EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY.

Whether the fact that a Liberal government is in power at Ottawa, has anything to do with it or not, it is undeniable that since 1896 Canada has been enjoying an era of prosperity unknown in her former experience. All lines of trade, manufactures and agriculture are in a flourishing condition, and the masses of the people are in the enjoyment of resources which place them in a position they never occupied before. Laborers of all kinds find ready employment at remunerative wages, farmers have a ready market at good prices for all they can produce, and generally the people of Canada are to be congratulated on their prosperous and progressive condition.

Another gratifying feature of present circumstances is the fact that the exodus of Canadians to the United States has been very largely reduced in volume. There is now no such wholesale departures to the republic every spring as was formerly the case. It is true that many of our maritime province people are continually moving westward, but the majority of them are finding homes in the Canadian Northwest and in British Columbia, where they will continue to assist in the development of our own country.

Another gratifying feature of the time is the wonderful success that is attending the government's efforts to settle the North West. Not only are Europeans of every nationality pouring into the country but commencing with last year there has been an enormous influx of Americans from the western states. Mr. Sifton, the minister of interior, estimates that during the present season fully 70,000 new settlers will arrive in the North West, and of these it is expected that about 20,000 will be Americans.

Evidences of prosperity in Fredericton and the country around are furnished in the savings bank returns, and in the number of mortgages being discharged at the record office. During the month of April the amount deposited in the government savings bank in this city reached nearly \$24,000, breaking all former records, and no doubt the various chartered banks doing business here all received a share of the people's savings. The money thus deposited comes largely from the masses of the people, from the farmers, mechanics and laborers who are able to lay up a store for the future.

The returns at the custom house for April also show increased activity in business circles, and broke another record. The merchants of this city have imported heavy stocks to meet the demands of their customers for more and a better class of goods than were handled in former years. The people are better able to purchase, and their tastes have improved with ability to satisfy them. Fredericton certainly never had better stocked or more attractive stores than are presented this season to the purchasing public. And here let us recall a pleasant observation which a traveller for one of the best known mercantile houses in Canada made to the Herald a few days ago. In speaking of the various cities and towns in which he sold goods for his firm, he said that in not one of them were payments more promptly made than in Fredericton, and that this city indeed stood in the very front rank in that respect. Her merchants, he declared, were men of integrity who met the demands on them promptly and their credit stood high in commercial circles.

And what of the newspapers? somebody asks. Are they sharing in the general prosperity of Canada? We cer-

tainly think so. Within the past few years there has been a wonderful development in the press, particularly in these maritime provinces. New papers have sprung up and old ones have been improved to a marked degree, and the press of the country has kept pace with everybody else in the onward march of progress. Probably none of the newspaper proprietors are growing rich, but readers and patrons are receiving benefits of prosperity in the line of better papers, wider circulation and other evidences of progressiveness and thrift.

The Herald itself is an evidence of the development of the press in the past few years. Settled in a new home of its own, with every convenience at hand, giving employment to a large number of people, paying its bills promptly, and giving good service to the public, it can with pride and satisfaction rejoice in the prosperity of others.

Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, all are progressing and enjoying new life, and looking forward with hope to the future. The blue ruin cry is a thing of the past, and long may present prosperous conditions continue.

THE CHURCH'S NEED.

The Senate of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, that nursery of Presbyterianism in the maritime provinces, are rather despondent over the small number of students preparing for the ministry. At the closing exercises of the college Wednesday there were only six graduates—young men fully equipped for entering the ministry. In all, the classes during the past term numbered only twenty-one, the smallest for some years.

The Senate's report, commenting on the small number of young men giving their lives to the ministry, observes:

"And yet never in the history of our Dominion have there been such signs of imminent expansion as today. Not only in the Maritime Provinces is there evidence of substantial industrial development, but in the Northwest we have forecasts of phenomenal growth. These conditions, to say nothing of the regions beyond, are sufficiently impressive to dispel utterly the languor of those who dreamed that the ministry would recruit itself without any effort on the part of the church to put the claims of the sacred office before its young men. The Senate would respectfully urge upon the attention of the Assembly and Synod the necessity of taking some action in this matter."

Speaking in Montreal the other day, the Anglican Bishop of Saskatchewan declared that at least sixty clergymen were needed to take up the church's work in the Canadian northwest. Immigrants were rushing in and their spiritual needs must be looked after.

The tendency of the young men of the period who are able to obtain a liberal education, is toward law, medicine, engineering and commercial pursuits, while the churches are calling loudly for recruits for the ministry.

It is expected that Atlantic Standard time will be brought into force in New Brunswick on May 15, when the I.C.R. and C. P. R. summer time tables go into operation.

Hon. D. C. Fraser M. P. who rendered the Liberal party in York such efficient service during the Dominion bye election last November, is stumping in Ontario for the Ross government.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

May 1.—The sad news reached here today of a big fire a few miles above, where it is reported that Mr. Christopher Manzer was burned out, everything being destroyed, including a comfortable, well furnished dwelling house, a barn and all the out buildings. It is said there is no insurance on the property, therefore it will be a total loss, which makes the case all the harder. Mr. Manzer and his family have the sympathy of the whole community. The origin of the conflagration has not yet been heard.

Mr. Cooper and family, of Birch Hill, are today moving to Fredericton, into the house on Church street lately occupied by Mr. Potts.

Rumor has it that Samuel Hallett, our esteemed station agent, has purchased a town lot from James McConaghy, just

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above the Oddfellows' Hall, where he expects to build in the near future.

Edward Peterson has also purchased some land for the same purpose, so the prospects are that quite a number of dwelling houses will be built this summer.

Several apple and pear trees and some gooseberry bushes arrived yesterday from a Toronto nursery firm consigned to different people, who are today busy setting them out, notwithstanding the unsettled weather.

At the regular meeting of No-surrender council R.T. of T. held last evening their was a large crowd present and an enjoyable time was spent by those present. As usual several candidates were initiated. This council is rapidly increasing its membership. At last night's meeting invitations were received from Royal council of Gibson, to their Birthday party which takes place on Friday evening May 9th. Next Saturday evening there is to be a public temperance meeting under the auspices of No-surrender council, on which occasion the Rev Dr. McLeod is to speak and a programme will be carried out.

Three Clowns Tomorrow.

Save your scholars tickets and come to the matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p. m. in the Opera House. The first ten rows of seats down stairs and the first three rows in the gallery will be reserved for ladies and girls: 10 cents admission to all parts of the house. Three clowns will keep the audience in an uproar during the entire performance. Proceeds will be given to the free reading room.—d.

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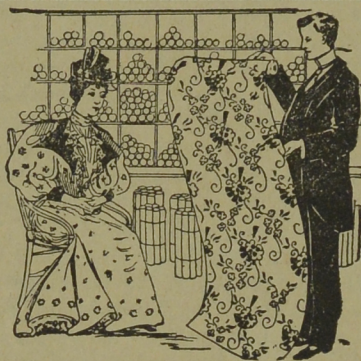
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