

FREE LAND FOR SETTLERS

Western Canada To-Day the Country of Opportunity for Millions

He would have been called a dreamer of the most imaginative class who, thirty-five years ago, when the Northwest country became a possession of Canada, prophesied the present prosperity in the lapse of so short a period of time. Three transcontinental railroads have been financed through on the ample assurance there is business in the west to warrant their construction, and resources to liquidate the consequent indebtedness.

Manitoba in the eastern portion of the country was created a province a year after the purchase from the Hudson Bay Company in 1870. In 1882, the western country was tapped by the extended main line of the C. P. R. That year also territorial government was established, the remaining outlying country being converted into four territories—Alberta, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Athabasca—with a central government for all at Regina. The few thousand people of those days have grown into the half million of to-day.

Let us now note some of the evidences of advancement. The first bushel of wheat was shipped in 1882, in fact the first shipment from Manitoba, merely as a sample, was made in 1877. In 1904 there were under all crops, excepting hay, 1,575,000 acres in the western provinces, producing 17,250,350 bushels of wheat, 18,250,640 bushels of oats, and 2,350,420 bushels of barley, realizing a total of about \$18,500,000 for the farmers.

In Manitoba there were grown in 1904 41,600,000 bushels of wheat and other farm products in proportion. The first mile of railway was built in the country in 1880, and to-day there are over 6,000 miles of road in operation, and further extensions are going ahead as fast as men and money can build them. There are two trunk lines in the country, the C. P. R. and the Canadian Northern, with the Grand Trunk commencing its transcontinental line. In addition to these trunk lines, all systems are extending branches to all sections where there are settlements to patronize them.

The grain elevator development is another assurance of the wonderful expansion of the country, the one-fourth of the whole area, or about 95,000,000 acres of the country traversed by railways being now fairly supplied by elevators. In all there are 1,015 of them in the country with a combined capacity of 27,883,000 bushels and erected at a cost of over \$55,000,000. In addition to these, elevators at the head of the lakes have storage capacity of 18,200,000. Fourteen years ago the entire storage capacity of the elevators was 7,628,000 bushels, to-day it is 41,600,000 and increasing yearly from five to ten million bushels.

What the settlement of the country will be in the next ten years may well be imagined from the fact that last year the immigration was over 133,000 souls.

There are those who believe the grain-producing area of the country must be limited, but results tell a

different story. In the northern Peace River country, 900 miles north of the international boundary, wheat is grown every year 62 to 65 lbs. to the bushel, from 20 to 30 bushels to the acre, and matures in 107 days from sowing. The length of day and therefore the greater amount of summer heat in the 24 hours fully compensate for the disadvantages of latitude. As there are already thrifty settlements, with their grist mills, large fields of grain, numerous herds of live stock in that north country, it only requires the extension of the railways now pushing on to its confines to bring it to the front as a field for most extensive and profitable settlement.

The whole country embraces an area of over 385,000,000 acres and deducting water and broken land there is plenty of wheat growing territory to produce twenty times over the requirements of Great Britain.

As wheat can be grown at \$7.50 per acre with wages to the men doing their own work besides, and as year in and year out the yield and price are twenty bushels at 60 cents, the profits are \$4.50 per acre.

As live stock doubles every three years and grows like wheat while the farmer is sleeping, we expect that this will always be one of the leading features of the agricultural industry. As the Pacific coast or warm winds melt the snow in Alberta almost as rapidly as it falls, the herds of live stock live out on the open prairie the entire year through and are in good condition every spring. The native grasses are highly nutritious and retain their qualities the whole winter through,



Reaping Record Crop at Battleford.

making winter feed as inexpensive as summer pasturage.

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The schools are free and non-denominational—national. There is no tax for attendance, the government defrays the greater part of the cost of support of a highly certificated staff of teachers. There are schools in all country districts where there are a dozen pupils to attend them and the tax is rarely more than \$4 a year on every quarter section. As each province—Alberta and Saskatchewan—under the new provincial autonomy will receive at the start from the Federal government \$1,100,000 a year, there will be but very inconsiderable taxation for any and all provincial purposes.

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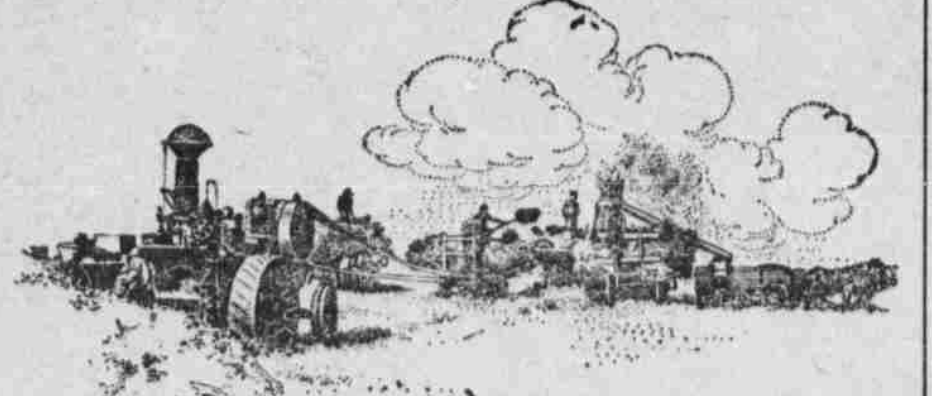
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Threshing No. 1 Hard Wheat in Western Canada.

Business in the Home.

The adoption of business principles in the home is not only one of the ways to obtain happiness, it is the only way, says Good Housekeeping. We are speaking now of the average household composed of an average man and an average woman. And here is the first step toward happiness: First, the husband must have the absolute right to refuse money to the wife; second, the wife must have the absolute right to demand money from the husband. It doesn't look like affection, it doesn't seem consubstantial. But analyze it.

Last Shot Brought Death.

In the battle of the Sea of Japan the Russian vessel Borodino continued fighting till she sunk. What was practically her last shot struck the Asahi astern, killing or mortally wounding Lieut. Morishita and seven others. Lieut. Morishita's leg was shot off, but, using his sword as a crutch, he managed to reach the deck. There he asked for some paper on which to write a farewell message to the Japanese navy. He scrawled the words: "Banzai! I die a glorious death," and fell back dead.

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT G. A. R.

Order No. 7 by Department Commander John Lett.

The following order has been issued by Department Commander John Lett of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA, STATE HOUSE, LINCOLN.—With this find national general order No. 7 relating to the thirty-ninth national encampment to be held in Denver, Colo., commencing September 4, 1905, and continuing the entire week. There never has been, and possibly never will be again, such a grand opportunity for the comrades of Nebraska to attend a national encampment. The railroads certainly have shown their generosity in granting a rate of 1 cent per mile each way from the Missouri river, a rate never before granted to the Grand Army going west; this rate is figured from your railroad station over the shortest route to Denver.

The department commander has selected the Burlington as his official route and requests all comrades, their wives and friends to accompany him on this official train. The date of starting has not been fully determined. This with other details will be promulgated in future, general orders to be issued not later than August 15.

The department commander has appointed the Euphony Cornet band of York as the headquarters band and they will accompany the headquarters train to Denver.

Free quarters for comrades desiring them. Cots or new double mattresses placed in modern school buildings having excellent lavatory arrangements will be furnished. Those desiring free quarters should take either blanket or quilt and one pillow with them. Meals good and substantial can be had at restaurants for 15 cents and up. We are assured prices will not be raised by hotels and restaurants during encampment.

PENITENTIARY CONVICT MAKES HIS ESCAPE

LINCOLN.—William Henderson, colored, sentenced to the penitentiary for two years from Cherry county, made his escape from that institution and took with him, it is charged, \$475 worth of property not his own. Henderson was a trusty and worked as a cook, so his escape was easy. Before going he attached himself to two diamond rings, two watches, one engraved with the word "Luree," and the other engraved "J. W. Swallow." One of the rings was valued at \$180. He also took \$28 in cash. Henderson is five feet, seven inches in height, weighs 132 pounds and is 33 years old. He wore away one of Deputy Fairfield's straw hats and black trousers. A reward of \$50 has been offered for his capture.

Woman Commits Suicide.

LINCOLN.—Mrs. J. W. Pickrel, aged 24 years, was found dead in bed by her husband, a railroad man who returned home from a run at that hour. Beside the woman was a bottle which had contained chloroform and Coroner Graham decided that Mrs. Pickrel had taken her own life and that an inquest was not necessary. The husband could give no reasons for the act. He had been away from home at his work for several days, but said Mrs. Pickrel was cheerful when he left her.

EQUALIZATION BOARD PROTESTS AGAINST DELAY

The State Board of Equalization is disgusted with the way in which some of the counties are making haste in getting in their reports and if the same are not forthcoming at once the extreme penalty of the law will be invoked against the assessors. The time for the reports to be in lapsed nine days ago and as there are still four counties out the board is getting tired of waiting and some one will have to settle for the delay.

Commits Suicide in Jail.

AURORA.—John M. Parish, who was being held in the county jail at this place under accusation of house-breaking near Phillips, committed suicide in the jail. He tore a strip from a blanket in his cell, fastened one end to a water pipe near the ceiling and the other end around his neck and there he strangled to death. He was a stranger in this locality.

Valuable Team Stolen.

BEATRICE.—A team of valuable horses was stolen from A. Viney of Narka, Kas. He has been here attending the holiness camp meeting. He camped near Ellis, this county, en route home, and towards morning discovered the animals were missing.

New Plan Platted.

WEST POINT.—A new town has been platted seventeen miles south-east of this city at a point three miles east of the southeast corner of Cumming county on the proposed new line of the Ashland Cut-Off. The name of the new town is Uehling.

FULLERTON.—Dr. Edward McMillan was suddenly stricken with apoplexy while walking along the street in apparently his usual health. A physician was immediately summoned but life was extinct.

STATE NOTES.

The special election for voting \$3,000 water extension bond carried with a whoop at Stromsburg.

Will Hubresky a young blacksmith of Schuyler, aged 20 years, was brought before the board of insanity this morning and found to be a fit subject for the asylum.

The Union Pacific Railroad company is going to put in new stock boards east of the present yards at Fremont, which will accommodate more stock and be easier of success.

The churches of Humboldt are holding union open air services in the city park each Sabbath evening during the summer months, the various ministers preaching each alternate service.

E. J. Straver, a farmer of Edgeley township, brought seven wolf scalps to the office of County Clerk Boe of Dodge county and asked for bounty on them. He dug the animals up on his farm.

The Evangelical denomination has organized a church at Naponee, with the Rev. A. Esley as pastor. A parsonage has already been bought and money is being raised for a church building.

Benjamin F. Purdy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Kesterson, in Fairbury. He was 90 years old and his death was the result of an accident which occurred a couple of days preceding.

At a public meeting held in Alliance it was decided to petition the city council to employ a competent engineer to make a survey and plan for a sewerage system and give an estimate as to its cost.

L. H. Brammeler, living five miles from Syracuse, Otoe county, marketed wheat this week that made forty-four bushels to the acre, tested sixty-two pounds and brought 75 cents at the local market.

Charley Nolan, who resides with his parents west of Wood River, was kicked in the face by a horse and severely injured. The force of the blow struck him just one side of the nose and under his right eye.

Hans Schwartz, a former resident of Cass county and for whom relatives in Ohio have been searching, has been located in Oklahoma. Mr. Schwartz is an heir to an estate valued at \$25,000, which was left by his father.

A steel span is to replace that part of the Platte river bridge in Dodge county carried out by the floods this spring. The contract for the construction of the same has been let and it will be put up in a few weeks.

Chicken thieves are operating on a large plan in Brownville precinct and their depredations have proven costly to their victims. One night recently Mr. McCulley had his hen coop raided and 150 young fries were stolen.

Secretary Brooks of the Boone County Agricultural association is making extensive improvements on the fair grounds and the society will be much better prepared to handle exhibits the coming fall than ever before.

J. W. Robinson of Plattsmouth, who was wounded on July 4 while repairing a toy pistol, died from lockjaw. Mr. Robinson was wounded in the hand but the injury was almost healed when alarming symptoms of lockjaw set in.

Timothy Lane, a farmer who lives west of Tecumseh, came into the county court and swore out complaint against Harry Casford, another farmer, charging Casford with assault on the person of his 13-year-old daughter, Grace Lane.

Johnnie Svehla, an 8-year-old boy, was drowned in the Missouri river at Plattsmouth. He had been warned against getting into the river, but paid no attention to the advice and was soon in seven feet of water from which his companions could not rescue him.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers contracts were let for the erection on the fair grounds of one wine barn of fifty pens capacity; also of an addition to the amphitheatre 128 feet in length. In the matter of Polled Durham cattle, which were not assigned a lot in the premium list, it was ordered that entries may be made under the head of discretionary, and that the same rules and classification shall govern as in Red Polled cattle and the same money premiums be offered.

A young man representing himself to be an agent for some New Jersey commission firm has been in the vicinity of Ashland offering farmers 85 cents a bushel for their wheat, but was unable to secure any at those fancy prices, as he failed to show the cash.

That there is much land in Nebraska still subject to homestead entry is shown in a fifty-page pamphlet just issued by the passenger department of the Burlington railroad. A great deal of the land also, can be obtained in 640-acre homesteads under the Kinkaid law.

Boone County—Farmers who have begun the harvest of winter wheat, report that the crop will be the heaviest for years. All report the grain of an exceptionally fine quality, the berry being large, plump and heavy.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings awarded these contracts to Rokher & Moxen of Avoca, Ia.: Boiler house at Grand Island, \$4,490; hospital, \$4,825; new barn, \$1,190. The new cottage at Beatrice was let to Johnson & Gustafson for \$19,809; the wiring for the cottage was let to the Nebraska Electrical company of Omaha for \$250.

SANDALS NOW THE FAD.

Result of Idea in Fertile Mind of Yankee Drummer.

The footwear of antiquity has become the fashionable footwear of the present year of the twentieth century. The large stores all over the country not only show sandals for children, but also display them for adults. More than a million sandals were made in Lynn, Mass., shops for this summer's trade and thousands of pairs were manufactured in other New England towns. They have been scattered broadcast from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

While some persons think that the sandal fad grew out of the health culture fad, especially the Knelp cure, yet, for a fact, it was developed in the fertile mind of a Yankee drummer. This salesman, returning from a European trip, noted that two children who were playing on the steamer deck had pieces of sole leather bound to their feet instead of shoes. They appeared to enjoy their crude footwear. The salesman caught the idea, and he didn't rest easy until he got back to his Lynn factory and had some samples made up and shown to his customers. These first sandals were for children only, and they proved popular.

Now sandals are worn by men, women and children.

FATE READY FOR HIM.

Not Written That He Should Escape Double Collection.

A very dear old person, who has no regular church home, but who wanders abroad and takes in the cream of pulpit oratory, was complaining the other day about his hard luck.

"It's mighty queer," he said, "but it would almost seem to me as if it was a put up job. It must be fate, though. Every time I go to church nowadays they bring a double collection on me. I don't mind the usual plate a bit, but this matter of slipping in extra demands for gold jars me. It is driving me from the church habit altogether."

"Never mind," said the dear old person's dearest friend. "Come to our church and you'll be treated squarely. We've got a good minister and good habits."

Last Sunday the man visited his friend's church. And for the first time in the church's history there were two collections. One was the regular and the other was for the benefit of a little struggling church away down South in Marshall, N. C.

It was fate with a big F, but the dear one paid up like the little man that he is.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Both Were Satisfied.

N. J. Neer, a prominent railroad man, had to spend an hour recently in a station waiting for a train. Opposite him sat a stranger whom he had never seen before. Each had a peculiar fascination for the other and each was careful to avoid being detected in the scrutinizing exchange. When one looked up the other dropped his gaze. Others in the waiting-room noticed the curious mutual by-play and wondered what it meant. They observed that both scrutinizers worked industriously with pencil and paper. Then the principals of the little drama woke up to the fact that something unusual was taking place and each grinned. Mr. Neer stepped over to the side of the stranger, smiled guiltily and said:

"Beg your pardon, I want to congratulate you on being the man I've been looking for these many years. I promised my wife that if ever I met or saw a man who is homelier than I, I would draw a picture of him and take it home to her. Here's the picture," and he exhibited his pad.

"Well, by jinks, that's a funny coincidence, ain't it? I promised my wife the same thing. Think that does you justice!" And another pad was produced as exhibit 2.—Chicago Record-Herald.

How Twain Got Rich.

Mark Twain says that in his earlier days he did not enjoy the exceptional prosperity which came later in his career. It is commonly the lot of genius to suffer neglect at first, and experience did not affect his abiding good nature. In a conversation with Dean Howells on one occasion the subject of literature vicissitudes was broached by the humorist.

"My difficulties taught me some thrift," he observed. "But I never knew whether it was wiser to spend my last nickel for a cigar to smoke or for an apple to devour."

"I am astounded," observed Mr. Howells, "that a person of so little decision should meet with so much worldly success."

Mark Twain nodded very gravely. "Indecision about spending money," he said, "is worthy of cultivation. When I couldn't decide what to buy with my last nickel, I kept it, and so became rich."—Success.

The Joker's Fate.

It was a sad-eyed humorist. Who ate him down to cox. Froth out his brain a funny twist Or two to tickle folks. In short, to write some jokes.

The day was very warm—"Gee whist!" said he, "What shall I do?" I'll roast the fend who asks you, 'Is it hot enough for you?'— I wonder if that's new?"

He sighed, and took another sheet of paper, and he wrote About the man you often meet. Who always rocks the boat. (Twas old enough to vote.)

He wrote about old shoes and rice. And Mrs. Younstridge's breaks. About the man who brings the ice In microscopic cakes. And green-fruit stomach-aches!

And people came and slew him there. Whose jokes had made them ill. And buried him with tender care And gladly paid the bill. (He lies at Chestnut Hill!) —Cleveland Leader.

NAMES BEST DOCTOR

MR. BAYSSON PUBLISHES RESULTS OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

A Former Pronounced Dyspeptic He Now Enjoys in Perfect Freedom from Miseries of Indigestion.

Thousands of sufferers know that the reason why they are irritable and depressed and nervous and sleepless is because their food does not digest, but how to get rid of the difficulty is the puzzling question.

Good digestion calls for strong digestive organs, and strength comes from a supply of good rich blood. For this reason Mr. Baysson took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the cure of indigestion.

"They have been my best doctor," he says. "I was suffering from dyspepsia. The pains in my stomach after meals were almost unbearable. My sleep was very irregular and my complexion was sallow. As the result of using eight boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, about the merits of which I learned from friends in France, I have escaped all these troubles, and am able again to take pleasure in eating."

A very simple story, but if it had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills it might have been a tragic one. When discomfort begins with eating, fills up the intervals between meals with pain, and prevents sleep at night, there certainly cannot be much pleasure in living. A final general breaking down must be merely a question of time.

Mr. Joseph Baysson is a native of Aix-les-Bains, France, but now resides at No. 2489 Larkin street, San Francisco, Cal. He is one of a great number who can testify to the remarkable efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the treatment of obstinate disorders of the stomach.

If you would get rid of nausea, pain or burning in the stomach, vertigo, nervousness, insomnia, or any of the other miseries of a dyspeptic, get rid of the weakness of the digestive organs by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are sold by druggists everywhere.

Proper diet is, of course, a great aid in forwarding recovery once begun, and a little book, "What to Eat and How to Eat," may be obtained by any one who makes a request for it by writing to the Dr. Williams Medical Co., Schenectady, N. Y. This valuable diet book contains an important chapter on the simplest means for the cure of constipation.

Cause of Headaches.

As is naturally to be expected, the commonest cause of headaches is some nervous disturbance or weakness irritated by some experience which in prime condition of health would produce no perceptible effect. The common causes are therefore of two classes, namely, those which previously exist within the body and those which exist outside of it and excite the inner or latent evils into action.

Quite a Mix-Up.

Ralph Carlisle Hamilton of North Carolina has confessed that he is a girl. She has been posing as a he for five years. He admits now he is she. He had courted another she and she (the other she) was ready to marry he when he (that is, she) backed out, and she (the other she) is enraged at she (or rather he) because he (that is, she) deceived her, the other he—that is, not him who is now she.—Judge.

Use for Discarded Trampcars.

Australia has found a new use for discarded trampcars. Sydney ladies have them painted green and white, hang them with baskets of flowers, train creepers over the roof and then utilize them as afternoon tearooms.

London Healthier Than New York. Although the population of New York is fewer by a good million than that of London, the number of dent's last year in the two cities was practically the same.

CHANGED HUSBAND.

Wife Made Wise Change in Food.

Change of diet is the only way to really cure stomach and bowel trouble. A woman says: "My husband had dyspepsia when we were married and had suffered from it for several years. It was almost impossible to find anything he could eat without bad results."

"I thought this was largely due to the use of coffee and persuaded him to discontinue it. He did so, and began to drink Postum Food Coffee. The change did him good from the beginning, his digestion improved; he suffered much less from his nervousness, and when he added Grape-Nuts food to his diet he was soon entirely cured. "My friend, Mrs. —, of Vicksburg (my former home) had become a nervous wreck also from dyspepsia. Medicines had no effect, neither did travel help her. On my last visit home, some months ago, I persuaded her to use Grape-Nuts food. She was in despair, and consented. She stuck to it until it restored her health so completely that she is now the most enthusiastic friend of Grape-Nuts that I ever knew. She eats it with cream or dry, just as it comes from the package—keeps it in her room and eats it whenever she feels like it.

"I began eating Grape-Nuts food, myself, when my baby was two months old, and I don't know what I should have done without it. My appetite was gone, I was weak and nervous and afforded but very little nourishment for the child. The Grape-Nuts food, of which I soon grew very fond, speedily set all this right again, and the baby grew healthy, rosy and beautiful as a mother could wish. He is two years old now and eats Grape-Nuts food himself. I wish every tired young mother knew of the good that Grape-Nuts food do her."

Names given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.