

WESTERN CANADA BEYOND THE PIONEER STAGE

Liberty-Loving People Have All the Liberty the Heart Can Desire Under Canadian Laws.

The New York Commercial of April 19th contained an interesting article on conditions in Western Canada. The following extracts will prove instructive reading to those who contemplate moving to Canada. The writer speaks of land at \$8 to \$18 an acre. As a matter of fact, there is very little land that can be had now at less than \$18 per acre, but when one considers the productive qualities of this land it is safe to say that in two years' time there will be little available land to be had at less than \$30 an acre. Already the free grant lands in the open prairie districts are becoming exhausted and the homesteader has to go farther back to the partially wooded areas. This is no drawback, however. Some prefer this land to the open prairie. A recent publication, issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, and which is forwarded free to applicants by mail by any of the Canadian government agents throughout the United States, says of the newly-opened districts:

Water is always abundant, wood and fuel are plentiful and the soil that can grow the poplar and the willow as well as the rich grasses that are to be found there can be relied upon to produce all the small varieties of grain with equal success. The New York Commercial article referred to deals more particularly with conditions along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but what is said of one line of railway may with truth be said of the land and the conditions along both the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Pacific. The article says:

"It would be no exaggeration to say that practically all the land along the entire distance traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific system is capable of furnishing homes to those who engage in farming. The lands are of three classes. They may be designated, first, as having special adaptation to the production of grain; second, as having such adaptation to mixed farming, of which live stock will form an important feature, and third, as being mainly adapted to the production of live stock only. On the third class of lands the area is not very large, of the second it is much larger and of the first it is by far the largest.

"As soon as mixed farming shall be generally adopted, land that may now be obtained for \$8 to \$18 per acre, and even lands open now to free homesteaders, will sell for \$50 to \$100 per acre. This is not an extravagant statement. In natural fertility these lands fully equal those of the American corn belt. In variety of production they excel them, and yet the latter sell for \$100 to \$200 per acre. In addition to the grain crops now grown of wheat, oats, barley and rye, much of the land will grow winter wheat when properly prepared. Eighty per cent. of the land will grow clover and alfalfa. A still larger percentage will grow field peas, and the entire tillable area will grow good crops of the cultivated grasses, timothy, broom grass and western rye grass. With these elements what can prevent this region from becoming the main source of food supply of the Empire and Imperial dominions?"

Special stress is laid upon the educational conditions. The writer says: "The foundation of the social fabric of the agricultural country may be said to rest on the efficiency of its school system. Liberty-loving people have all the liberty the heart can desire under Canadian laws. In this regard Western Canada has a system of education based upon the best that can be obtained from the United States or Eastern Canada. Its school system and regulations are second to none. Every boy or girl has a school house brought to his or her doorway. The government is most liberal in its support of higher education. In Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton are to be found excellent colleges and universities, so that the problem of higher education is solved. The provincial agricultural schools, located at Winnipeg and Saskatoon, give practical courses in scientific farming, preparing graduates to take up the responsibilities of farm life.

"The newcomer settling in this favored section will find the social conditions far beyond a pioneer stage. He will find help on every hand. Instead of his going to the 'jumping-off place,' as is often supposed when thinking of Western Canada, he will find himself surrounded by wonderful opportunities for social advancement in a new country fraught with promise."

Getting On.

"Well, little boy, did you go to the circus the other day?"
"Yes'm. Pa wanted to go, so I had to go with him."

Whoever sincerely endeavors to do all the good he can will probably do much more than he imagines or will ever know.—Bowdler.

Start afresh this Spring—cleanse and purify the system by a course of *Garfield Tea*, Herb laxative and blood-purifier.

It is difficult to convince the head of the house that two heads are better than one.

AN-AGED ILLINOIS WHEELMAN

Bicycle Rider is 84 but is Still Able to Take Frequent Long Spins.

Bloomington, Ill.—Thomas W. Davis, 84 years of age, and distinguished as the world's oldest wheelman, has impatiently waited for summer weather so that he could resume his daily spins upon his bicycle.

Acquiring the bicycling fever at the age of 61, he has been an enthusiastic devotee since and has no equal in the world of wheeling. The feebleness incident to age, has prevented his long distance rides of other days and he



Thomas W. Davis.

must now be content with short excursions limited to the city streets and adjacent rural roads. He has bid a regretful adieu to the "centuries" of a decade ago when he was but a septuagenarian and less matured than the present day.

Mr. Davis is now living in retirement at his home in Peoria county and is fond of recalling his early experience as a wheelman. He was 61 years of age when the craze for bicycles swept over the country. He became intensely interested and invested in one of the early type with the mammoth wheel in front and small wheel behind, known as the "ordinaries." He made the switch to the safety type as soon as the latter was introduced and has ridden many machines since, running up a mileage close to 150,000, greater than any other man of his years.

At the age of 75 he had ridden 100,000 miles and earned a remarkable collection of medals in various competitions. The medal which he prizes the most was given to him by the Century Road Club of America for riding 8,030 miles in 1902, more than any one person in the United States. In 1896 he covered 12,400 miles and was then ninth on the list. The fact that he was in the front rank in 1902 with 4,000 miles less, indicated the decline of the wheel as a medium of sport.

RUINS OF TEMPLE OF THEBES

Great Building Was Egyptian City's Chief Glory in the Days of the Pharaohs.

Cairo, Egypt.—When Thebes of the Hundred Gates was the favorite residence of the Pharaohs of Egypt, and the seat of government, when she could furnish 20,000 chariots, fully equipped and fully manned for war,



Ruined Temple of Thebes.

her great temple was her chief glory. The glory of that which was Thebes are the ruins of that temple, erected for the worship of Ammon, the Unrevealed, holder of the Sceptre of Power and the Cross of Love, late the Zeus of Greece and the Jupiter of Rome. What is left of it is colossal; what it must have been in its full magnificence many have sought to imagine; that which exists is but a tenth part of that which has perished.

The encircling wall of raw bricks, some parts of which are still visible, enclosed a space of over 320 acres. The first entrance, from the interior of which this photograph was taken, is about 367 feet wide and about 138 feet in height. It stands before the large court shown in the foreground. On either side of this are columns; then comes the great colonaded hall, its entrance guarded on the right by a stone Pharaoh. In the inner court stands an obelisk of Thothmes I. The huge doorways leading from court to court are particularly fine. The temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

City of Winnipeg Owns Its Utilities



WINNIPEG, Man.—Before the close of the present year this city will be looked upon as the greatest exponent of public ownership on the American continent. Its investment in public utilities is now more than \$30,000,000.

It is nearly a quarter of a century since the city council laid the foundation of municipal ownership by buying out the Winnipeg Water Works company and establishing a municipal plant. So successful did the venture prove that when the city decided to lay asphalt pavements some years later it was decided to install a municipal asphalt plant and the many miles of pavement in this city have been laid by it.

Trouble with the Winnipeg Electric company, which controls the street railway franchise, gas, electric light and power franchise, resulted in the city voting \$3,000,000 for a municipal power plant. Out on the Winnipeg river, 65 miles from the city, a plant

is now nearing completion. The near completion of this plant and the prospects that the city would build its own street railway system, led the Winnipeg Electric company to sell out to the city. The purchase price is \$18,000,000.

Winnipeg's telephone system is also conducted under public ownership, for it is a portion of the system extending all over the province and owned by the Manitoba government. In this city there are over 17,000 telephones, the rates being \$24 a year for residences and \$48 for office phones.

Winnipeg owns its stone quarries in the vicinity of the city, and there, under a staff of civic employees, mines the products for paving the macadam streets and the crushed stone for many purposes.

A force of city employees also collects the garbage and refuse and takes it to the civic incinerators for destruction, and when a Winnipegger dies he can be buried, if he so wills, in the municipal cemetery, for the city owns a large plot of land on the western outskirts of the city, in which its dead have been buried for many years.

Thirty years ago Winnipeg was a fur post. Now it is one of the most rapidly growing cities on the continent and is the largest wheat market in the world.

Seeking Wives for Titled Noblemen

NEW YORK.—American heiresses who may be pining for alliances with Austria's titled youth need pine no longer. The way is open to them, and the method of acquiring a prince or a count of either the Bohemian or Tyrolean variety is so simple that it is within reach of all. There is no mystery about it. Miss Yrma Bleyer of Vienna has arrived here to arrange it all.

"We in Vienna know," says the pretty matchmaker, "that in the United States there are many daughters of millionaires who have had every possible luxury showered upon them since their birth, but who long for what has always seemed to them unattainable, namely, pride of family and social position. I can give them both.

"I have on my list two princes, brothers, one twenty-three and the other twenty-five years. Both are officers in the Austrian army, and their regiment is stationed at Vienna. Their family is of ancient lineage and they own two castles in Bohemia. Each has a fortune of \$3,000,000. A condition which must be met in the cases of both my princes, should I find wives for them, is that the American girls must bring them fortunes equal to their own.



"There is one of my clients of whom I can speak freely because he has returned to Austria after a visit to this country, during which he made journeys to several American cities, including St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland. I refer to Count Hugo Christalnigg. His family estate is at Ysterlein, Austria, and he has a fine castle there.

"Count Christalnigg, who is about thirty, visited America on a furlough of two months and returned to Austria about six weeks ago after meeting several heiresses. Two of them he found to be impossible. One was very pretty of face, but so fat that her fortune of many millions possessed no attraction for the count. Another parrot of fried potatoes with her fingers, which may or may not be good form here, but which is abhorrent to a well-bred Austrian. But he has hopes of finding one that will be possible."

Whistle Takes Place of Curfew Bell



KANSAS CITY, Kan.—Curfew must ring in Kansas, and its sounding must be heeded. The W. C. T. U. has determined that too little attention is paid to the curfew law, particularly in Kansas City, Kan., and asked the city commissioners to see that it is enforced. In this city, where the sounding of a steam whistle on the packing plant takes the place of the old-time bell, it is alleged that it is no longer "the curfew whistle," but is generally spoken of as "the nine o'clock whistle," from the fact that it sounds at that hour in the evening.

Ten years ago the W. C. T. U. took up the matter of the boys' remaining out late at night and determined to put a stop to it. They secured the adoption by most of the city councils of the Sunflower state of ordinances similar to the New England curfew laws. In this city, which was far too large for any bell to be heard in every

section, a grave question arose as to how the boys were to know when to "make it home." After some discussion the packing houses solved the problem by agreeing to blow the whistle at nine o'clock.

All was well, and when the loud blast of the big steam siren, which can be heard forty miles on a clear day, sounded at nine o'clock the boys scampered home. If they did not the policeman took them to the station and they were warned "never again to be out after curfew." The women were satisfied and all went well.

But the boys grew up and neglected to impress on their younger brothers a dread of the curfew. The brothers did not scamper home at the sound, and the people began to think little of it.

Meantime the housewives had become accustomed to regulate their clocks by the sound, and at nine o'clock they went to see if the timepiece lost or gained. The habit spread, and one by one the men grew accustomed to regulate their watches by the whistle. Now every night the watch of each man who works in the city comes out of his pocket almost by force of habit at the first sound of the whistle.

State Is to Have Egg-Laying Contest

MOUNTAIN GROVE, Mo.—An egg-laying contest to begin September 1 and last one year is being arranged by the Missouri Agricultural college and will be held at the state poultry experiment station here. It will be the first contest of its kind held in America and will no doubt attract much attention among breeders of fine poultry.

Australia and New Zealand have similar contests and plans for something of this sort are under way both in Philadelphia and in San Francisco, but the first in the field with a definite arrangement is Missouri.

Entries will be limited to fifty, and the first 50 breeders to make entries will furnish the hens. Each owner is limited to six hens, with the privilege of substituting a hen for one that becomes sick or injured. Fifty pens will be built, exactly alike, and each pen of hens will have the same food and treatment.

Managers of the contest have made a rule so that each pen with its en-



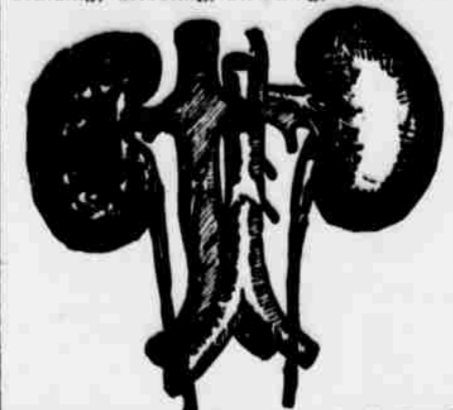
tries will be designated by number. The owner and the management will know who owns the hens, but no one else will have this information, unless the owner cares to give it out. This is done to protect an owner in case his hens make an indifferent showing. There will be a number of prizes offered for the best showing at the end of each month, also special prizes for the best showing made by representatives of different breeds. For the result of the year's contest there will be other valuable prizes and owners who capture one of these will find it worth much to their business, for reports of the contest will be published in newspapers, magazines and poultry journals all over the country.

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