

THE FARMER IN WESTERN CANADA.

The Quality of No. 1 Hard Wheat Cannot Be Beaten.

The Canadian West in the past five or ten years has given a set back to the theory that large cities are the backbone of a country and a nation's best asset. Here we have a country where no city exceeds 100,000, and where only one comes within easy distance of that figure according to the census just taken and where no other city reaches a population exceeding 15,000. The places with a population over 5,000 can be counted upon the fingers of one hand, and yet the prosperity that prevails is something unprecedented in the history of all countries past or present.

The reason for this marvelous prosperity is not hard to seek. The large majority of the 810,000 people who inhabit Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, have gone on to the farm, and have betaken themselves to the task of not only feeding and clothing themselves, but of raising food for others less happily circumstanced.

The crop of 1906, although not abnormal, is an eye-opener to many who previously had given little thought to the subject. Ninety million bushels of wheat at 70 cents per bushel—\$63,000,000; 76,000,000 bushels of oats at 30 cents per bushel—\$22,800,000; 17,000,000 bushels of barley at 40 cents per bushel—\$6,800,000; makes a total of \$92,600,000. This is altogether outside the root products; dairy produce, and the returns from the cattle trade; the beet sugar industry and the various other by-products of mixed farming.

When such returns are obtainable from the soil it is not to be wondered at that many are leaving the congested districts of the east, to take upon themselves the life of the prairie farm and the labor of the householder.

With the construction of additional railroads new avenues, for agricultural enterprise are opening up, and improved opportunities are offered to the settler who understands prairie farming, and is willing to do his part in building up the new country.

This is the theme that Mr. J. J. Hill, the veteran railroad builder in the West, has laid before the people in a series of addresses which he has given at various points during the past few months, and, having been for so long identified with the development of the West, there are few men better qualified than he to express an opinion upon it. Take care of the country, says he, and the cities will take care of themselves.

The farmers of the Western States and the Canadian West, are more prosperous than ever before, and when it comes to measuring up results, the Canadian appears to have somewhat the better of it. His land is cheaper in fact, the government continues to give free homesteads to settlers, and the returns per acre are heavier when the crop is harvested. Farming land in the Western States runs from \$60 to \$150 an acre and up, whereas equally good soil may be purchased in Canada for \$8 to \$15 per acre, within easy reach of a shipping point, and much of this is available for free homesteading. The quality of the Canadian No. 1 hard wheat cannot be beaten, and the returns to the acre are several bushels better than on this side of the line; the soil and climate of that country being peculiarly adapted to wheat growing.

The fact is evidently appreciated by the large number of American farmers who have in the past two or three years settled in the Canadian West. The agents of the Canadian Government, whose address will be found elsewhere, advise us that for the fiscal year 1904-5, the records show that 43,543 Americans settled in Canada, and in 1905-6 the number reached 57,796. From all of which, it appears that at present, there is a good thing in farming in Western Canada, and that the American farmer is not slow to avail himself of it.

A BRIDGE OF MAHOGANY.

Valuable Wood Used in Mexican Structure for Pedestrians and Teams.

As mahogany is among the most costly woods in the world, it may be inferred that this tropical material is not very extensively employed in the construction of buildings, etc. A bridge constructed of solid mahogany is certainly a rarity, a curiosity. There is one, claimed to be the only one in the world, built of that material. This structure is located in the department of Palenque, state of Chiapas, republic of Mexico. This district lies in the extreme southwestern part of Mexico, near the boundary line of Guatemala.

The mahogany bridge is constructed entirely of that valuable wood, except some iron braces and nails that are necessary. The bridge spans the Rio Michol and its total length, including approaches, exceeds 150 feet, while the width is 15 feet. It is used by both teams and pedestrians and, though somewhat rude and primitive in construction, it is very substantial. Note of the timbers of the flooring were sawed, for in that region there are no sawmills, but were hewn and split.

In that section of old Mexico there are several very large rubber plantations, and mahogany trees are quite common. In clearing away the tropical forests for setting out the young rubber trees the mahogany growths are also cut down and removed. As this wood is quite abundant, some of it was used in building the bridge.—American Inventor.

Hammocks in Sleeping Cars.

In Nova Scotia the experiment has been tried of running a train with hammocks instead of the usual bunks in the sleeping cars. It was a great success.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN BOY.

He Has Improved Markedly of Late, Declares a Casual Observer.

It seems to me that the quality of the boy now growing up in this country is peculiarly fine. He is not only less obstreperous and egotistical, but clearer and cleaner minded than the lad of twenty years ago. His advance physically will be manifest to anyone who will compare the figures in a class photograph of to-day with those of yesterday. He is taller, straighter, better featured, finer haired, handsomer and more like a thoroughbred in every way, writes George Harvey in the North American Review.

The exercise to which much of this improvement is attributable may be no more zealous, but it seems to be less spasmodic, more consistent and better adapted to its true purpose. As an inevitable sequence, his habits have become more regular, improving in turn his manners.

Altogether he has become attractive, partially in what he might resent being called a girlish sense, as the effect of his greater delicacy, but chiefly in a purely masculine way, since in point of reality he was never before so manly or so scrupulous of his personal honor.

His mother is the one chiefly responsible for this happy evolution. Thirty years ago her prototype donned a cap and became frankly middle-aged at marriage. From that day the principal feature of her personal appearance—her figure—ceased to interest her especially, and at forty she was satisfactory to a degree as a mother, but utterly worthless as a comrade and as a helper. To-day at forty-five she is her daughter's equal in appearance, and usually, we believe, her superior in the possession of that mysterious, indefinable, yet peculiarly fascinating quality known as "charm." She has not only maintained, but enhanced, her attractiveness by growing with, as well as for, her children.

It is this daily association from babyhood with her to whom instinct accords earliest reverence that has refined the boy. The father may have been no less congenial as a comrade, but circumstances have minimized in a comparative sense his helpfulness as a friend. Himself the product of a generation less carefully trained, and possessing the self-satisfaction of personal success, he is unable to perceive the desirability of a change in method tending to broaden development. Hence his patronizing attitude, his disposition to continue to treat as a child the son rapidly approaching manhood.

It is the mother, persisting in being a girl, who is glad to be regarded and treated by the boy as an intellectual equal. To her, therefore, belongs the credit of a transformation which we believe to be clearly perceptible, and which bodes the greatest good to this vast American organism which soon will require the finest mental and moral fiber yet demanded by civilization.

Bible History Up to Date.

Miller Reese Hutchinson, the inventor, is a great motor enthusiast, and he has for many years been interested in their development. He sold out his stable when he took to motoring, and in consequence his son, Reese, Jr., a bright little chap of three, knows little of anything in the vehicle line save the automobile.

Before his return from his country place in Bay Shore recently the lad's mother was telling him several Biblical stories, and among others told of the birth of the Saviour of the world in a stable in Bethlehem. The lad was much interested, and later in the evening he awoke from his sleep and insisted on more stories. Asked what stories he especially desired, he replied, seriously:

"Oh, I don't know. I think I like that one about the garage in Bethlehem."

What Tuberculin Is.

Tuberculin is the result of many experiments to obtain a curative antitoxin, or serum, for tuberculosis. It is a product of the growth of the tubercle organism in artificial cultures, says Farming, but it is a perfectly harmless product when properly used. It will neither cure nor cause the disease to spread in an affected animal; neither will it injure a healthy one in any way. In skilled hands it is almost infallible and with ordinary judgment the errors are only a few per cent. In Pennsylvania 4,000 animals that had given characteristic reactions were slaughtered and examined and the presence of the disease was demonstrated in all but eight.

The Eye Game.

Captivating shades are "coming in" with the liking for candle light at dinner parties. One of the prettiest shades is of white satin, embroidered with silver thread. Candle-shade games will be popular. One is called the "eye game." Every shade bears a reproduction of the eye of a distinguished man or woman, painted on mica, which lights up. Pencils and cards are passed around at desert, and guesses as to the owners of the original eyes are written down. The diner who makes the largest number of correct guesses gets a prize.

Gloria Mundi.

"Speak of me," quoth the novelist, magnanimously, "as frankly as if I had been dead 100 years."
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The education committee of the London county council has decided to recommend to the council that classes for the study of the Irish language and literature be opened in the public elementary schools of Finsbury, Islington, St. Pancras and Stepney.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Depew Writes Reminiscences.

While Senator Chauncey M. Depew was enjoying his long rest at Ardsley-on-the-Hudson he did a good deal of work on his reminiscences. He is not sure that they will ever be published, his idea being that they might be of interest to his son. In his fifty years of public life Mr. Depew has known a great many prominent personages and his reminiscences can hardly fail to be exceedingly readable.

Checked Attempt at Monopoly.

Trusts were sometimes dealt with summarily in old England. For instance, the records of the Brewers' company show that "on Monday, July 30, 1422, Robert Chichele, the mayor of London, sent for the masters and 12 of the most worthy of our company to appear at the Guildhall for selling dear ale. After much dispute about the price and quantity of malt, wherein Whittington, the late mayor, declared that the brewers had ridden into the country and forestalled the malt, to raise its price, they were convicted in the penalty of £20 (\$100), which objecting to, the masters were ordered to be kept in prison in the chamberlain's custody until they should pay it, or find security for the payment thereof."

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

A New Drink to Replace the Old-Time "Apple-Jack."

Twenty-five years ago the custom of making New Year's calls was a delightful one for all concerned, until some of the boys got more "egg-nog" or "apple-jack" than they could successfully carry.

Then the ladies tried to be charitable and the gentlemen tried to be as chivalrous as ever and stand up at the same time.

If anyone thinks there has not been considerable improvement made in the last quarter of a century in the use of alcoholic beverages, let him stop to consider, among other things, the fact that the old custom of New Year's calls and the genteel tipping is nearly obsolete.

The custom of calling on one's friends, however, at the beginning of the new year, is a good habit, and another good habit to start at that time is the use of well-made Postum instead of coffee or spirits.

A States Island doctor has a sensible daughter who has set Postum before her guests as a good thing to drink at Yule Tide, and a good way to begin the New Year. Her father writes:

"My daughter and I have used Postum for some time past, and we feel sure it contains wholesome food material.

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BOY'S HEAD ONE SOLID GORE.

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Mr. A. C. Barnett, proprietor of a general store in Avard, Oklahoma, tells in the following grateful letter how Cuticura cured his son of a terrible eczema. "My little boy had eczema. His head was one solid sore, all over his scalp; his hair all came out, and he suffered very much. I had a physician treat him, but at the end of three months he was no better. I remembered that the Cuticura Remedies had cured me, and after giving him two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, according to directions, and using Cuticura Soap and Ointment on him daily, his eczema left him, his hair grew again, and he has never had any eczema since. We use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and they keep our skin soft and healthy. I cheerfully recommend the Cuticura Remedies for all cases of eczema. A. C. Barnett, Mar. 30, 1905."

Wife Desertion Alarms.

So many Cincinnati wives have been deserted by their husbands of late that the city council has taken steps toward putting a check on such run-aways. It has been found that mortgage loan sharks are contributing factors in a great many cases. A man's ability to mortgage his furniture without the knowledge of his wife is a strong temptation to husbands of weak will. An ordinance has been introduced making such mortgage of no avail unless they bear the signature of both husband and wife.

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Don't Be Nervous

Ladies, but get rid of the disease which is the cause of most of woman's nervousness, viz., female trouble. "I was very nervous," writes Mrs. T. L. Jones, of Gallatin, Tenn., "and suffered six years with every disease peculiar to my sex. I had headache, backache, and acute female inflammation. I took three bottles of Cardui and it cured me. I gained 35 pounds in weight. I tell my husband that

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