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Agriculture And Economic Regeneration.

It is generally agreed throughout the British Empire that a movement to the land would constitute one of the greatest factors towards successful economic regeneration. While the great factor of unemployment in the Old Country has made conditions there bad and many people, as a result, are suffering hardships, men and families are wanted in the Dominions for the land. With the introduction of the Empire Settlement Bill in the British House of Commons, the first real step has been taken towards co-ordination and co-operation in migration policy that has been long needed. Many minds are at work on the problem and harmonious measures will likely be taken by the Dominions now that the Motherland has taken the first step. The Old Land is rich in men and money; the Dominions are rich in opportunities for those who are willing to use enough energy to take advantage of them. The resources of the Dominions of the British Empire should be developed by British capital. Therefore it is well that all members of the Empire should co-operate in measures that will be of benefit to the British citizens and will still preserve the British Empire for the British people, and the putting of British settlers on British land, wherever it may be, will assist towards that end.

Farming Is Sure And Safe Calling.

It seems peculiar that immigrants are, as a rule, more willing and more courageous in entering upon agricultural pursuits and taking up the occupations of farmers and ranchers in the Dominions, and in Canada particularly, than are the residents of the Dominions themselves. There are, doubtless, many people in Canada who are so afraid of entering into agriculture as a means of making their living or investing their money that they would rather starve in a city than make a try at the land. Due caution in changing from one occupation in life to another is to be commended and is wise but it seems in many cases in this country to be not so much a case of caution as a case of actual fear. People will stake their means, and, sometimes, even their lives on business deals of various description, in mining, in oil fields, in mercantile lines and in countless of other ventures, all less sure than the land, but would never consider agriculture. To the man of small means, the land, indeed, presents no sinecure and hard work is necessary for success, even for livelihood, but to the man of moderate means who feels that he is slipping in the city and in business, there is no safer and no more pleasant means of investing than by taking up land and turning it into productive use. In any case, it is a certain fact that if suitable land is obtained, such as still offers in almost every part of Canada, the investment of actual money or labor or both will be amply returned. There is little of the spectacular in agricultural pursuits; perhaps, that is why so many western Canadians are reluctant at following them. But what the development of the land lacks in excitement it certainly makes up for in eventual satisfaction and it is safe. Provided the land is taken up in the proper spirit of industry and commonsense there is nothing to be lost and much to be gained—something of which one can never be robbed.

Importance Of Agriculture To Building Of Country.

We are inclined to look towards the establishing of great industries and the development of mines and lumber mills and actual manufacturing or the like as the only means of making Prince Rupert a great city and the Skeena district a prosperous one. Possibly, in thinking of such things we lose sight of the real and direct benefit that land settling and development in this district means to us. We may be inclined to downheartedness because the spring has not brought forward so much in concrete form right here in Prince Rupert as we had looked for. But if we took a trip out of Prince Rupert into the hinterland agricultural valleys of the Skeena and the Bulkley, directly tributary to this city, we might be heartened up a little and might come back in a more hopeful and more confident mood. Those who do visit these valleys, come back and tell us of great activity, of new settlers coming and of fine agricultural projects progressing steadily towards great productiveness. It is because the people of Prince Rupert do not see all that is going on along these lines that they may be inclined to doubt the future. But if reason is allowed to prevail a new attitude will be produced. Agriculture is going to mean a lot to this city as the entrepot for the great valleys of the Skeena and Bulkley and possibly for the Queen Charlotte Islands but no one can expect it to develop in a single year or in a single decade.

The Skeena valley will some time become a second Fraser valley, the Bulkley, a second Thompson, Francois and Ootsa Lakes, a second Okanagan, the fisheries of the Skeena are more important today than the Fraser, the mining production of this section of the province is greater than any other single district and the possibilities are much vaster, the hills and mountains are covered with a practically untouched virgin forests, Prince Rupert is the terminus of the greatest Transcontinental railroad in Canada and as a port is closer to the Orient than any other southern port, therefore, why should Prince Rupert with modest expectations, indeed, not become a second Vancouver?

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SUNDAY was a sunny day. A day of heat and joy.

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While Ma was duly resting.

As she never did at home;

A wee stray dog came sneaking by.

And ran off with the ham.

The sequel to the lovely day.

Was Pa and Ma said D—

CITY NOT SENDING DELEGATE TO GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

The city will not be represented at the convention of the Good Roads League of B. C. or of the Canadian Municipalities Union which are to be held concurrently at Victoria from June 12 to June 15. A letter from the secretary of the former association urging that the city engineer and at least one member of the council be present was filed at last night's meeting of the city council. It is likely, however, that Prince Rupert will send a delegate to the Union of B. C. Municipalities Convention which will be held in the south on August 28.

Two Men in a Car

A short account of a Trip to California in a Ford Flivver By H. F. Pullen

FINAL REFLECTIONS.

VICTORIA, May 26.—British Columbia looks good and feels good after being in the south. The air is fresh and cool and the people change slightly, the farther north one goes. They are slow to get up in the mornings but when up they move with alacrity and vigor.

I am constantly asked all sorts of questions about California and the other states through which we passed, mostly inane questions such as "How are things in the south?" I reply that things are all right in the south, just as right as they are here. The people go about their work in their own way and solve their own problems just as we have to do.

In San Francisco they told me there had been no unemployment problem during the winter and there was no appearance of lack of occupation anywhere, but talking with some people in Los Angeles I was told there was difficulty in getting work for those other than laborers.

Prohibition.

I have been asked how prohibition is working out there, and I should say it is working out well, so well that I was most agreeably surprised after the stories I had heard. Of course there are blind pigs and there are illicit stills, plenty of them, but during the month we were in the country I saw only one drunken man and I saw nothing to indicate that the prohibition law had been a failure. Naturally we did not go out of our way to look for that sort of thing. I have been told that we could have got a drink anywhere if we had tried to get it. But there were no saloons flaunting themselves in our faces and challenging our decency on every street corner as I am told was the case a few years ago. There is very little public drinking, which is about all that could be expected at the present time. It will take years to eliminate the desire for intoxicants, especially in some quarters where there is laxity in the enforcement of the law.

Enforce Laws.

The main feature in the United States and in Canada is to eliminate public drinking and to enforce the existing laws to the best of our ability. Among those who favor improved conditions there is a fear that in this province there will be a reversion to conditions against which we all fought several years ago. Today British Columbia and the United States are fairly decent. The laws are all right. What is needed is rigid enforcement rather than changes. Happily in the United States there is no hope of any change owing to the rigid constitution. In Canada, however, we are swayed by our emotions and shift constantly from side to side. The constitution is flexible.

There are an immense number of Canadians in the United States. In Victoria I met a lot of people who were moving south, mostly to Los Angeles. It seems to me as if Los Angeles was in for a break one of these days. The building boom cannot continue indefinitely and with the break of the building boom will come a slump in business generally. This will be a set back in a sure growth, for Los Angeles is destined to be a big city and to remain one of the important centres of the United States.

Inconsistent Attitude.

One of the things I noticed in regard to the United States is this. Canadians look with jealousy on that country and they shout loud for the British flag as against the stars and stripes. Let them be offered a position on the other side of the line, however, and they jump at once at it, never remembering that they are to live under a foreign flag.

No man ever seems to let his loyalty interfere with his livelihood and yet when living on this side he is intensely keen on frowning down anything which tends to better relations between the two countries.

Looking at the matter coldly and without sentimental bias, it seems foolish that there should be a boundary line between Canada and the United States. The sensible thing would be to form

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