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TRY THE EXPERIMENT

Premier Tweedie stated to a representative of the Times yesterday that the government was prepared to give aid to bring desirable immigrants to New Brunswick, sent here under the auspices of the Salvation Army to take positions provided for them.

This is in the interests of the province, but it is unfortunate that a more comprehensive policy cannot be carried out, to provide settlers in large numbers for our vacant lands. The Salvation Army experiment has proved that even unskilled laborers can be successful in establishing homes for themselves on the land.

As one writer observes: "The objection is often urged against the land colony scheme as a plan of relief for the urban unemployed, that persons of this class are, as a rule, unfit for farm life and disinclined to rural residence. Mere lack of agricultural knowledge and preference for town life are represented to be serious obstacles in the way of general application of the colony project. But Mr. H. Rider Haggard believes that the Salvation Army experiments have proved these difficulties to be unimportant."

Mr. Haggard visited the Salvation Army colonies at Fort Romie, in California, and Fort Amity in Colorado. In his report he says: "I submit that the lesson to be learned is one of great importance. It shows that unskilled and untrained persons can be taken from towns, put upon land and thrive there, even when that land is of a nature not very suitable to such settlements. . . . The two experiments seem to me to be eminently successful, and to demonstrate, in the case of Fort Romie, that indigent people of the agricultural laborer class can be settled upon land and there do well, and in the case of Fort Amity that such persons can even be taken from towns and yet prosper."

If Mr. Haggard is right in his conclusions, let us consider now what field there is to draw from, for the class of persons who can be made successful colonists. There is in the old country a society called the Self-Help Emigration Society, of which Lord Aberdeen is president, and which during the past twenty years has guided 7,943 persons to the colonies, many of them to Canada. In a letter dated June 2nd, its secretary writes: "It has guided to the colonies, and chiefly to Canada, 7,943 persons, and has given them money help to an average extent of about one-fifth of the fares, the remainder being found by the applicants or their connections. While it is true that about 400 persons last year, it has already sent out this year about 700, a great part being respectable unemployed laborers and their families. The society encourages applicants to come forward for advice and for grants, and advises against emigration those who are unsuited for Canadian life. Spitable emigrants are taken by the land and introduced to responsible correspondents in Canada, who obtain farm work for them practically upon arrival. In this way the difficulties of settling in a new country are lessened, and, with rare exceptions, the people find that they have better prospects for themselves and their children in the colonies than they could have hoped for here."

The secretary also makes the following remarks, which are worthy of particular attention: "Whatever the state of trade may be, the fact remains that in certain districts at home there are always more decent, strong, unskilled men wanting work than are needed. The result is social misery and degradation. All this time Canada is crying out for these very men to till their virgin soil. Cannot this surplus labor be taken to its natural market? The Dominion government offers every inducement to suitable settlers, save paying their fares; but there are many deserving unemployed to whom the moderate fare is an absolute bar and who require guidance and advice."

On the first day of the present year 82,267 persons were in receipt of poor law relief in England and Wales. There, in the old country, are the people. Here, in the province of New Brunswick, is the land. Mr. Haggard says those people can be made successful tillers of this land?

But in addition to the very poor there are hundreds of thousands of people with some small means who can never succeed in the old country, and who would do well if settled here. The man or the woman which can solve the problem of getting the people on the land—bring this surplus labor to its natural market—will confer a great and lasting benefit upon the province of New Brunswick.

MR. EMMERSON'S TASK

The statement made by Hon. Mr. Emerson to the Times last evening with regard to the management of the I. C. R. will be commended as a statement, though no doubt an attempt to carry out the programme will rouse considerable opposition. We all remember the fate of Mr. Harris.

The greatest difficulty in connection with the government railway is the patronage and the objection offered when the people are asked to pay as high rates, on "the people's railway" as they pay to company roads.

In their efforts to stop lands and put the business on a basis, Mr. Emerson and Mr. Butler will have the sympathy and the advice of politics in the lower provinces, because the enormous deficit of last year is not well received in the west, and the western people are beginning to com-

plain—not without reason. No doubt the minister and his deputy will consider to what extent the low rate on through freight affects the earnings of the road, and also whether political reasons may not have unduly swelled the number of employees in the various departments. Mr. Emerson has an opportunity to prove his mettle as minister of railways, and the result will be watched with eager interest in these provinces. He has the aid of a very capable railway man of wide experience in Deputy Minister Butler.

DISGRACEFUL

St. John in some respects does not appear to have profited by the lessons of civilization. That a woman, helplessly drunk, should be borne on a sledge for half a mile through the streets, followed by a crowd of yelling and jeering children to the very door of the police station, is simply disgraceful. Surely the city can afford a patrol wagon, to prevent such demoralizing spectacles on its public streets.

There is another matter worthy of attention. Recently two young girls were kept in the police cells for several days. There is no police station, and no matter how kind-hearted the police officers may be there should be a public protest against the incarceration of girls without the attendance of a police matron. Scarcely a week passes without some unfortunate females being placed under arrest. However unfortunate, however degraded they may be, the city owes it to itself to throw around them every redeeming influence while they are under its official care.

We talk of Christian fellowship and social service, and yet their lies at our door as a community the shame of submitting the degraded to deeper degradation. An aroused public opinion should demand a reform in methods.

THE CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES

The rector of St. John's church gives, in an interview in today's Times, sound reasons why there should be no delay in introducing manual training into the schools of St. John. In tomorrow's issue will appear an article by Dr. Geo. U. Hay, which should be read by every citizen, as it sets forth with the skill of a teacher and one thoroughly conversant with the work the value of manual training. There will also be an interview with Rev. A. B. Cobbe, who was himself a student in a manual training school, and whose home contains furniture that bears evidence to a skill as a handicraftsman which as a boy he acquired at that school.

The Times is greatly encouraged in its efforts to rouse public feeling to the point where sufficient pressure will be brought to bear to ensure the introduction of manual training in St. John schools. Instead of being content as they have been for years to say "we ought to have it," the time has come to say "we must and will have it."

Today's despatches on the Russo-Japanese question are unusually interesting. Mr. White is said to be thinking more about a war loan than about peace, and Japan grows restive and somewhat eager to have done with fruitless talk.

The National Yacht Club of Toronto announces that it will challenge for the Savannah Cup, which has been carried across the border. Lower province yachtsmen should have a hand in this game.

Premier Balfour is opposed to placing a limit to the subjects to be discussed at the proposed colonial conference. In this the premier takes the right view.

A Cornwall (Ont.) magistrate contends that farmers are not among the persons prohibited from Sunday labor. The situation grows interesting.

The Russian press is still playing the game of bluff. That is from the Russian standpoint a necessary feature of the peace negotiations.

New Orleans is not succeeding well in its efforts to stamp out yellow fever. The effort upon its industry and trade will be very serious.

Toronto has secured judgment against the street railway for \$18,000 for failure to comply with the city engineer's orders.

There is nothing like a good dinner at Lewis' Tavern to add spice to one's life.

The Japanese appear to have made a good job of it on the island of Sakhalin.

SUSSEX.

SUSSEX, Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison and children, and Mrs. E. A. Charters and Mrs. Geo. Bain left this morning for Camp Kill Kare, Pleasant Lake, where they will enjoy a week's fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, who have been visiting Dr. J. H. Burnett, left last night for their home in Ottawa.

Miss Carrie Roach, trained nurse, left last night for Woodstock, where she will engage on a case.

ANOTHER RECORD GONE

ODDEN, Utah, Aug. 4.—W. E. Sampson, of Tropic, Utah, has broken the world's bicycle record for two miles at the local track, riding from scratch. In a two mile lap handicap professional race he did the distance in 34.16. This is a 1/16 of a second below any previous record.

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EMMERSON TO USE THE PLUG

Minister of Railways Says If There is a Leakage on the I. C. R. It Must Be Stopped.

"The Intercolonial must be run on business principles. If there is a leakage it must be found out and remedied." Hon. H. R. Emerson, minister of railways, made the above statement to a Times representative last evening, in answer to a question as to what was the object of his trip over the I. C. R. in connection with M. J. Butler, the new deputy minister of railways. Mr. Emerson said that they would go over the line thoroughly, and if possible see if there was not a way in which the recent deficit of \$2,000,000 could be explained. He did not know just what form his investigations would take, but everything was in the hands of the department. Regarding changes in the system here in St. John, he said there was nothing he could say beyond the improvements to the depot, which would be enlarged as previously stated.

Mr. Emerson arrived in his private car attached to the Boston express, accompanied by his friends. He went to Moncton last night, where he will be joined by Mr. Butler, and both will attend the funeral of E. P. Price, late general superintendent of the I. C. R.

Among those at the station last evening to meet Mr. Emerson were: Mr. H. C. Attorney-General Pugsley, Senator G. G. King, Hon. L. P. Farris, John A. Chesley and others.

H. RIDER HAGGARD

Makes Suggestions Looking to the Establishment of Colonization Settlements.

As a result of his visit to the Salvation Army settlements in California, Colorado, H. Rider Haggard has made the following suggestions to the British government: (1) That the interest of a loan or loans, of an amount to be fixed hereafter, should be guaranteed by the Imperial government, or by the Imperial and certain colonial governments jointly, if that is thought desirable, and can be arranged in the large cities of Great Britain should be approached in order to ascertain whether the interest could be prepared to make a per capita contribution for every selected family of which the burden was taken off the local rates.

(2) That a permanent officer should be appointed by the Imperial government to be known as the superintendent of land settlements, to administer the scheme. (3) That the Salvation Army, or any other well-established and approved society, should be entrusted with the selection, distributing, and settling of the settlers on land colonies anywhere within the boundaries of the British Empire, who should remain in charge of such organizations until all liabilities were paid.

(4) That no title to land should be given to any colonist until he had discharged to the Imperial government the full amount of his sinking fund, recoverable in an agreed period of years.

(5) That the possibility of establishing similar colonies in the United Kingdom should be carefully considered.

(6) That, if these suggestions are approved, a bill to be designated the "Imperial Land Settlements Act," embodying and giving life to them, should be laid before parliament.

CENTRAL RAILWAY

Provincial Government Considered It and Other Matters at Last Night's Meeting.

The local government held three meetings Thursday in their rooms, Church street, to consider the report of Engineers Wetmore and Gilmore Brown respecting the Central Railway, and for other matters. As is stated in another column the railway matter was further referred to the commissioners.

The meeting yesterday was a continuation of the meeting begun in Fredericton Tuesday evening.

One important matter that has been before the government for consideration is the Hampton Village school made application to the board of education for power to borrow money to build a school house. A largely signed petition was also presented by ratepayers of Hampton Station who desired that the question of consolidation be reconsidered. These wish of the petition will be sent to some of the opponents of the proposed consolidated school. These people will have an opportunity to be heard if they so desire.

Premier Tweedie said a factory inspector had not yet been appointed but that the matter had been referred to a sub-committee consisting of Attorney-General Pugsley and Surveyor-General Jones.

The matter of the appointment of the St. John registrar of probate, Mr. Tweedie said, would have to go before the lieutenant-governor for approval before any announcement could be made.

Premier Tweedie reported to the meeting having concluded satisfactory arrangements with Robert Meighen, president of the N. B. Railway Company, for the transfer of certain lands in Victoria county for settlement purposes.

The premier further said that the recent temporary loan of \$500,000 negotiated with the Credit Foncier of Quebec is of a very satisfactory nature. It is for a term of six months and will cost four per cent net. The loan is to replace six per cent bonds falling due and for other necessary works for which debentures have been authorized. It was not deemed advisable, however, to issue debentures at the present time as there is reason to believe that in the near future a far better rate can be obtained. Hence the temporary loan.

QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER

There has probably not been such an instantaneous theatrical success in years as the dramatization of "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which will be seen here Aug. 14th, in the Opera House. The play, which is a truly rural play—not melodrama with country characters and scenes, and thus proclaimed as a country play. In no line, situation or scene, does the play get away from

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