

THE DOMINION PARKS.

Large appropriations have been made by Parliament for Dominion Parks this year. The work in connection with this service was in its infancy at the change of administration, and is being laid down on large comprehensive lines. While the work of beautifying and developing the parks is being carried out, at the same time a campaign of publicity is being conducted in regard to the parks which will result in the encouragement of tourist traffic.

The vexed question of disposing of lands in the British Columbia Railway Belt has been settled in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. The lands were recently made available for settlement, after due publicity had been given to the regulations, and although the greater portion of the entries have been granted, there practically have been no complaints.

THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

The immigration to the Dominion now represents something more than a new settler for every minute of our waking hours, for every day of the year. The future of our citizenship depends on the present selection of the raw material. In this problem Dr. Roche has taken special interest. During the early summer he visited Europe to look into the work of his Department and to examine the sources from which our immigration comes. His visit has resulted in further extension of the Department's efforts to obtain a still larger share of the emigration from the Mother Country. A new agency has been established in Wales, with Mr. Sidney Pugh in charge. In addition to this, Mr. Pugh has been appointed Inspector of Agencies in Great Britain and in Europe, a position which became necessary owing to the extension of the general work of the Department on the other side. An officer performing similar functions has for a number of years past been employed by the Department in the United States, where the work has been so eminently successful, and there is no doubt that similar beneficial results may be expected in the Old Country and in the European countries where the Department is now conducting its propaganda. Agencies have also been opened at Peterborough and Carlisle in England. In order to further encourage work on the Continent, an agency is being established for Scandinavian countries. The appropriation for general advertising has been increased, and prospects are good for a larger immigration of the blood and brawn of Britain as well as increased results from the Continent. In the United States a forward step has been taken in the methods of advertising, and, although Canada can scarcely expect to always maintain the present high-water mark in numbers, especially