

# THE COLONISTS FROM FRANCE

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## COMMISSIONER HAS MADE INSPECTION

## Baron Ussel Is in Canada on a Mission for His Government.

Baron Ulster, a nobleman of France, is stopping at the Driad.

The baron is just completing a tour of Canada, to which he was commissioned by the Fallières government, for the purpose of enquiring into the condition of the French settlers in Canada.

For the most part the settlements of old France are located in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Ulster visited all the French communities in those provinces, and made full enquiry as to their condition individually and otherwise. Notable among these settlements is that of St. Rose du Lac, on Lake Winnipeg, where about 1,000 French-Canadians are settled. The baron has found a most happy condition of affairs obtaining among the French settlers in Canada.

It is not a part of the policy of the French government to encourage emigration. At the same time there is no prohibition against it. The citizens of France, like those of England, are not prone to subjection in matters affecting their own country. The baron found the old land is sorry to lose its people; in a sense; if they must leave they are not particularly sorry to see them go. For as an instance of the growing freedom and protection under English institutions, the baron says that it is not improbable that a considerable immigration from France may be looked for. As an instance of the growing interest there is in Canada as a prospective country, he remarked that the

Immigration of French people had increased four-fold in the last two years. Grand Duke Stanislas was expected to arrive on his return trip. He will go back to Paris direct, having gathered all the necessary data for the preparation of his report.

HONORING THE DEAD.

Citizens of Winnipeg Pay Tribute to Memory of Honorable Sir J. S. W. McNair.

Winnipeg, Nov. 7.—A special train from Brandon, conveying the body of the late Hon. S. W. McNair, arrived in Winnipeg this morning. The train was loaded with baggage car and was draped in black, white and purple, five passenger coaches which were filled with citizens of Brandon and the neighboring district, who had come down to attend the funeral to this cemetery. Rev. Roland Desautels, De Penier, of Brandon, conducted the services in that city and at the graveside.

well thrown open and the platform was then filled with a representative number of Winnipeg citizens, who had gathered to meet Mayor Caldwell, in order to respectfully bid him adieu. In his remarks to the memory of the dead man prominent Conservatives and Liberalists were present in great numbers. In respect to the remembrance, Internet was made in the middle. All the city schools were closed, and the afternoon, however close, was pleasant.

**MAYOR'S STRONG HAND.**

First Vetoes Power Bill and Now Causes Engineer to Retire.

Winnipeg, Nov. 7.—Mayor Ashdown announces that the resignation of Cecil Smith as chief power engineer will be welcomed by the city. The mayor said that Mr. Smith's usefulness to Winnipeg as far as the power scheme was concerned had departed. Mr. Smith had been in conflict with council members and had been urging the immediate construction of the power scheme despite the financial conditions. His resignation was apparently caused by the fact that the power bill passed by council to proceed with the project.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

Agricultural Society Will Meet Wednesday, Nov. 20th, For Transaction of Business.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association will meet for the election of officers and the consideration of reports on Wednesday, November 20th. This is the last annual meeting which was indefinitely adjourned from some weeks ago, owing to failure to get a quorum.

The annual statement, shows that

the recent exhibition was successful from the money point of view.

During the past year the officers of the association were as follows:

Patron: His Honor Lieutenant-Governor James Dunsmuir; officers, A. J. Morley, Mayor of Victoria, president; H. D. Helmcken, Victoria, first vice-president; J. C. Macdonald, second vice-president; W. H. Ladner, Ladner, B. C., third vice-president; W. H. Bullock, Ganges Harbor, fourth vice-president; Stuart J. C. Henderson, fifth vice-president; J. E. Smart, Victoria, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee—A. J. Morley, Mayor of Victoria; Stuart J. C. Henderson, Dr. S. F. T. Molme, Geo. Sangster.

Executive Sub-Committees.

Ground floor department, J. Stuart Yates.

First floor department, Ald. Henderson.

Sports and attractions department, Dr. S. F. T. Molme.

Livestock and yard department, Geo. Sangster.

Protest, the executive.

**JUDGMENT RESERVED.**

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Judgment has been reserved in the case of Frank Arnold K. against the R. C. Air Club, for the president of the Ontario bank, for \$7,700 for legal fees.