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What Settlers Get in Canada.

CARRYING their fortune in their hands, as it were, and landing among people they have never seen before, the settlers arrive not without some misgivings as to what the future holds in store for them. Little they know of the history they will be able to write ten or twenty years hence, yet their hope is strong and their faith in a new land is very great.

Such faith cannot be lightly regarded by those whom the newcomers meet for the first time, and upon Canadians already established in the Dominion there devolve the duties of welcome and assistance, even the same as they received themselves when first entering Canada years ago. Only by this community of interest and helpful intercourse will the newcomers be readily absorbed in the great Commonwealth Oversea. Canadians owe much to immigrants, who in turn will welcome others.

Some immigrants have been treated too well. They have arrived in Canada with exaggerated ideas of their own importance, or, worse still, lack of appreciation of the business intelligence of Canada, which demands a good day's work for a good day's pay, with no privileged notions or functions thrown in. And they have in many cases fared better than they deserved.

The Lure of Canada.

Some people do not fit in at all, and, generally speaking, most people find a new land strange, with conditions to them somewhat awkward; even the method of living is different from what they have been used to, but it is a curious after-result and an everlasting fact that, given six months in a land like Canada, the home sickness—but not the home affection—disappears, and although a trip Eastward is looked forward to with pleasure, back they inevitably go to the land of the Maple Leaf.

Others, from unforeseen circumstances not altogether their fault and not even the fault of the country to which they go, have been treated less favourably than they had hoped and deserved. This is inevitable, considering the diversity of human nature, human capabilities and human environments, but even these will readily admit that the vast majority of those arriving in Canada, desiring to succeed, do very well indeed.

At any rate, this much can be said—that an immigrant gets in Canada just what he or she deserves, and this comes of the fact that individual effort, honesty of purpose and of labour, and a sincere desire to solve all the amenities of a new life are the root and branch of a successful career anywhere

Sunshine and Shadow.

There is sunshine and shadow in every country, but there