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ATTENTION is directed to the official announcements of Chief Superintendent Dr. Inch in another column.

Canada has over a hundred thousand Indians. They are increasing in numbers and cultivate a hundred thousand acres of land.

Moving About in the West.

By G. U. HAY.

Only a few centuries ago Western Canada was the Great West to European explorers. Now the west has shifted to the vast plains of the North-west, and the Far West lies beyond the Rocky Mountains. Every day sees immigrants, numbered by the thousands, seeking homes in this vast and fertile country, which seems to swallow them up, for outside of the cities and towns along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway few houses or shacks of settlers are to be seen. Nothing gives one a better idea of the immensity of this prairie country than its seeming lack of inhabitants, after the thousands of settlers that have been poured into it in late years from the outside world.

The centre of this great region of the middle west is Winnipeg, of whose future its citizens have boundless dreams. But they do not dream dreams alone. In the market place, on the street, at the hotel, in the private house, you hear the same story of the city's marvellous expansion and faith in its limitless possibilities. You ask for a conservative estimate of its population, and you are given a figure that exceeds the combined population of Halifax and St. John. If you hazard the opinion that Winnipeg is probably the most progressive city on the continent, the optimistic citizen will agree with you, except as to the "probability."

What strikes the stranger as a somewhat anomalous condition of affairs in a country where there is an abundance of cheap land is the excessive rate at which choice building lots are held in Winnipeg. Passing along one of the best known residential portions of the city, I was told that a lot could be had at \$100 a foot (frontage). Some time ago the government wished to buy a lot which it needed, and had to pay \$1,000 a foot for it. Still more recently the Canadian Bank of Commerce had to pay \$1,700 a foot for a piece of land which it needed to extend its present buildings.

One is impressed with the schools and school