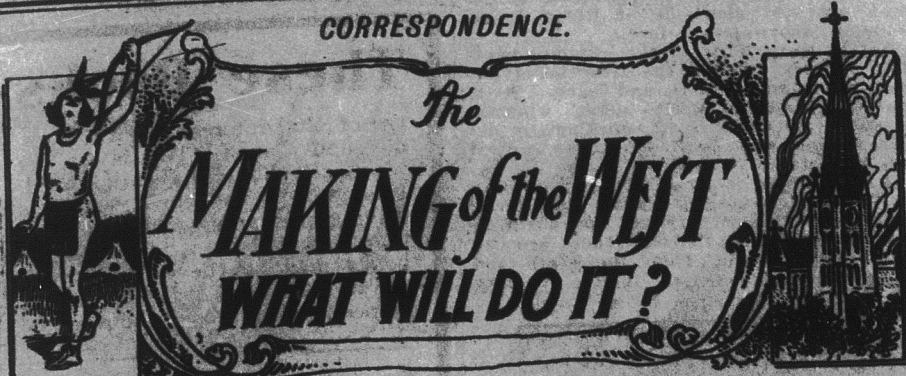


CORRESPONDENCE.



Party Freedom.

Sir—I am glad that you are now opening up in your journal a correspondence column where we can have an opportunity of comparing notes with one another in regard to the various questions that come within the range of possible help in making for the best interests of our great Northwest. I believe one thing that will help to create a sturdy race among our prairies will be to develop independent thinking. Ordinarily I will grant you the political mugwump, the putty nosed politician—the jelly-fished voter is of the variety to call forth your contempt, but the man who has got sanity enough to do his own thinking, independent of partyism, is the hope of the future. In Great Britain to-day, the body politic is kept in good health because of the vast number of intelligent men who do their own thinking and are wedded to no party—hence it is an impossibility for either political party to hold office for 20 or 30 years, as we have seen in both the Ontario legislature and in the Dominion parliament. When party becomes so strong that it gets a cinch on the country and can hold office with impunity, then we are sure to get more or less political corruption and personal graft and have no redress from the coils. If we can only have in these prairie provinces an independent, sturdy, intelligent yeomanry, loyal to our institutions and determined to put Canada first, last and every time, we shall by and by have a country worthy of the best traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race.—VERITAS.

Stop Bribing and Begging for Immigrants.

Sir—It seems to me your request for correspondence as to what will be of advantage in building up a happy people in the Northwest is very timely. I am not one of those who care to indulge in questions of politics, and I presume that political questions will be ruled out of the columns of your paper. However, I do think that all Northwest people ought to try and advocate those things that are likely to make for the begetting of a national sentiment. Two things we have to guard against now. One is the danger that comes from having different tongues and different religions. If the Northwest is to be our

Up with the Cross.

Sir—As one stands at the C.P.R. station in Winnipeg and sees the daily influx of people from all parts of the world, he is more than ever impressed with the necessity of having the churches awake to their duty and their opportunity. These people having left homes and friends need to be surrounded with everything that will be morally and spiritually helpful—indeed, the majority of them are waiting to have the cheer and comfort that only religion can give. If this duty is shirked or the opportunity neglected, it may be a long time before such another chance may be given. There is no greater need to-day in this great Northwest than for strenuous men of God to give gospel of the grace of God to these new comers. This I consider to be one of the great needs at this time in building up our Great West.—H. THOMPSON.

Canadian Clubs.

Sir—The daily papers are assuring us that thousands of American farmers are pouring into our Northwest and thousands more are preparing to follow. There are several reasons why this is so. One, the land in the States has become exhausted. Another, that they are feeling the pressure of the beef trust and the railway combines that dictate to them the price of the grain and the stock coming from an already exhausted soil. So they are seeking a fairer Eden in our glorious West. There is, however, a great fear that this peaceable invasion may lead to annexation sentiments being propagated and a danger accruing from this. We have more to fear from our neighbors in this respect than from any that come from Europe, because these have not had the liberty and the prosperity characteristic of the American continent. Now, it seems to me there should be a corresponding effort and enthusiasm in our public bodies and public schools in trying to deepen a loyal sentiment and strengthen ties that bind us to the British flag. It would be a good thing to encourage the founding of Canadian clubs or Empire clubs in our towns. Those already in the Eastern provinces have been very beneficial in propagating a Canadian spirit. Societies should be formed in our public schools and opportunities given to learn

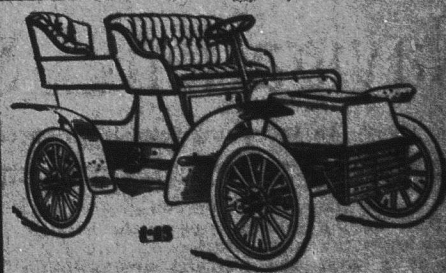
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bear those creatures in their homes? I couldn't. But what are we to do? All the ladies of my acquaintance are asking the same question. This is surely the problem of the West.—FORT GARRY.

Temperance Men Forward.

Sir—In order to secure a prosperous and stable people in Western Canada, we must see to it that temperance sentiments are propagated and temperance habits cultivated. There has been in all sections of Canada, if not among all the British speaking race, a wonderful advance in temperance sentiment during the last 20 years. There has been a great gain and has added materially to the prosperity and happiness of the people. The principles must not only be conserved but advanced.

There will be doubtless many who come from the older nations of Europe that have not been accustomed to our advanced temperance habits. It would be unfortunate should their ideas and ways find lodgment in their own children.—R. LYON.

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permanent home, then there should be a fervent desire to cultivate a common speech so that there will be a common channel of communicating thought. The policy of the immigration department ought to be as far as possible to break up in sections the incoming people, instead of having them in colonies and perpetuating difficult little foreign communities in this new land, with widely different prejudices and passions. The time has ceased when Canada should go begging for a population, and surely the time has ceased when we should grant special privileges and special charters to sects and sections of churches and countries to keep up separation rather than build up a national life.

With thanks for the privilege of saying this word, I am, yours, TOM JONES.

Englishmen Need not Apply.

Sir—I am an Englishman, and since "coming west" have observed that Canadians do not think as highly of English people as we might reasonably expect them to do. Moreover, they tell me that Englishmen are even disliked in this country, and preference is given to foreigners. Am I rightly informed? I cannot think for a moment that I am. Surely Canadian people know how much they are indebted to England for their present position and prosperity. Will some of your readers tell me I am mistaken?—JUST ARRIVED.

and sing patriotic songs, and prizes should be given for essays by the pupils on those subjects that will tend to inspire loyal sentiment in the young scholar. If we can succeed in deepening the spirit of loyalty in our children, it will be a long day before annexationism can find root among the people of our newer provinces.—WILLIAM McLEAN.

Where Can I get a Servant Girl?

Sir—I am aware that the West has many needs, and feel a little hesitation in stating what I look upon as the most urgent. Yet I think I shall venture my pet suggestion. It is this, girls to perform domestic service. How can we get along without them? It is out of the question for us women to do our own work. We have so many calls to make and social functions to attend, to say nothing of the worry and work incidental to entertaining the friends of our husbands. I cannot imagine why girls prefer to work in stores when they could have good homes and good wages. I feel sure the immigration authorities do not give this subject the attention it deserves. Why don't the newspapers take the matter up more than they do? If we cannot get servant girls from England, could we not get them from Ontario and Quebec? Some friends of mine who visited the coast tell me that Chinamen are employed in some British Columbia homes as domestics. I do not know how they can

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