

areas mixed farming is the wisest farming from the beginning, as it will presently become in others now almost exclusively devoted to wheat. Wheat raising is not likely to remain the only guarantee of prosperity in Western Canada any more than it did in the Middle Western States.

With a diminution of free land, the financial side of Saskatchewan farming will approximate to Eastern conditions, and legislation will in all probability be directed towards forcing land held speculatively, into cultivation. The time for pouring people into the country, leaving them to pick up a mastery of conditions, must speedily pass, and the province will take steps to foster the maximum prosperity in given areas,—such as the direction of cattle into regions where the lack of them is a drawback to development, and the oversight of public and semi-public services.

Diminution of free land will create new conditions.

Observation of public events in Saskatchewan suggests that the distribution of new population, so as to make the most of natural production, will soon become a special concern of government. Hitherto, immigration has been provided for the province, largely because of the public domain being held by the Dominion. But, whoever holds the public lands, which are less and less a factor in settled districts, the provincial ambition must be for larger and well founded immigration.

ALBERTA.

In general, the Saskatchewan situation is duplicated in Alberta, with important differences. The Alberta Government did more to attract people than Saskatchewan has done, partly because, no doubt, a smaller proportion of Dominion-promoted immigration, for several years, reached the more westerly province. With railway expansion and industrial development on account of the coal fields, the demand for more population will grow. The country beyond Edmonton, which is the real Northwest of Canada, is almost a province. Irrigation in Southern Alberta is a unique feature in provincial progress.

Coal fields will produce special industrial development.

Alberta is taking courses of its own regarding taxation (aimed at wild real estate speculation) and other public responsibilities. Its appeal for population will have a distinctive note. In any event, the division of Canada into provinces, each with an individuality peculiar to itself, is abundant reason for each to assume a maximum of direct responsibility for its own expansion.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The principle of provincial responsibility for provincial expansion is exhibited strongly in British Columbia. Its mountainous configuration; its mineral resources; its contact

Immigration of producing white people doubly important.