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A VISIT FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION.

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THE war had no sooner closed in Egypt than schools and universities sprang up and a season of prosperity set in around Khartoum such as had never been known in that benighted country.

Immediately after peace negotiations were signed, Lord Milner, now in charge of the South African forces, selected a party of Boers and Burghers together with their wives, and started them on a tour of inspection around the world. They covered practically all Canada from Halifax to Vancouver, inspecting everything of interest from a commercial standpoint.

The writer had the privilege of their company in the Province of Ontario for several days, and it is a pleasure for me to state

that I never enjoyed an outing more than that passed in the company of the delegates from South Africa. The entire party, consisting of ladies and gentlemen, seemed to have but one object in view, namely: the gathering of information which would be useful to them on the farms and at home. Every feature in Canadian agriculture was closely studied, questions were asked incessantly regarding our method of work and handling of machinery, the care and management of farm animals, the method of constructing farm buildings, the planting and care of the orchard, the variety of grains and grasses—all of these things interested them, and each night before retiring the gentlemen wrote a complete digest of the day's work.