

EMIGRATION OF SCOTCHMEN

Canada is Enormous, 11,000 have Left Scotland Already This Year.

There is an ever-increasing influx of the most desirable class of the British Islands to emigrate to Canada, scarcely a day passing without some farewell to these emigrants having been recorded in our columns. This is in keeping with what has been going on in other parts of the country, it is stated that the rush of emigrants from Scotland to Canada is much larger this year than in any previous year.

A Better Class Going.

This feature of the movement to the West is perhaps quite as notable as the ever-increasing numbers of emigrants. It is not now the man, who emigrates, the man who comes to the West, and who that in a new land, far from the associations, who are to be found in a new life. Neither is it the adventurer, who is tired of monotony of life at home, and who is desirous of seeing the world.

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Improvement in the Standard of Living.

At first it was thought by many that the Morinville lignite was too light for the heavy engines now used on the railways and that the strong draught would be unburdened when the heavy engines were used. But when it is remembered that wood was originally used in locomotives it will be readily understood that lignite could be disregarded. An engine that will burn lignite equally as well. Fine netting requires a fine netting.

Settling in Manitoba.

May 15—Remarkable progress has been made with seeding here in the past few days and tonight all the wheat in this section. Seeding is also well advanced throughout Western Manitoba. It was never in better shape.

90 Operatives Get Increase.

Hence, R. I., May 15—The cotton manufacturers of Rhode Island considered notices of increase in all their mills in this state. Connecticut and several in Massachusetts, where they are, announcing a wage increase of approximately ten per cent.

THE COAL FIELDS AT MORINVILLE

The Mines which Solved Big Problem For C. N. R. and Which Have Great Future

Morinville is the present terminus of the C. N. R. branch in Northern Alberta. The eighteen miles north and three miles west of Edmonton. It is situated in the heart of a rich agricultural area, where there has been steady and permanent improvement in methods of farming and quality of the buildings, despite the absence of railway facilities.

Morinville promises to become one of the most important towns in Northern Alberta. Nowhere is the characteristic optimism of the West more evident and nowhere is it more justified. The entry of the C. N. R. into the little town that has led it into the steadily in the sequestration of the prairie has given it an impetus of development that is reflected by increased business activity on every side.

Strike Goal in Sinking Wells.

It has been well known for years that coal existed in the Morinville district. Almost every farmer that had occasion to sink a well found a seam of coal at varying depths from the surface. With the development of the West, the destruction of the sparse forests and the rise of hundreds of towns, the coal has been raised from 50 cents to \$1 a foot.

Yield of First Seam.

It is estimated that the first seam will yield 25,000 tons of coal per acre. The company has 160 acres of this kind of coal lands, so that there is nothing visionary about the future of this company or the others that are preparing to open mines in the adjoining provinces.

Cardiff Coal Company.

The richness and extent of the lignite deposits have attracted other capitalists and investors to the district, but as yet the Morinville coal company is the only one that is actually producing coal. This company has 80 men employed including miners, surface men and carpenters. The miners are satisfied with the new arrangement made with the company recently and relations between both parties are of the most harmonious nature.

A Future Coal Mining Town.

The Cardiff coal company includes the names of J. H. Morris, Charles Carey, Alfred Allayne Jones, S. L. Roy, J. H. Picard, Oscar Tessier, Geo. Roy and others. The company has a purpose raising stock. Paul C. Black, proprietor of the Alberta Implement Co., has unloaded a steam plowing and threshing outfit which he recently sold to Messrs. Schroeder and Ingles.

Cardiff a New Townsite.

There is no doubt that this will become an important coal mining center. At present the pay roll of the Morinville company is over \$5,000 a month. But when new mines are opened, and sufficient cars are furnished to the output, then Morinville will become a competitor with Edmonton, both in our local market and in the rapidly rising towns to the east on the G. T. P. and the C. N. R.

Ninety Miners Probably Dead.

Mexico City, May 12—Ninety men are supposed to have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Fenix copper mine at Villardene, in the state of Durango last Friday night. The fire is still raging and is said to be beyond control. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered. Seventeen miners are believed to be still alive.

In Memory of Rebellion Victims.

Winnipeg, May 12—The newspaper industry in this city has observed in honor of the occasion to pay a tribute to the memory of those who fell during the rebellion of 1856. Charming weather prevailed and as a result, the largest parade and turnout of citizens ever seen on Decoration day occurred.

COMPETITION SUPPRESSED

Recommendations of Interstate Commerce Commission on Harriman Railroad Investigation.

New York, May 15.—A portion of the recommendations of attorneys Frank B. Kellogg and Charles Severance to the interstate commerce commission concerning the Harriman railroad investigation, has been published here. It reviews the testimony and holds that railroad competition has been suppressed in an area equal to one-third of the United States; that the contracts between the Union Pacific and Illinois Central, as well as the contracts between Union Pacific and Southern Railway, are in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

What the Miners Are Paid.

The men get 30 cents a car and try to average twenty cars a day. They have to supply their own powder. Working Only One Seam. Two seams have been so far located. The first one is about twenty feet below the surface and varies from eight to fourteen feet and dips towards the southeast. The second seam lies some ten feet below the first and is separated by a slaty clay. As yet only the first seam is being worked. Already there must be nearly a mile of drifting done.

Calgary.

Calgary water users, whose pipes have been frozen for several months will have to pay for the water just the same, the frozen connections being repaired. A new school is to be erected at Stoney Plain in the near future. Mr. Albert Wartz of Stoney Plain is now clerking in Miller Bros. store. Misses Minnie and Mary Ingle were visiting at Stoney Plain the other day.

BLUEBERRY.

Seeding and gardening have commenced here by many, as the past few days, but we are glad to see him out in the fields again as busy as ever. Mr. Fred Radcliffe and Agatha Fitzpatrick were united in marriage on Tuesday evening, May 7. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wartz of Stoney Plain, the groom's parents for the time being.

CLARENDON.

The material for the improved telephone service has arrived. The wires are being strung along their spring work. A young man living in Willow Creek has been charged with the attempt to wreck a train. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ingle, who went to Edmonton last Tuesday, have returned after an enjoyable stay in town. Mr. Bernard Miller has been unwell for some time, but is now getting on his feet again as busy as ever.

STETTIN.

Some of the citizens of Stettin were wearing prize flowers in their button holes last week, but the weather has not yet warmed up sufficiently for them to be worn. The picnic at the home of the groom's parents for the time being. Spring has come at last. The farmers are busy killing their fields. The snow storm on May 9 and 10 surprised the farmers somewhat, but was more like rain than snow. J. W. Hubble has purchased a claim on section 20, Blueberry, S.D. The surrounding lands are being cleared and the intention of batching there in the near future. In time he will have cleared a considerable tract of land. Mr. Otto Wolf of Glory Hills had a mishap while driving in the town of Stoney Plain lately. Mr. Wolf tied his horses up to a hitching post, and while trying to back them out one of the horses became stubborn and refused to move. Fortunately there was no damage.

SASKATOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh are now in Gibraltar on their trip to Rome. The H. H. Campkin company have secured business stand here. This will be their fourth branch house from the main establishment at Inverness. An important meeting of the Bruce Old Boys Association will be held at the Young Liberal Club rooms tonight. Arrangements are to be made for a reunion of the sons and daughters of the good old county in Edmonton on July 2nd, during the Exhibition. All persons eligible to become members are requested to attend.

PREACHER DROWNED.

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WIND CHANGED—Bad Fire Stayed.

Whitby, W. Va., May 13—After consuming the warehouse of Aetna Standard mill of the United States Steel corporation at Bridgeport, O., today, a fire which threatened destruction to the plant of the concern was subdued by a fortunate change of wind. The loss was \$25,000.

NEW ARMORIES ALMOST READY

City Squadron Being Got in Shape Preparatory to the Season's Work.

The new armories on the market square are rapidly approaching completion, and the stores from the present quarters at the exhibition grounds will be removed to the new building in a few days preparatory to getting the squadron in shape for the season's work. Active young men who own horses or who can secure horses for drill and an summer camp are asked to enlist, as there are a number of vacancies in the corps.

FLOATING STONE ITEMS.

Some farmers have commenced plowing, although there is still some snow yet in the bush. There has been considerable illness during the past week, Mr. Sinclair was very sick with neuralgia. The people in this section are wishing for rain, thinking that it will help warm up the country. Well, if it will give the country any warmth it will come.

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UNION MEN AS CONTRACTORS.

Peculiar Situation Arises in Brandon—Council Wants the Telephone Charges Reduced.

Brandon, May 13—Some trouble has arisen between the contractors of Brandon and the Bricklayers' and Masons' union. Contractors claim that the members of the union are not accepting contracts and they ask the men to either declare themselves in the contracting business, and leave the union or to remain members of the union and not accept contracts. The contractors have written to the union notifying them that if this business of union men tendering for work does not cease, that they will refuse to recognize the union. A special meeting of the city council was held this evening in conjunction with the board of trade for the purpose of considering the rates of the Bell Telephone company. H. Adolph acted as chair in the absence of Mayor Clement. There was a large attendance, showing that considerable interest is taken in the matter. A telegram was read from Secretary Lightham, of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, asking for any objections to the present telephone rates which the city council had adopted. The city council submitted to a meeting of the railroad commissioners to be held shortly in the city of Brandon. The place and all were of the opinion that the existing rates were too high. A resolution was adopted that the council and board of trade in joint meeting assembled do hereby protest that the Bell Telephone rates existing in the city of Brandon are present are unreasonably high, and that a reduction to a rate of \$20 on business phones, and \$15 on household phones should be made; that desk rate be not more than \$5 and that a substantial reduction should be made in the extra charges, or \$5 added to above rates for long distance connections. It was also a substantial reduction of at least fifty per cent. on long distance lines.

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