

BEAVER LAKE WEST.

M. McCauley, M. L. A., has the materials on hand for a new house on his farm. Building will be begun in the near future.

A large number of landseekers from the Western States visited this settlement last week. Land here is going rapidly and the settlement will doubtless be large during the coming season.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, died on the 8th inst., and will be buried on Saturday, the 15th.

Sleighing is fairly good in this settlement.

Alex. McCauley has been operating a saw mill at Blackfoot lake during the winter, having made a large cut. The mill will be moved to Hastings Creek next week and the lumber for the new Presbyterian church sawn as soon as possible. Building operations will be begun as soon as the timber is on the ground.

Logan school has opened for this term under the direction of W. M. Whillans.

LACOMBE.

New settlers are arriving every day. A car of thoroughbred stock was left off here to-day.

J. Vannest's residence is now used as the immigration hall.

C. Cowden, contractor, is erecting an impement building for Morris & Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Day, Mrs. Vickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Reynolds and J. Tice, have returned from their trip east.

W. Crowe is erecting a new building on Norton street.

C. Cowden, is erecting a very nice residence on Hamilton avenue.

A. Day is contemplating building a brick block during the coming summer.

F. Brett has started a new store at the Canyon about ten miles from town. Mr. Brett is an Englishman by birth and was for a number of years been manager of a leading store in British Columbia.

Mr. McKay contemplates starting a store at Black Falls during the coming summer.

F. Nolan, barrister of Calgary, is in town at present on legal business.

The dread disease diphtheria has visited two families here. One family lost 2 children but at present all are recovering. Everything is being done to prevent the spread of this disease.

Miss Nellie Daykin left last week for Winnipeg where she will attend the military opening.

J. Cairns and Mr. Sawyer have returned from British Columbia.

A number of interesting meetings have been held in the country and town by members of the agricultural society. Instructive addresses regarding stock, noxious weeds, etc., have been given which no doubt will result in much good to the country.

March, 10th, 1902.

Seeking a Market.

B. C. Trade Budget.

The Vancouver board of trade held a special session this week.

The meeting was held primarily to receive nominations for the 1902 election of officers, and to clear up the outstanding business before the annual general meeting, but one of the most important matters that has come up for consideration for some time was contained in the following letter, received from the secretary of the Edmonton board of trade:

Dear Sir:—At a council meeting of our board, held to-day, it was unanimously resolved that your board be communicated with re the port of Vancouver doing something to develop the shipment of grain. Alberta is only 800 miles from you; this year (1901) it has raised some 8,000,000 bushels of grain. The Edmonton district shipped via St. John, N. B., a distance of about 3,000 miles, all rail—several hundred thousand bushels of oats for the Imperial government, South Africa. With proper facilities at your port we think this could have gone your way. Our grain growing is only in its infancy, and we are looking to the future.

It is noticed that during the year 1900, 35,500,000 bushels of grain were exported from the American Pacific ports. What is the matter with the British Pacific ports?

This matter will be well worth looking into.

(Signed) F. FRASER TIMS, Secretary Edmonton Board of Trade, Feb. 17, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Tisdall, Mr. W. H. Malkin and others speaking upon the matter, remarked that it was a most important subject, as, if this port could be made a centre of the grain exporting trade, the benefit that would accrue to Vancouver could hardly be realized. It was decided to refer the matter to the consideration of a special committee.

Dumont in London.

M. Santos-Dumont is in London trying to arrange for the exhibition of his airship, "Santos Dumont No. 6," at the Crystal Palace. He stated that by providing a large number of "inside compartments" he can prevent the recurrence of the mishap the other week at Monte Carlo. He will make experiments in London at the time of the coronation, and will possibly attempt to steer his airship round the dome of St. Paul's. He says that he will make no more experiments in France, but confine himself in future to England and the United States.

Emigration to Western Canada.

London Times: An important scheme for the development of emigration to Western Canada has just been finally arranged as the result of a visit to this country of Mr. James H. Smart, deputy minister of the interior for the Dominion of Canada, and Mr. W. J. White, inspector of United States immigration agencies in Canada, acting in conjunction with Mr. W. T. R. Preston, Canadian emigration commissioner in London, and no fewer than 2,500 to 3,000 persons will leave Liverpool or Glasgow during the month of March to settle in the Dominion, while others are expected to follow in April, May and June at the rate of about 4,000 per month. The scheme in question follows an active propaganda which was set on foot in the United States about four years ago with the view of inducing residents in that country to move across the frontier and settle in Canada. It was found by the Canadian officials who took charge of the movement in question that comparatively little was known among the vast majority of the dwellers even in the more northern of the states as to the splendid agricultural resources of Canada, especially in regard to the growing of wheat, and that there was a certain degree of reluctance to make what seemed to be a bold venture. But the circulation of a vast amount of descriptive literature, the organization of parties of American journalists who visited the Dominion and reported on what they saw, and the adoption of other methods for the spread of information served the purpose of enlightening residents in the States in question as to the advantages of settlement in the Dominion, while "personally conducted" parties of settlers were arranged so that the people would be put to a minimum of trouble in establishing themselves on British territory. So successful has the movement been that during the last four years no fewer than 50,000 persons have removed from the United States to Canada. There were 18,000 who did so last year, and the total this year is expected to exceed 25,000. It is understood that the settlers are fully convinced of the superiority of the agricultural capabilities of Western Canada over those of the particular districts they have left, and the acquisition of this additional population is naturally a source of satisfaction to the Dominion government. But the movement has also had a perceptible and noteworthy effect in strengthening the friendly feelings entertained on the part of Americans towards both Canada and Great Britain. The new comers have not only found a more fertile territory in the land of their adoption, but they have learned what, individually, they had not realized before—that there is just as much liberty and freedom under the British flag as there is under that of the United States. So it comes about that the favorable reports they send to their friends in the States are inducing more and still more to follow their example while those who have been the qualifying period of three years in Canada are, as a rule, glad to become naturalized, and they are found to make as good British subjects as those among whom they have gone to live.

The success of this movement as regards the United States recently led the Dominion government to seek to organize, if possible, a similar stream of emigration from this country to Western Canada. Under the arrangements now completed a would-be emigrant can join a "personally conducted" party which will be under the charge of an agent of the Dominion government from the time of leaving Liverpool or Glasgow until Winnipeg or some still more western point is reached, the total cost of the journey being less than £8. Arrived at his destination, the emigrant could remain in one of the various "homes" set up by the Dominion government until he had found employment, or had settled down, merely paying for his board, and if he took out wife and children the entire family would be so accommodated. No doubt is entertained that any one wishing for work on a farm would be able to get it almost at once, with the help of the local agent of the government, which help would be freely placed at his disposal. Should he be in a position to take to farming on his own account, the government would grant him an allotment of 160 acres free of charge, but subject to certain conditions as to residence and cultivation. Those of his sons who were over 18 would each be entitled to a similar piece of land, though in their case they would be allowed to live in the same homestead as their father, occupation of the holding not being requisite in their case. They could, at least, hold the land until they cared to sell it, and the value of the land is steadily increasing in value, last year's advance being about 5s. per acre. There is a great demand for farm laborers, and the wages paid in Western Canada to persons of this class are about the same as in this country, but the difference is that in the former case the agricultural laborer would get his 160 acre allotment in addition, and should, in course of time, be able to set up a farm of his own. It is said that many well-to-do Canadian settlers of to-day began life in this way. One point strongly insisted on is that there is no necessity whatever for any person going out to Western Canada to enter into an undertaking, either on this side or on the other, to pay for "instruction" in farm work, or to give a "premium" of any sort whatever. The

most desirable class of emigrants are, naturally, those who are already acquainted more or less with agricultural pursuits; but there is no reason why any one who is really willing to make himself useful on a farm should not go out and get employment at once, provided only (since there are no free passages) that he has sufficient means to pay for the journey, with a few pounds over for contingent expenses.

The propaganda set on foot in this country by the representatives of the Dominion government has been not much less active than that previously carried on by them in the United States, and already there are some seven or eight special agents here waiting to "conduct" the parties of emigrants, of whom the first two will start from Liverpool on March 14, and from Glasgow on March 21, subsequent parties leaving every other week. Meanwhile inquiries on the subject are being received at the offices of the high commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria street, S. W., from all parts of the country, the very numerous communications coming to hand testifying to the widespread interest the movement has excited.

Kipling Again.

An interesting letter of Rudyard Kipling, has been published in London, according to a recent despatch. Dealing with the Philippines, he replied to a Shanghai correspondent who drew his attention to American methods in those islands, as follows:

"All you say about the Philippines, the conflict there between the Americans, military and civil, and the pig-headedness of the military and their habit of setting bulldogs to catch rabbits, is immensely cheering to me because it is precisely what we are doing in South Africa. You cannot persuade a big country full of prosperity that it does not know everything. When it has lost a few thousand sons and a few thousand millions sterling it may, if unusually enlightened, begin to understand that it has taken hold of the wrong end of the stick. But that is a great deal to hope for and probably will not come in our time. I am very glad to learn on your showing that the Americans seem to be constitutionally incapable of admitting themselves wrong and frankly getting himself in the right, because I did not like to speak of the Americans as any more logical than ourselves. Of course, what a new country wants is a high-toned despot of unlimited powers and absolute integrity. But as America and England are both free people, we must just muddle along, in the expensive, wasteful, butchery fashion that attends methods."

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Wednesday.
Queen's—G. Stewart, Minn.; H. Nelson, Northfield; J. Taylor, Iowa; E. J. Lemire, St. Albert; R. Perreault, Stony Plain; L. Moret, Fort Saskatchewan; J. C. Danner, Beaumont; E. D. Hughson, A. Lamoureux, J. McDonald, J. A. McDonald, O. S. Allen, town; L. O. Lamoureux, A. Guertin, P. Lamoureux.

Alberta—A. E. Thorne, H. C. Baker, Toronto; F. A. Rees, A. E. Carmichael, Winnipeg; J. W. Cunis, Brandon; L. E. Fontaine, Quebec; S. Vito, Hamilton.

Chicago—Mr. and Mrs. Bethshamp, Lehigh; H. Roundsell, E. Hughson, Victoria; J. L. Porte, W. F. Frame, Agricultural; C. A. Sutherland, Fargo, N. D.

Victoria—James Gibb, Stoney Plain; J. McPherson, Spruce Grove; M. Berthiaume, W. Riatt, Leduc; J. E. Reid, Lacombe; T. J. Stacey, New Leduc.

Grant View—J. F. McRae, Ripe; Qui Barre, J. Howe, Pleasant Ridge; E. J. Pearce, L. G. Pearce, Agricultural; R. Galbraith, Neb.; A. McDowell, Ray; F. W. Stack, D. Demers, St. Emile; J. Cuts, Stony Plain.

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