

MORE OF THE GREAT WEST

Another Kent County Young Man Sends His Experiences to The Planet—An Interesting Letter.

Dear Planet:

Sir,—Since last February I have been travelling Manitoba and the Territories, east and west, north and south, and I have often thought of writing the Great Home Journal of Ontario, but procrastination robs me of many a good intention. However, a forty mile drive taken through the wheat lands here has so impressed me that it appeals to me now as a duty to let the readers of your good paper see some of the sights of the West through my eyes. It is, therefore, with the hope of saying something that may be of value to residents of my native county that I write you.

Let me say that I have travelled the main line from Toronto to Calgary and Banff and the branches to Macleod, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Battleford, Yorkton and Dauphin, and all the lines in Southern Manitoba as well as that so far as rail-roading makes it possible I have "travelled" the West. In addition to this I have taken a good many long drives in various sections and have been able to get a grasp of the possibilities of this great country that would cost a man several hundreds to obtain from personal observation.

I would like to say firstly that one thing that impresses the man with only a "text book" knowledge of the West is the endless variety in the character of the soil and the physical configuration of the country. The geography tells of vast stretches of level land and the Kent boy thinks of Raleigh Plains. Now while there are "plains" here in certain localities, the majority of the country is undulating. Then, too, one sees here acres and acres of land so thickly strewn with stones that he could walk even miles stepping from one stone to the other. We find spots of light sandy land, stretches of alkali land, soughs and scrub land. So that with all the monotony there is an endless diversity.

In Southern Manitoba the land is pretty well under cultivation and, generally speaking, is first class land. But note the variety: At Plum Coulee, the soil is a heavy black clay. Go west and the land gets lighter. At Morden a good loam prevails. On at Killarney land is still excellent. Strike farther west you find a good loamy soil at Deloraine and across country till near Melita, where the land becomes light. Go down to Estevan and you pass through good land at Caraduff and Oxbow, while at Estevan the land is so light that rain water is more prevalent than grain growing. Jump 30 miles north to Arcola and you are in a land of scrub and heavy soil. At Hartney, Elgin and Belmont the land is exceptionally good. Going east on the line, however, one passes a long stretch of low undrained land. Brandon is surrounded by a sandy loam land that has been producing good crops for years and this year better crops than ever. On the Hamiota line, north of the main line, the land is an excellent loam. On the Yorkton branch there is a good deal of stony land, also of light land with some sections of first class loam. Nepawa boasts the finest "mixed farms" in Manitoba. Up the Dauphin line one passes a lot of stony and low land to come to a stretch of scrub land which, when cleared, is said to be second to none in Manitoba.

In Southern Alberta, the ranchers' Paradise, where cattle have roamed "fancy free" for years, the barbed wire fence is fast appearing. It has been found that sugar beets thrive here and on the line, wherever one goes on earth. At Raymond there is an immense refinery. Fall wheat is being successfully grown this year and next year the acreage will be enormous. Wives, too, are rather plentiful in this section, as the Montans have gained a pretty strong foothold. It is but fair to say that Polygamy is a rare, if not an imaginary thing at the present time, however.

Up the Edmonton line mixed farm-

ing predominates, and I believe that is the best section in the West for that style of farming. The climate is not too severe and water is available. The soil is good and farms are being rapidly taken up, especially by our American cousins, who are grasping the possibilities of Alberta with an alacrity that puts Ontario farmers to shame. If your readers want a mixed farming country let them strike for Carstairs, Red Deer, Wetskiwin, or any of the towns on the Edmonton line. Here they will find creameries to make their butter, acres to grow their oats, hay, wheat and barley, and up north wood to burn in their stoves. Wheat matures a hundred miles north of Edmonton, though I may say that personally, I'd fear frost there, at least till other land was taken. Time enough then to risk that far north land.

Edmonton is making rapid strides cityward, and with the C. N. R. this fall and the G. T. P. later a great future is assured for it. For a neat, trim, likable town give me Calgary. The business street of Calgary is the finest in the west, and had the fronts been made a storey higher and the street wider, one could wish for nothing to add so far as appearance goes.

Perhaps the greatest centre of immigration this year is the Prince Albert line. The towns on this line are very rapidly growing and sections after section is being taken up, but still there is room. I went in to Battleford two weeks ago and the vastness of our fertile acreage grew more overpowering. Words of mine or any man can give you no adequate idea of the "munchness" of this country. And it is not a "munchness" devoid of quality. I believe we have a country second to none, and my pride in this Fair Canada of ours grows apace as I am privileged to see her richness and her greatness.

But after traversing this country from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains and from the Boundary Line to the Timber Belt in the north, I have seen nothing that so fills the human soul and the imagination as what I beheld in a forty-mile drive from Indian Head to-day along the Qu'Appelle valley. You can drive five miles from town here and behold "golden rivers" that encircle nothing visible but fields of golden grain either standing or in stacks, with comfortable homes scattered here and there to rest the eye, as it vainly tries to reach the limit of the "cloth of gold." These are the gardens of Canada, from which the farmers see wealth and luxury rapidly approaching, as it were on pinions.

How the husbandman's heart delights itself in fatness as he gazes over his good acres and counts his bushels easily by thousands; aye, and tens of thousands.

Suppose we become a little mathematical for a moment. The wheat here will run from 25 to 40 bushels an acre. Suppose we say 25 as an average. It will sell from 75c to \$1, say 80c as an average; the crop is worth \$20 per acre. Say \$10 be allowed for expenses, which is very liberal. Say money is worth not 3-1-2 per cent., but 8 per cent. What is the conclusion? That this land is worth \$125 on a purely interest basis. Now, sir, this is a supposition far below actuality; but what is the case? You can buy the best land here at \$50, and plenty of it at \$30, that is already under cultivation, and there is land just as good back from the lines that can be had for far less. And there is not a shadow of doubt that as these lands are taken up and developed the iron trails will cross the country where now only the old buffalo trails are seen.

The railroad construction activity here is simply marvellous. Why, the C. N. R. with their track-laying machines can put down three miles a day on the branch running to Edmonton, and wherever settlement warrants it there is a race amongst the different R. R. companies to capture the locality. The C. P. R. is running a line from the line to the miles north of the main line and then parallel with it. This taps a wheat country second to none, and in fact will get some of the grain that came to Indian Head last year. But the crop this year will tax them all. Lines are being run eastward from Wetskiwin and Lacomb.

Activity, yes you find it here! If you can't get out and hustle and keep on hustling, Ontario is a pretty good spot to live in. But if you've got the mental and physical brawn to live your forefathers had when they went into the virgin forests of Kent, then the west offers possibilities that your sires and grandfathers never dreamed of. Fancy lands waiting not the axe of fire, but the plow and seed, and yet men in Ontario working for years and well yes, they're living, but in many cases how much better are they financially than they were ten or twenty years ago.

To the young man with good Canadian muscle and horse-sense, may I say, "Why not have a farm of your own when you can get it for the taking. Six months' residence annually for three years with homestead duties, and six months left to work out and make enough to live on the rest of the year; or land from \$5 to \$10 an acre.

Can the man with capital find a better investment than the wild western land? Three years ago wild land at Claresholm, Alberta, was sold at \$3 per acre. To-day \$25 is being refused. The west offers hundreds of similar phenomenal growth; but Canada is not unique in this regard. Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, these have all had their boom days; and to-day men are selling their land in those states at \$100 an acre, and boarding Prairie Schooners are driving their horses and

cattle over the boundary to the lands of Canada, that are as good and cost less than a quarter as much.

But enough! You'll think this mere verbosity. Nevertheless, I never was so proud of exclaiming, "I am a Canadian Citizen!" as I am to-day when I behold the richness and the fruitfulness of the country we call "ours," the choicest apple on the Empire Tree.

Horses! Greedy was a wise man when he ordered young men west. Come and see, or send a man you have confidence in to look for you, but do not wait till the Galicians and Doukhobors have been given the best of it. The spirit of the west is, "Do it now or the other fellow will do it before you."

Should any of your readers wish for any information that I can give, letters addressed to the Leland House, Winnipeg, will reach me during the next six weeks, and I shall be pleased to give any further information in my power.

In conclusion, it seems but just to the poetic training of the C. C. I received in the past that should make some reference to the Rocky Mountains, those shaggy monsters that lift their scarred peaks to the kiss of the noonday sun. What a feeling of man's insignificance creeps over one as he climbs higher and higher; aye, even into and beyond the cloud gates, and gazes down upon the habitations of men that, thousands of feet below, resemble mere mole hills. It is a stiff climb for the plainsman, but the reward far exceeds the labor. To gaze off to the south and behold craggy summits after craggy summit, like the billows of the mighty deep, to stand enchanted above the forked lightning below, to commune with the snowy slopes in the middle of July, is of itself in one's life that stands out in bold relief. It is as if some mighty force lashing itself into fury had beaten the earth into ruggedness, and then caught with petrifying power the massive commotion and left there as a monument to its Herculean pressure.

But, sir, the subject is beyond me. I can only say, "Happy is the man who can see and feel these things for himself."

With kindest wishes for your splen-

did periodical,

Yours sincerely,

L. H. SHEPLEY.

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Many a young life might be saved from consumption if simple anaemia were promptly treated. Anaemia is the doctors' name for weak, watery blood. When the blood is weak, the lungs have no strength. The whole system begins to break down. Then the growing girl slips slowly into decline, until at last the rough starts and her doom is sealed.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can cure all weak, anaemic people without drugs, or difficulty. They actually make new, rich, health-giving blood—they cure anaemia and prevent consumption. This has been proved in thousands of cases. Mrs. Edward Cochran, Merritt, Ont., writes: "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured my daughter Matilda, when I felt that her case was almost hopeless. For more than a year she was a sufferer from anaemia. Her blood was weak, watery, subject to violent headache and dark circles appeared under her eyes. She was melancholy, had no appetite and complained of being constantly tired. At different times she was treated by doctors, but with no improvement. As her case progressed, she was attacked by violent palpitation of the heart, and a suffocating shortness of breath. She had a deathly pallor, took cold easily, and continued to decline in weight, until I felt that she was in a declining stage. At this time my attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I began giving them to her. She had not been taking the pills many weeks when her appetite was greatly improved, and the first sign that they were helping her. She continued the pills until she had taken eight or nine boxes, when she was again the picture of healthy girlhood. Every symptom of her trouble had disappeared, she had increased in weight, and is strong and robust. Her recovery is looked upon as marvellous, for three doctors thought her case hopeless."

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FALL FAIRS

Amherstburg—Oct. 3-4.

Bridgeton—Oct. 2-3.

Blenheim—Oct. 13-14.

Chatham—Sept. 26-27-28.

Comber—Oct. 2-3.

Dresden—Oct. 5-6.

Essex—Sept. 27-28.

Florence—Oct. 5-6.

Glencoe—Sept. 26-27.

Highgate—Oct. 13-14.

Harrow—Oct. 10-11.

Muncey—Oct. 10-11-12.

Ridgeway—Oct. 11-17-18.

Rodney—Oct. 6-7.

Thamesville—Oct. 3-4.

Wallaceburg—Oct. 3-4.

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B. M. E. S. S.

At two p. m., September 15th, the Sabbath School Convention met in annual session, the president, Rev. R. L. Bradley, in the chair.

The convention was opened with the reading of the minutes of the last year's session, and the report of the officers and members of the convention. Several visiting brethren and sisters were then introduced, among them being Miss Ethel Dunn, messenger from the B. M. E. S. S. Convention, and Revs. Burpee and McFarland, of China Lake S. S. convention. The committees on the several departments of our work were then appointed and retired for their respective duties. Delegates were present from nine schools, with the condition of two others explained by the missionary.

Rev. J. Jordan, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, gave an exceedingly interesting talk of ten minutes, followed by the introduction of Rev. Jason of U. M. P. church. Committee on Digest of Letters reported the schools to be progressing nicely. Committee on Ordinaries reported five deaths within our convention. Committee on election of officers submitted the following for the ensuing year, which were received:

President—Lawrence McDowell.

Vice-President—W. J. Jackson.

Secretary—Mrs. C. Brantford.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. M. Hammond.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. H. Treasuer.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. Jackson.

It was agreed to restart the movement for aid to Foreign Missions. Adjourned till evening session.

At eight p. m. the convention was opened with prayer by the missionary.

Welcome address by Mrs. B. Olby, superintendent of First Baptist S. S., Chatham; response by President, after which followed an excellent program of essays, solos, choruses and addresses.

Messenger from A. M. E. S. S. convention, Mr. Day, was introduced and gave a friendly and pointed address. Rev. Jordan gave a 35 minutes' talk on the missionary work in Africa and graphically the awful condition of the Congo native.

Amount raised during convention, \$94.50.

Closed by doxology and benediction.

By J. H. Treasuer, Secretary.

Lawrence McDowell, Secretary.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHHEIM

Sept. 16.—One of the worst storms for years passed over the town yesterday about 5 p. m. The rain, driven by the high wind, twisted and twirled every way. The roof of the town was torn up by the roots and limbs broken off. The smokestacks of Henderson's, Byram's, Pardo's and Collar's mills were all blown down, also the flagstaff at the school.

Miss Maude Henderson left this week to resume her studies at Westminster College, Toronto.

The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reek, Romney, of their daughter, Miss Laura, and Dr. John A. Campbell, of Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Reek, and the groom by his brother, Alva Campbell. The bride's dress was of white silk crepe de chene trimmed with applique and lace. The bridesmaid was attired in pale green crepe de chene.

Dr. W. E. Gerow, of Glenville, Ohio, is visiting his parents here.

The bowling tournament is still very popular; at present H. M. Winters is in the lead, with R. L. Gossnell and J. W. Shillington close by.

Miss Anna Bacon, who attended the Grand Lodge of Rebekahs at Toronto a few weeks ago, was appointed one of its officers, being I. G.

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LADIES' 15c VESTS AT 11c EACH—

10 dozen ladies' fine pure bleached vests, lace trimmed, elastic knit, assorted sizes, our best 15c lines, to-night

11c.

BOYS' FINE JERSEY SWEATERS—

Navy, red and black, also mixed colors, fine elastic knit, sizes 4 to 18 years, at each 75c, 85c, 90c and \$1.00.

\$1.00.

25c AND 35c GLOVES 19c PAIR—

6 dozen ladies' fine white thread and silk gloves, black, white and colors, plain and lace knits, dome fasteners, assorted sizes, regular 25c and 35c pair, to-night

19c.

50c GLOVES 39c PAIR—

7 dozen ladies' fine pure silk and silk thread gloves, finest grades, black, white and colors, plain or domes, lace or plain knit, regular 50c to 60c a pair, to-night

39c.

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15 dozen rich all silk turnovers, beautifully embroidered, assorted

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An immense range in all the new fall styles and materials, black and colors, latest style trimming, special each \$2.50, \$2.90, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and

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guest of her aunt, Mrs. G. Randall. Mrs. T. McAlpine left last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Browne, of Melita, Manitoba.

A very sad accident occurred here on Thursday, Aug. 17th, when David Bebenec and his hired man were unloading sewer pipes from the wagon. They were letting one down on two planks, when one plank broke, letting the pipe fall upon Mr. Bebenec, breaking one leg above the knee and dislocating the other at the hip. He was very badly bruised, as it was a very heavy sewer pipe. He is improving nicely.

Born, on Thursday, Aug. 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGregor, a daughter.

Corn will soon be ready to cut now. It is said that Mr. Woods, of Dresden, has bought the farm known as the Roberts farm.

David Bros. have sold their beautiful grey driver to an Alvington gentleman for nearly \$200.

A number of friends met at the home of David Randall prior to his departure to England to bid him farewell and presented him with a good loaded cane. An address was read by Rev. T. Armstrong, rector of Florence, who also presented the cane. After a very pleasant time they departed for their respective homes.

Mrs. Hargrave, of London, who has spent a month with Mrs. H. Thomas, has returned home.

Mrs. Staff Captain Perry of the S. A. at Ottawa, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Thomas.

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