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GOSSIP

AS THE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS SAW US.

Richard H. Little, one of a party of Chicago newspaper men who recently toured the West, has written his first article on the country for his paper, the Chicago Record-Herald. Like numbers of other visiting writers from the United States he has thought it advisable, in dealing with the West, to make his "stuff" the whoop-lah, come-on sort. He has also, in telling his story, introduced an impossible Englishman and a good deal of American senti-ment. However, some of it is worth reprinting. Here are some quotations

The Canadian who drove us in his motor car around Saskatoon said it wasn't very cold in winter time in Northwest Canada.

"Sometimes it gets down to 30 below, but it's dry and it's never windy when it's that cold, and, besides, it never stays that way more than two or three days at a time. I came to this country, in fact, to get into a milder climate."
"What part of Greenland did you use to live in?" we asked him.

"Oh! North Dakota was my home," said the citizen of Saskatoon. couldn't stand the climate, so I came up here. Wasn't hardly a thing here when I came. I'm one of the oldest inhabitants."

"You don't look very old," I said. 'How many years have you been here?'

"Five years," said the 'Fernando Jones' of Saskatoon, proudly. "The town's just about that old."

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"Did you better yourself financially coming up?" I wanted to know.

"Well, yes," said the Saskatoon citizen, "and by the way, my name is Wentz—Charlie Wentz. I didn't have enough money to buy a souvenir postal card to send to the loved ones at home when I landed here, but I'm doing all right. That's my lumber yard over there, and I've got branches in all the little towns around here."

"Whose automobile is this?" I asked. I had my suspicions, but it

asked. I had my suspicions, but it was hard to believe. I know lots of people that could have bought several dozen souvenir postal cards five years

ago and who still have no automobile.
"This is my car," said the enterprising Mr. Wentz, "but I just use t to run around the country on business. I'm going to buy a big touring car

next year."
"Well, of course," I said, "a man lumber yard in five years ought to be satisfied with the climate.

"Oh, the climate doesn't bother said young Mr. Wentz. bunch of us here in Saskatoon usually run down to California during the coldest weather, anyhow.'

"Did you have the California habit when you resided in North Dakota?"

"Well, no," said young Mr. Wentz. "I didn't do much travelling when I lived in North Dakota. If I could save enough money to take my girl to the circus and buy her red lemonade I thought I was doing pretty well. I went to the Phillippines once but that was as a guest of my old Uncle Sam, when he had that trouble out there. I belonged to the First North Dakotas. I saved enough money out of my pay for being a hero to bring me up here. And that' all it did, too. When I landed at that station over there I was busted.

"But how did you buy this car, and where did you get that lumber vard, and how do you manage to go to California every winter? The what we want to know," I insisted.
"Oh!" said young Mr. Wentz,

worked in a lumber yard for a while and learned the game. Then I commenced buying lumber and selling it myself. I made a few little invest-ments in city lots and farm property and got a fellow with lots of money to put his money against my experierre and residence and acquaintance here. You see I had been here a





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