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A REGINA WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. Kate S. Hayes Returns from Special Immigration Mission to England--Now Preparing Booklet for C.P.R.--Her Interesting Story

Fortified with a prolific pen from her many years newspaper work and the experiences of pioneer days on the prairie, together with the acquirement of recent knowledge of immigration work after a trip to the Old Country, Mrs. Kate S. Hayes, so well known to citizens of Regina and district, is now making a tour of the western provinces gathering data for an immigration booklet for the C.P.R.

In an interview with the West Mrs. Hayes told of her trip to England, where she went on special work for the Dominion government. After the tour of the Canadian Women's Press Club two years ago Mrs. Hayes, who is the president of that organization, wrote a letter to T.P.'s Weekly on "The Kind of Women Canada Needs," and the enquiries which followed were so numerous that the Immigration Department decided to send her over to London on a special immigration mission, her work having to do with "Domestics." Mrs. Hayes was given an office in the Government apartments at Charing Cross, and she met numerous callers who desired to know about the conditions in Western Canada.

She portrayed the conditions of life in this country, and advised those who thought of coming to this part of the empire to make new homes. This experience brought her in contact with all classes and conditions of women, some of whom she of course had to advise could not make good in Canada owing to life environments having left them in a helpless state to face the conditions in the Canadian West. By discreet selection, however, Mrs. Hayes arranged with many to emigrate to this country, and to-day hundreds are settled west of the Great Lakes through her efforts while on her special mission.

The class of women settlers which Mrs. Hayes sought were those having sufficient money to leave them fairly independent of any income from their first year's experience in this country, for she always advised that the first year it should not be a matter of wages but of experience in the proper homes where the best conditions of living would be obtained and where they could more quickly adapt themselves to the features of life which must of necessity be altogether different from that of their British homes. Mrs. Hayes cited cases to the West where women of good social standing have come out and undertaken domestic service, but are now located in commercial centres competing in business vocations. All they wanted to know, and they learned it, was the ways of the country.

Present Work

Mrs. Hayes' present work is to visit the various districts of the western provinces and compile the latest information with regard to the growth of the country, illustrated with new scenes, above all to give the needs of the country with regard to help, male and female, in the domestic and industrial spheres, and what trades offer the best inducements, and what lines of new industries will give the best returns for capital invested.

In this work she is inviting the co-operation of the various boards of trade through the country, and while in the city she called on H. C. Lawson, Publicity Commissioner, who gave her valuable information with regard to the city and district. Mrs. Hayes expects to have completed her tour by November 1st, when she will return to Winnipeg and arrange the compiling of her booklet.

In connection with the advertisement of Canada abroad, Mrs. Hayes states that the Dominion display at the Dublin Exposition is doing excellent work. At the government offices at Charing

Cross, the officials also have a fine display of wood, minerals, grasses, grains and fruits. The C.P.R. are spending a great deal of money in this form of advertising, and their station located near the Dominion headquarters in London is hourly surrounded by eager faces scanning the Canadian products on exhibition.

The City's Growth

It is now two years since Mrs. Hayes visited Regina, and she told The West that the growth of the city appears to be so abnormal, the thought is suggested that the pace might be faster than can be kept up, but the locating of so many solid business concerns give a backing to this development that allays at once any apprehensions with regard to the future, especially when it is considered that the development of the whole province is behind the commercial progress here. While in the old country she heard a great deal of talk about Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Calgary, the impression being that these places were marked out for special destiny in the development of western Canada.

While in the city Mrs. Hayes is the guest of Mrs. John A. Kerr.

WHEAT CUTTING ALONG THE SOO

"Wheat cutting is in full swing all along the Soo line," said J. B. Stauffer of the customs department at Portal to The West today. Some of the farmers, however, are letting their wheat ripen and are not afraid to take chances on the frost. They say the danger is past and expect to harvest a No. 1 sample. Some of the grain being cut is a little on the green side but it will turn out alright, as the stocks are being capped. Mr. Stauffer has been on the employ of the Dominion government for more than a year but he is going into private business again. He will probably move his family here in the near future.

ANOTHER BIG CONCERN

Geo. Johnstone, representing the Gund Brewing Co. of La Crosse, Wis., is in the city looking over the field with a view of establishing a big distributing house here for the province. This concern has been shipping only in car lots to this province up to the present but if their negotiations are successful they will make Regina their headquarters for Saskatchewan and distribute from here.

MAY RE-UNITE

It is said that there is a possibility of Mr. and Mrs. Scott re-uniting; that is if the former is willing. She telephoned him on Monday from Moose Jaw and they met on the arrival of the train from the west. Mrs. Scott was around town on Tuesday when the bills were posted announcing the sale of their household effects. Mr. Scott intends to move to British Columbia.

DEATH OF DIXIE WATSON

After Twenty-five Years Faithful Public Service old Pioneer Passes Away--Liked Generally

Dixie Watson the well known clerk of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories who had occupied that position for a quarter of a century died at the Regina Victoria Hospital on Wednesday evening last, after undergoing an operation. He had been suffering from internal trouble for many years and intended to consult eastern experts when relieved of his official duties by the change of the court status. This delay made it imperative for him to undergo the operation here from the effects of which he passed away.

Deceased was given a retiring allowance by the legislature at the last session and his duties would cease on Sept. 16th when the new courts act comes into force, but he had hoped that the government would have let him away long before that date.

Deceased was well known throughout the province and was one of the old land marks of the city. He had a genial disposition and was one of the mixing sort that never make enemies, consequently the general feel-

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