

around had sent its representatives, in many instances the whole family had come in to see and to be seen, and yet the net result was a scarcely perceptible addition to the by no means crowded numbers in the town itself. One could not help wondering that so few agriculturists should have been able to produce such splendid results; but he could still less help regretting that there are as yet so few to occupy the magnificent breadths of fertile land that stretch for scores of miles in every direction. The Regina plain can easily support a population some hundreds of times as numerous as it is at present; the great want of the country is men, settlers to take up the hundreds of thousands of acres of rich lands now lying idle and uncared for; and until this want is supplied, by the adoption of a wisely energetic and

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neither the capital of the Territories nor any other point in their wide area will have fairly started on the race of prosperity and progress that Providence and nature have intended them to run.

I had made arrangements to be present at the exhibition in Moose Jaw, on the day following the Regina exhibition, but the impossibility of securing train connections prevented me from enjoying that pleasure. A full account of it, however, has been furnished me, and all I need say is that, with very slight changes, my description, or, rather, enumeration of the chief features of the central show would suit the local exhibition fairly well. In company with Mr. N. F. Davin I paid a day's visit to Moose Jaw and the surrounding country, and in my next communication I shall point out one or two things that impressed me as worthy of serious attention on the part of the settlers and the authorities.

As noticed before, the sparseness of the rural population of the Regina plain was mentioned among other things, and it would hardly be fair to take a final leave of the subject without setting off the paucity of numbers by some notice of the marks of prosperity visible everywhere among the settlers who have already made their home on those fertile stretches. It was not only in their flocks and herds, their crops of grain and vegetables, their houses and barns, but in the men themselves and in their wives and children were without exception well dressed. There were not wanting some really

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to adorn the scene, and not a few of the more youthful agriculturists would have made many of the delicate dudes of the cities