

acreage by taking up land in the Canadian north west. These settlers do well from the start as they are familiar with the conditions and have nothing to learn like the European immigrant.

There is no reason why success should not attend the man who takes up land in the Canadian west. Experience has demonstrated that

while crops vary from year to year the farmer has always some return for his labor while in some of the states there is but one good year out of three. This is due to lack of rain while there have been other plagues like grasshoppers which so far have not made themselves manifest in the Canadian north west. Canada certainly has a great future in store-

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## THE RUSH TO THE COUNTRY.

The number of residents of St. John who go to the country for the summer months is constantly increasing. It is within the memory of even young people when there were but comparatively few families who had houses out of town. Most of these were at Rothesay which was the first place selected for suburban homes, but of these there were not more than half a dozen, but they were quite dignified establishments and cost a great deal of money to maintain. Now the whole river front of the Kennebecasis is lined with summer cottages from Torryburn cove to Rothesay, and where a single car or a single train was sufficient to carry all the passengers, it now takes three cars on each of the half dozen suburban trains running daily over the Intercolonial to Hampton which has also developed into a prosperous village and is growing every year. The increase in summer homes inhabited by dwellers of the city is a modern development which is not more marked in St. John than elsewhere.

The development of suburban

traffic is however not confined to the Intercolonial. It is also observable to fully as great an extent along the line of the Canadian Pacific railway between St. John and Welsford. It is not so long ago that there were only four or five stations on this 24 miles of railway—now there are 20, one for almost every mile, and at each of these there are several cottages inhabited during the summer months by people from the city. Some of the suburban residences along the Canadian Pacific are quite pretentious establishments reflecting some of the best ideas in modern architecture. The St. John river along which most of these summer residences are built is quite the equal of the Kennebecasis for scenic effects and the outlook is both pleasing and gratifying. A residence by the water is always pleasant particularly when the suburbanite owns a boat and understands the handling of it.

The reason why so many people seek the country in the summer months is the greater freedom of country life as compared with life