

### Mexicans May Come Next

**I**F the reports which an agent of the Mexican government now touring the western provinces, presents to his government, are favourable, it is possible that ere long one more foreign colony may be added to the cosmopolitan population which now dwells within Canada's fertile and favoured borders.

For the past few weeks, Senor Alvarada de Cabbarcia of Mexico City has been travelling through Western Canada, as the representative of a number of his fellow-countrymen who have grown tired of various unprogressive conditions in their own country which have hampered their race for centuries. These people are mostly well to do rangers, and if the conditions in Western Canada seem favourable will probably emigrate to the number of several hundred in the spring. They desire to purchase their own land and to be located together in one community.

At latest reports, Senor Cabbarcia was in Edmonton. As far as he has gone, he prefers Western to Eastern Canada. Edmonton, he says, is not nearly as large as his native city of Mexico, but is far more thrifty and enterprising.

Personally it has always been the Senor's desire to go to a land where snow and ice pile up many feet deep in the winter, which sounds strange from a man who comes from a land, as he says himself, "where it is always summer and never snows." The Senor also admitted that he had swallowed considerable guff published in U. S. Sunday supplements about thirty-foot snowfalls and drifts in proportion on the western plains.

The report which Senor Cabbarcia will make will probably be favourable, as he expressed himself as much pleased with this country.

### When is a Canadian Not a Canadian?

(Victoria Daily Times.)

**F**OR a long time the American authorities have been troubling themselves as to what constitutes a Canadian. They have worked over this problem for years, and at last have come to what seems a very simple solution, namely, that a Canadian is one who has resided continuously in the country during the year just past. On the face of it nothing could be plainer, but yet if the test is carried to its furthest limit, it can be shown as plainly as possible that almost all of the people of Victoria are not Canadians.

The difficulty is that Victorians have a habit, whether good or bad an opinion is not ventured, of visiting for one or more days in the year in the city of Seattle, or some other of the coast cities where they either have friends residing, have business to do, or enjoy the breezier atmosphere which obtains in the American centres. The very fact that they have spent one day outside of Canada, even though it be in the "Land of the Free," is sufficient to make it impossible to truthfully say that residence has been continuous during the past year.

This thing is no theory. Take the case of John Silver, who for about seven years past has been attending the St. Patrick's Seminary at Menlo Park, near San Francisco. He spends nine months of the year at that institution, the remaining three being spent at the home of his parents in Victoria, at 9 St. Louis Street. Every year previously he has been allowed to pass without question, but now he is twenty-one years of age and the question arises: Is he a Canadian?

A Canadian? Of course he is.

But can he fulfil the test? Has he resided continuously in the country during the past year? No? Then he is not a Canadian and he must pay. The fact that he was born here and his home is here does not count.

Protests and explanations avail nothing. The four dollars head tax must be paid before this young man is allowed to return to college to resume his studies.

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