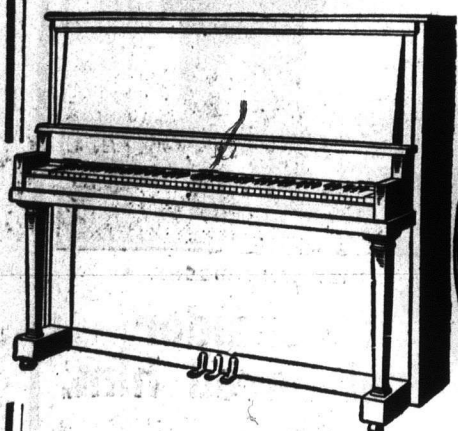


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What of the Future?

By William Lutton

THE great empty land called for companionship. The seasons came and went; the sun looked down on a vast solitude.

The west felt lonely. The Indian, the trapper, the hunter, tramped over vast spaces; paddled across its rivers and lakes; but the west cried to over-populated Europe for that human material of which homes and communities and nations are made.

The C.P.R. laid down the shining steel; a propaganda was set up in Europe; and the response was 2,000,000 souls—or thereabouts.

The land smiled; the rich soil gave back, with immeasurable interest, all the farmer put into it. The home, the community, the vast commonwealth took on familiar settled features. All the institutions of worth in other lands were set up. Wealth and prosperity grew; and when these became pronounced, the better and more enduring thought was fixed on school and church and college, and when all was fair and promising and men were content, though still eager for larger material and better conquests, the war bugle blew, and the splendid creatures we had coaxed across the foam heard it and said, as with one voice, "We are coming," and they went; and fought and fell—many of them went in such numbers that we missed them in the street, in the store, the office, missed them almost tragically on the farms.

Well, the war will be over bye and bye; and many of our men, whom we had to

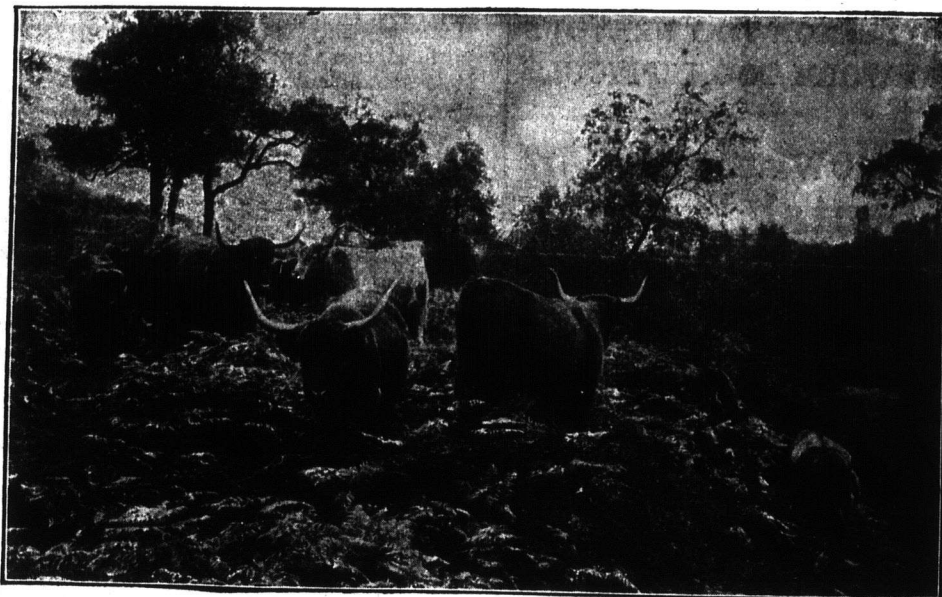
living which might have been congruous enough in the old, but which is out of place in the new, where, while diversity need not be frowned upon, it is necessary to have a commanding type to dominate the west and give it character based on the British-Canadian model.

It would be easy but fatal, to allow the people to come in and set them down in their own way; that way would mean endless ethnic variety, with the perpetuation of modes of living incongruous in the new world.

The wide diffusion of the incoming people will spell salvation. Groups, indeed would not be denied their gregarious instincts; but the large self-centered colony, living its life independent of the dominant types, making its own rules and carrying out its own usages, should not be encouraged. Canada will feel the war, though not so closely as England; and our own reconstruction will doubtless be a painful process; but generations will probably elapse before all traces of the desolation are removed or covered. Upon the plan agreed upon and carried out in regard to new settlements, will depend the physical, moral and spiritual character of the Dominion in the generations to come.

It has been said that when the war is over the European governments will not permit their subjects to leave their respective countries.

Before the war there were severe prohibitory laws; but that did not keep



Highland Cattle on Typical Scottish Pastures

urge to come to us in the first place, will return—how shall we receive them?

It has been said that many of the men who have tasted the out-door life will not care to return to the confinement of the cities. That may be true. We have room enough; but what preparations are we making to receive our own people in the first place and after them the other people of many nationalities, desiring to escape the military vortex in Europe. Lord Shaughnessy made a suggestion in regard to ready made farms of which he would, in the first instance, supply 1,000. That is excellent so far as it goes; but the idea does not cover the whole case. These farms would have to be multiplied in number. They would have to touch one another for companionship. It would be necessary to conduct a selective process.

All the powers that be—federal and provincial—would need to co-operate in a greater scheme which would comprehend large numbers. There are many who have no aptitude for farming, these would gravitate to the towns and cities; and provision would have to be made for them.

The whole idea in regard to the influx which is confidently promised is nebulous; but unless preparation be made in advance the situation may be grave indeed.

We should not allow segregation in colonies of any group whether British or other. The distinctive colony postpones nationhood. It makes for aloofness the multiplicity of tongues and languages and ideals; kills all spontaneity of municipal acts, and fatally retards growth. To some extent, we have had experience with the colony which sets itself down to repeat in a new country, the mode of

the sturdy young men at home. The C.P.R. could tell us quite a story of how the young men by the scores of thousands, were enabled to leave the country in defiance of the military law.

It will be the one desire in life on the part of many, to escape from the war zone and reach a land, which offers not only independence but the best of all blessings—peace.

There need be little doubt as to the influx; the dubiety is all in respect to the manner in which the influx is directed. We have already reduced the British-Canadian type in the west. It is not perhaps unshakably fixed; but it is becoming more stable and all prevailing.

A large influx might tend to impair the dominant type if great care in the handling was not exercised.

It will be for the practical men in the west to get together and formulate plans for the immediate future. A new economic situation will confront the country. The question of employment for the soldiers will bulk tremendously in this regard.

The big issue of the settlement on a large scale of our public lands will need the most delicate and at the same time comprehensive handling. We will need men of vision; men of energy and purpose and patriotism, for above every consideration is the question of ultimate type. We have to educate a single type from many. The chief concern should be that that type express the moral and physical stamina of the British-Canadian. The predominance of that type should never be in doubt, for upon its perpetuation depends the strength and prosperity of our great commonwealth in the West.