

EDUCATION OF THE NEW-CANADIAN

certain still greater numbers will desire to settle in our Dominion during the next decade.

And why should they not? Doctor Bryce sets forth many of Canada's advantages: "The climate is conducive to health, strength, and endurance. Canada has eight millions of population—largely made up of the chief European peoples or their descendants, who represent the highest Christian civilization of the world. Canada has a free, representative government, and absolute liberty to mend possible political wrongdoing if she chooses. She has an open mind to new projects and public improvements, and has opportunities for all classes and conditions of men and women who will work. Her code of corrective and protective laws is unsurpassed by any country in the world. Educational advantages are fast becoming available to all classes of her population. Absolute religious freedom is enjoyed by all. Canada has vast forests of valuable trees to supply her own and foreign needs, and she has unsurpassed water-powers, which, used under scientific direction, will give unlimited power." These things, together with the rich fisheries, great food supplies, and enormous deposits of precious and useful metals, make Canada indeed a land of promise.

There are millions of acres of our good agricultural lands lying idle. Only a fraction of the tillable land is cultivated, there being some 325,000,000 acres suitable for agriculture in Canada, while only about 54,000,000 acres are