

STREAM OF IMMIGRANTS IS GROWING STEADILY

Rush to Northwest Increases Under the Best of Conditions.

Winnipeg, April 11.—It is estimated that 11,000 prosperous and enterprising American farmers entered Canada during the month of March. Of these, many came into the Dominion through the "back door" from the south, but the greater number were brought in over the Soo line via North Portal and Moosejaw. Seven thousand Eastern Canadian people also pulled up stakes in the old home in the East and migrated to the new provinces, with the hope of bettering their condition and sharing in the prosperity of the West. To these numbers must be added the European contribution to the increasing population of the West. The exact number of European immigrants who have arrived so far this year is not known, but it is believed that the total immigration for the month of March will be between fifty and sixty per cent in advance of that of the same month a year ago. C. Wesley Speer, Dominion government superintendent of immigration who arrived in the city yesterday, after an extended trip through the "back door" of the West, which are chiefly affected by the present movement in speaking of it today, could not give figures regarding this season's influx, but spoke briefly of the general situation.

"One of the things we have to be thankful for this year," he said, "is the pleasant weather which has prevailed. During previous years, colonists would arrive at distributing points and would be compelled to remain day after day, owing to bad weather. This year the stream of immigration has been one grand flow without delay into Canada, and the weather has also been a boon to the railways and the heavy traffic has been well handled. There is more or less congestion on all lines, but the good weather is favoring transportation and the settlers and their goods are being carried forward rapidly as possible.

"The roads throughout the country are in excellent condition. The streams are not high and the facilities for getting to the land, either for settlement, or for investigation, have been excellent. This work has gone on in every direction and after in every portion of all the provinces. Owing to this natural pleasantness and the excellent condition of the country roads, the plains are alive with land hunters and homeseekers. The departmental accommodation for immigrants has been adequate. The facilities being available being supplemented by the use of a number of large tents, which are put up, floored and heated.

"The speed with which many of the settlers get located is amazing. Houses are brought into the country as they go, and many settlers within a couple of days manage to make themselves perfectly comfortable. We saw a party on Friday last where an American farmer was beginning to put up a small house. He had the frame up and the roof when we passed, and on Saturday night when we came back he was in the house.

"Packing the Last Window while his wife was just beginning to arrange the furniture. The hardest part of the migration to the West is still to come, and I have no doubt that we will be able to handle it satisfactorily. The rush at present is the greatest we have ever had at this period in the year; it is also more uniform than it has ever been, more evenly distributed, and it is being handled with less difficulty than in any previous season. The railways are doing the business better than it has ever been done, an dthe weather, as I have said, is the best we have had in many seasons."

DISMANTLED AND HELPLESS.

Schooner's Crew Decide to Stay by Their Vessel.

Norfolk, Va., April 11.—Dismasted and helpless, the Russian schooner *Nara*, of Riga, was abandoned about 60 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras last Tuesday by the British steamer *Exmouth*, which arrived at Norfolk today. Capt. Griffith, commander of the *Exmouth*, said he fell in with the Russian schooner last Tuesday morning, and towed her for fourteen hours, when the "tow-line" broke. As he could not recover the schooner without much loss of valuable time in the gale then prevailing, he abandoned her after offering to take the crew off. They declined, saying their vessel was not leaking, and they would probably be picked up by some other steamer after the gale abated. The *Nara*, which sailed from Leguna with about 300 tons of logwood, was struck by a fierce storm, which broke her stern and mainmast off at the deck and carried away her mizzenmast. The crew, the mainmast fell on the second mate and killed him.

R. L. Cream Baking Powder

Adds to the healthfulness of all risen flour-foods, while it makes the food lighter, sweeter, finer-flavored, more delicious. Exercise care in purchasing baking powder to see that you get Dr. Price's, which makes the food more wholesome and at the same time more palatable.

Good Health depends upon the food you eat.

Note—There are many mixtures, made in imitation of good baking powders, which the prudent will avoid. They may be known by their price, being sold for ten to twenty-five cents a pound, or a cent an ounce. They are made with alum, interfere with the healthfulness of the food.

CHILLIWACK GROWS.

One of the Busiest Summers About to Open.

The Chilliwack Progress in its issue just to hand says: "More building activity than Chilliwack has seen for five years," was D. E. Stevenson's enthusiastic comment to the Progress reporter a few days ago, and being very closely connected with the lumber and building industries, Mr. Stevenson is in a position to speak intelligently on a subject of the marked development of our town.

No matter where you go, the noise of the hammer and saw and the hum of industry attract your attention, and people are beginning to sit up and take notice that the old burg has awakened from a thirty years' slumber and that there are things doing. A vague, indefinite something is in the air. It may be rumors of railway construction, drying and developing of waste lands, or the coming to the top of the steady undercurrent of advancement, which is after all the most to be desired, but be the cause what it may, ask the true Chilliwack what kind of a year we are going to have, and you will answer without a moment's hesitation "splendid."

Real estate firms are looking forward to doing the largest business of any year past and business men in every line are looking to their facilities for the handling of the increased trade. Prosperity seems to be general, get in and dig.

NEWS NOTES OF NANAIMO.

No Gas in Western Fuel Company's Mines—All Now Satisfied.

Nanaimo, B. C., April 9.—(Special).—Some weeks ago reports were widely circulated to the effect that number 1 mine of the Western Fuel company of this town was full of gas and that the hundreds of men working therein were in imminent danger of being snuffed out at any moment by an explosion. While it was known here by every miner that such reports were without truth, a committee of gas experts made an exhaustive examination of the section referred to with the result that the mines were found to be comparatively free from gas and being operated and maintained in a very high state of efficiency.

A copy of their report was sent to the minister of mines, Victoria, Mr. Thomas Budge, secretary of the Mine Managers' board, and a holder of a mine manager's certificate, with a corps of experienced miners, acting under instructions from the provincial government, has also just completed a searching examination of this mine and has forwarded the result of his findings to the minister of mines.

Mr. Budge endorses in every material part the last report of Inspector Dick, and of the Miners' Gas committee, who rendered the report on March 10th, after a thorough and exhaustive examination of every part of the mine. Mr. Budge further states without reserve that he is entirely satisfied with the conditions as he finds them. In reference to the section of number 1 mine that is being pumped out, Mr. Budge states that with drawing off the water some of the old working now flooded will continue to require attention. This part of the mine as well as all other parts is in the hands of careful and competent men. Mr. Budge spent several days in making his examination, which has been of a most thorough nature, and it is most satisfactory to all residents of Nanaimo that the wild and misleading reports that have been sent abroad about the workings being unsafe are disproved. Inspector Dick, a thoroughly qualified man, first reports the mine in good condition; a miners' committee composed of men respected by their fellow workmen and selected by them as being thoroughly qualified, endorsed the inspector's report. Now the government expert further confirms these former reports.

The recent dry spell seems to have had the effect of bringing big game down from the mountains. Yesterday a large buck and a doe were seen feeding in the five-acre lots, and a panther was perceived by Mr. A. C. Wilson this side of the cemetery. Indians report about two-thirds of the sheep used in Nanaimo are brought from the American side as well as the mainland.

The climate of Vancouver Island, particularly the southern portion of it, is adapted for raising sheep and there would be a good market for home-bred animals.

The output of coal for the combined mines of the Western Fuel company on Saturday totalled 1500 tons for the day's work. This is the largest daily output since the company purchased the mines from the New Vancouver Coal Co., several years ago.



DAVID SPENCER, LD.

Western Canada's Big Store

A Matchless Showing of Easter Wearing Apparel

EASTER MILLINERY

The Big Store invites you to its best Millinery display. Famous for years for a magnificent combination of millinery art, novelty and beauty with commercial common sense and moderate prices, the present showing will be found easily to eclipse anything heretofore displayed. Description is impossible—the hats are both too many and too beautiful to describe; we can only give you a glimpse of the values and promise you that the styles are such as you could only picture in your most exalted moments of imagination.

WHITE SILK BLOUSES

Ladies' White Silk Blouse made with deep yoke of eyelet embroidery and shirring and 3 rows of lace, elbow sleeves with cuff made of 3 rows of insertion, finished with wide rill, edged with 1 row of insertion. Price \$6.50.

Ladies' White Silk Blouse with yoke made of silk embroidery and Val lace and insertion, full front of blouse made of rows of eyelet embroidery and insertion, elbow sleeves with deep cuff and rill made of silk embroidery edge with Val insertion. Price \$5.00.

Ladies' White Silk Blouse with deep yoke made of insertion and eyelet embroidery, front of blouse trimmed with medallions and 5 wide tucks, elbow sleeves finished with deep row of embroidery and Val insertion. Price \$6.00.



Ladies' White China Silk Blouse made with transparent yoke of fine Val lace, wide bertha over shoulders, trimmed with medallions and Val lace, elbow sleeves made entirely of tucking and rills, edged with insertion, front of blouse made of 3 rills, edged with insertion. Price \$7.50.

Ladies' White Silk Blouse with deep transparent yoke of lace, trimmed with choice of medallions and Val lace, blouse made of rows of eyelet embroidery, elbow made of medallions, deep cuff of

NECKWEAR Popular Styles in Strap Slippers



Another addition to our spring lines. Ladies' Dongola 1 Strap Slipper, turn sole, opera toe, kid lined, military heel; \$1.50 per pair.

Ladies' Patent Colt Slipper, 1 strap, turn sole, opera toe, XV heel, very nobby; \$3.00 per pair.

Ladies' Dongola Kid, 3 Strap Slipper, turn sole, medium heel; \$1.50 per pair.

Ladies' Dongola Kid, 4 Strap Slipper, medium heel, opera toe, turn sole; \$2.00 per pair.

Ladies' Dongola Kid 1 Strap Slipper, with bow, turn sole, new heel; \$1.75 per pair.

Ladies' Patent, Colt, 4 Strap Slipper, XV heel, new style, turn sole, opera toe; \$4.00.

Ladies' Dongola Kid, 1 Strap Slipper, turn sole, opera toe; \$2.00 per pair.

BOYS' CLOTHING



This cut shows three of our popular styles this season. We are looking after the boys better every season.

At \$4.50—Our Special All-Wool Scotch Tweed Suits, Norfolk Jacket. Suits that have the appearance and wear well.

COSTUMES

Ladies' Green Cloth Suit, Eton coat, with girls attached, elbow sleeves; coat pleated and trimmed with stitched straps of silk; circular cut skirt. Price \$35.00.

Ladies' Costume of light grey homespun, new pony cut coat, trimmed with wide stitched straps of same material, full length sleeves with deep cuff, circular cut skirt. Price \$35.00.

Ladies' Costume made of grey canvas cloth, Eton coat with girls attached, coat trimmed with silk braid and buttons, pleated skirt with circular folds around bottom. Price \$35.00.

Ladies' Costume made of light grey check tweed, Eton coat with girls attached, elbow sleeves, collar and cuffs of silk with white braid trimmings, pleated skirt with circular folds round bottom. Price \$25.00.

Ladies' Costume in light grey homespun, Eton coat with girls attached, full length sleeves, collar, revers and cuffs, trimmed with silk braid, circular cut skirt. Price \$22.50.

NEW COLLARS

Ladies' New Turnover Collars, muslin with fine embroidery. Price 15c. to 60c.

Irish Crochet Turnovers, edged with fine lace. Price 50c.

Heavy Embroidered Stock Collars, lace edging. Price 85c. and \$1.50.

Silk Embroidered Turnovers, fancy colors. Price 35c.

Ladies' Collars made of pleated chiffon, trimmed with applique and steel ornaments, tab front, trimmed with 3 bands of chiffon and small steel buckles. Price \$2.25.

Ladies' Collar made of pleated chiffon and satin ribbon, fly applique and fancy buckle. Price \$2.50.

Ladies' Fancy Stock Collar made with bias bands of silk to form diamond pattern, trimmed with Oriental applique and opalescent beads, tabs of pleated taffeta, finished with medallions. Price \$2.50.

FIT-RITE CLOTHING FOR EASTER

Its made as well as clothing can be made. Its made so well that only the mislance of individual measurement now remains to distinguish the custom-tailors' product from "Fit-Rite."



Experience doubtless has, or at any rate will, demonstrate that you are better clothed at the same expenditure per year if you wear good clothing rather than the "cheap" variety.

You wear fewer suits to be sure, but they retain their appearance until worn out, while the "cheap" suit looks the part from the day it is first put on.

We assume that the up-to-date man of today appreciates dress at its true worth, and while not giving it undue importance, endeavors to dress in a manner appropriate to the time, occasion, or circumstance, as the case may be.

Today we tell you about Fit-Rite High Grade Suits that we sell at \$12. If you are a man who has seen the habit of the merchant tailor, it must interest you to know the Fit-Rite spring models are the exact reproductions of the high class tailor's best work. These suits are cut according to the latest fashion. The single-breasted coats have deep vests—the lapels are cut long and are either peaked or round. There is something about the neck and shoulders of these garments that will at once strike your attention. The waistcoat and trousers are cut according to the newest designs—the fabrics are all exclusive.

Wall Papers

At 5c. a Single Roll. WE ADD INGRAIN to the assortment at that price. (Colors Red and Green not included.)

Plenty of Axminster Carpets

To choose from at \$1.25 a yard laid.

PARASOLS For Easter

Ladies' Parasols in all colors, with new Japanese frame. Price \$3.50.

Ladies' White Mull Parasols, made entirely of eyelet embroidery. Price \$5.00.

Ladies' Parasols covered with shirred chiffon. Price \$8.75.

Ladies' White Silk Parasol with wide border of Dresden pattern around edge and top part of parasol, fancy handle. Price \$6.50.

Plain China Silk Parasols in all colors, with new Japanese frame. Prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

PRINCE ARTHUR REACHES

His Royal Highness Enthusiastic Welcomes The Capital

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The Maritime Province Await Readjustment of General Indemnity

OTTAWA, April 11.—The Eastern recess quiet within parties, but the city is all a visit of Prince Arthur. The people of the capital pomp and pageantry. O thought that the display with the opening and closing would long ago have citizens of Ottawa, but y as this function rolls r of the capital with their p back the Senate chamber not-general is now a fan the streets of the capital does not receive a prince blood every day and there that were out to get their Prince Arthur were very the pouring rain, when i pulled into the station a The prince was received bury. Williams

Representing His Ex and Sir Wilfrid Laurier ar members from the govern General Lake, Lord Aylm headquarters staff, a ge was furnished by the shic ter exchanging greetings w and his colleagues, Prince of Hanbury Williams a rriage and set off for Rid with a detachment of U p Wellington street and the crowds had aske the prince, but the grom them to cover before we arrival at Rideau Hall a p from the government saluted the prince as he his carriage. Tonight a d being held in honor of the suite. Tomorrow will be and on Monday commence important engagements las week.

Concessions in the granting large concessions friends in the Yukon was the subject of this week co the arrangement in whic the member for Ottawa, Dr. Thompson, the memb of all concessions, w live one amongst the peop tory and would remain a last one was wiped off the chart of all concessions g granted and still remaining was the one known as an Elys. This week a commission appointed this consisting of Judge Britton Benjamin Bell. It compr and commencing with the from the mouth of Bonap extending up that stream tance. This and other co granted by the governme tion that they should be hydraulic process and a ground which could not b any other way. Some as had been done under the B. Turrel, a well known formerly of the geological order.

Keep the Concessio Turrel put into the conce thousand dollars of his ow when he endeavored to rae principals through the cou that all the facts came o ter brought the matter t house and quoted freely fr documents filed in the cou These documents showed of Belcourt and McDoug of Belcourt and McDoug the company for their infu department in keeping t alive and for professional though it may be as cont Belcourt in the house, th proper was contemplated ment between the company yet it raises in a most p the question of members of cepting fees for profession the promotion of bills be ent or matters coming up the public departments. the St. John, said the pra grading to the public libe and was unfair to the leg As far back as 1865 the liament had laid down th the offer of money or other any member of parliam ing any matter whatever to be transacted in parliam

is a High Crim and misdemeanor and subv English constitution. Rea then has the principle bee Premier Laurier quite co the view laid down by Mr. said the reputation of Can ment ought to be like Ca above suspicion, and he f he glad to see a well und adopted which would be at the guidance of every m Wilfrid had nothing to say its of the Belcourt case. However, that the polic ment would be to give a the individual miner. Thos aries who had done w would receive consideration who had failed to put up counly with the governmen would find their concessions