

## Compilation.

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### Immigration.

To give any idea of emigration to Canada as a whole is extremely difficult; as in all that can be said on the subject exceptions have to be taken into account. Thus to speak of the two classes of immigrants most needed in Canada—agricultural labourers and domestic servants—seems to exclude all other workers, whereas, in fact, a certain number find work annually in almost all branches of the labour market. However, the welcome immigrant and the successful immigrant at present is the agricultural labourer and the domestic servant.

The prairie lands of Manitoba and the North-West are still sparsely settled and offer to the agriculturist, not only excellent soil, but also well developed railway systems and water-ways to carry his produce to the great markets of the world. In speaking of the future of Canada as mainly agricultural, it is the immediate future that is here meant, the future with which immigration to-day is mainly concerned. No doubt, after the further settlement of the country, the Dominion has to look forward to an immense development of its mining and manufacturing resources. In no other country that can be named is water power available for easy conversion into mechanical force so abundant everywhere. We may assume, therefore, that in a country of so vast an extent as ours, it is of the first importance to develop rapid and easy intercommunication between its varying regions, and to this effect to accumulate such a population within its borders as shall, in addition to foreign trade, make these means of communication self-supporting. It is plain that for this we cannot trust to the natural increase of population; immigration must be sought to aid it.

The larger proportion of newcomers are at present attracted by special agencies, philanthropic or commercial, who, by offering special facilities or money assistance, aid in their importation and incur responsibility in so doing. Their names and objects will be found appended.

