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Good Oportunities in Canada.

Every Englishman returning to England from Canada does not carry back hard times tales, as will be seen by a perusal of the following which appeared recently in the colums of "Canada" which is published in London, England.

It was as exhilarating as a breath of air from the prairies in the early spring to meet Mr. Fred C. Salter last week on his return from his recent visit in Canada. The European Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk System is blessed with that vigorous and cheery optimism possessed by so many of Canada's most active and successful business men.

We talked of many things. The commercial situation in the West, the outlook for this year's harvest, the Government's restriction of emigration, and a dozen other topics. Many of these he had personally acquainted himself with by direct investigation on the spot, and this gave value to his reasons for his opinions, as mere hearsay was eliminated.

To sum up, Mr. Salter gave as his absolute convictions that this year and commencing now—a measure of progress and enterprise will be witnessed in the West as great as any previous year has recorded.

"The commercial interests of Canada and the States-perhaps more especially in Western Canada—are so closely connected," said Mr. Salter, "that the financial crisis in New York was bound to have a sympathetic effect north of the border. To show how quickly business in Western Canada has returned to the normal: Quite recently I was discussing matters with a member of a firm handling cash registers who have agents throughout the whole of the middle West. The sale of such an article as this you will acknowledge to be almost an ideal trade barometer. Well, he told me that whereas three months previously his sales were shut right down, now everything was liquid, and business was becoming as brisk as could be wished."

Discussing labor matters, Mr. Salter made a point which has not previously been so forcibly and ably drawn to the notice of the emigrating classes in the Mother Country. "The Canadian Government has been criticised," said Mr. Salter, "for their recent action in restricting emigration, especially that from the great cities sent out by philanthropic societies. What the Government wants—what we all want out there— is not the weak, discontented, bilious-minded, emigrant, who constantly cries for help from

