

For the Sake of the Man Who Cannot Go West.

Premier Murray, speaking at the recent exhibition in Pictou, said we are inclined to be envious of Manitoba and its great export of wheat, but in Nova Scotia last year the products of the sea were worth \$8,000,000 in cash to us, equivalent to 16,000,000 bushels of wheat; then, too we raised 5,000,000 tons of coal, which at two dollars a ton, represented 20,000,000 bushels of wheat and, if we remember these things, we will see that our position is better than that of Manitoba or any other province in Canada.

The area of Nova Scotia is 20,882 square miles. About one-half is covered with forest. Spruce, fir, hemlock, pine, maple, birches, oaks, beech and ash. There is no need to note that in recent years carelessness and stupidity have lost to us by fire great tracts of the finest timber lands, the fact is too well known. The Government and owners of timber lands are now alive to the value of these forests. When it is remembered that none of the timber that grows in the six million acres of lumber woods is more than twenty eight miles from the tide and all of it near to natural waterways it will be seen that Nova Scotia has wealth in her woods. The annual exported quantity of lumber and deals from Nova Scotia is two hundred million feet representing nearly twenty million dollars.

"The world may be safely challenged for another area of twenty thousand square miles of equal richness and variety."

Canada is not only the western part of the Northern half of this American Continent. It is wrong for us to lay too much stress on the wealth of the West when we are speaking of Canada. "It must constantly be remembered" says G. R. Parkin "that after all the brains and pith and marrow of the country are still in the Eastern Provinces; that these are still the centre of political force, of the country's progress, wealth and culture, of those decisive characteristics which have given Canada its strong individuality and will for many years to come, chiefly mould its future; that, in fact, the North-West is but a yesterday's off shoot and creation of the sturdy life which has been steadily growing up for a long time in the East."

While then one does well to go West if he cannot remain East the man who can and does stay where the sun rises first is not to be pitied. Many men who found life hard in Nova Scotia and went West have found life harder.

While on the other hand many have found the way in the West rich in rewards of toil. As in most cases success depends on the man and his willingness to put up a good fight and fight to the finish.