

om I had approached a few How far does this railway

whole continent, in a line o the Pacific," I answered. es?" he asked. usand on the main line and thousands on the branch

st road to run through the

cross the prairie," I said, two others, Grand Trunk adian Northern, the G. T. P.

t to Lloydminster? Have who came out three years last year, but guess it isn't

I answered, and from a ch he produced, I selected best the location of the revas going. In ten minutes y a dozen or more whose ormation confused me. ing for Vermillion Vermillion? What line do kind of a country is it? a farm for? How cold is do you think would be a p to settle?" came a chorus

ill right there, but what do asked.

at out here with more or ce. Lloydminster and Veras any.' o do a turn in the country out of your muscles," reeemed to know more what thers.

volunteered his name. nding him my card, which zed and passed around. He nd on his own behalf and ad come out to spend a year and report. If satisfactory, ning out, and together they farm and settling down. riends With Him

on the same mission to mate, whom he introduced , had come out to Canada taken up a homestead in country. He had returned visit and was bringing out , all with money, to settle All had farmed in the Old that when they had learncould make ends meet with ordinary care. o another: "How was it of Charles Finch, a young

oing better," he answered. am trying Victoria. Spent ade some time ago in East-

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was thrust aggressively forward over a timeyorn violin, his arm drawing the bow across three strings and thrusting it abruptly back with another. Down in the aisle a dance was in ogress, while two men were waltzing solemn-around, gripping each other by the arms and at every third step of the waltz stamping one foot. And the music! Several of the passen-gers unconsciously shuddered, and a young man to whom I turned seemed to sigh in pity learned afterwards from indirect sources that he performer on the three-stringed violin was sent out to work out his own salvation. I oped that he would prove a successful colonist.

Having a Look at the Country

Meanwhile I had also learned John Fletcher's name. He was a youth of about twenty years and with evident enthusiasm told me all about himself, finally flashing in my face an immaculate business card with the inscription: "The _____ Coal Company, Limited, Coal Depot, Wandsworth Road S.W. Telehone No. 919. Presented by John Fletcher."

With him were two companions, Rupert Palmer and Samuel Stevenson, both Londoners, and all on the way to Winnipeg. I asked them what they were going to do and why they came. "Oh, anything we can get," they answered. "We want a look at the country. We draw sixteen shillings a week in London." I said I understood.

Bound for Various Points

Then I talked with George Pole of Dorset, bound for Davidson; A. James, London, for Regina; Harry Brown, Windsor Berks, for Calgary; Harold Jeffries, Aylesbury, for Sas-katoon; A. James, a London carpenter, for Regina; David Yeandle and W. Pocock, Som-

erset, for Saskatoon; R. Hayward, Manchester, for Manor; James Sharp, Leeds, for Neepawa; H. Whittaker, Norwich, for Canduff; George Garing, Brighton, for Vermillion; R. Elking-ton, London, for Winnipeg; R. Ward, London, for MacGregor; G. Chapman, Chertsey, for Surrey; Fred Robinson, St. Albans, for Bran-don; J. Maylor, St. Leonards, for Estevan; Thomas Orme, Liverpool, for Nelson; D. Mc-Phie, Glasgow, for Morris; E. Digby, Essex, for Carberry; H. Nelson, Hunstanton, for Moosomin; George Webb, Putney, for Pincher Creek; Thomas Green, London, for Elva; Wil-liam Rose, Belfast, for Macleod; Hector Mc-Nab, Kilmarnock, for Lethbridge; Richard Mc-Laurin, Sterling, for Maple Creek; J. Richard-son, Kirkcaldy, for Kamloops; T. Fairburn, on, Kirkcaldy, for Kamloops; T. Fairburn, ewcastle, for Roundthwaite; H. W. Peachey, and J. S. Hills, Surrey, for Sandstone, Alta.; S. Miller, Liverpool, for Lacombe; M. L. Thornton, Birmingham, for Roland; F. R. Boranyprice, and a brother, from Sussex, for Winnipeg; A. W. Mason and J. Edwards, London, for Winnipeg: George Strange, Somerset, for Edmonton; Edgar Bruce, Somerset, for Vic-toria; Albert Shaw, Warwickshire, for Calgary; Philip Webb, Somerset, for Waskada; Richard Green, for Boissevain; James Glendenning, a collier, for the Crow's Nest; William Kershaw, Lancashire, for Lacombe; Herbert Wyatt, on spec; Michael Cunningham, Ireland, for Winnipeg; Harold Millar, Liverpool, for Indian Head; E. Philpott, Middlesex, for Winnepeg;

A. Dennis and a brother, of East Yorkshire, for Prince Albert; W. Bates, London, for Lethbridge; H. J. Bumm, Frank Steind and Dave Hewlett, all of London, for Winning. I told them as far as I could what they might expect and in each inconsequent and undistinguished instance, noted a fearfully potent example of

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ering glimmer of belated car lamps his head erset, for Saskatoon; R. Hayward, Manchester, man's passion to follow the sun over the western horizon.

- Two Sons at Calgary

Just one last instance. Two with whom I had come to speak sat in opposite seats in one end of the coach. One of them was perhaps a little past the best of life, but still straight and vigorous. His full face was well browned in contrast to a stubby grey beard; his eyes were a clear, steady blue, and, unlike many of the other finmates of the car, he wore an ordinary business suit of good cut and a style that showed over the soft flannel shirt. He told me he was a Cornishman.

"Yes, Tucker is my name," he added, "J. K. Tucker. I buried my wife four years ago, and since then the family has been broken up. Just now collecting them and taking them out to Calgary, where I have two sons ranching Alberta will be a good place to spend my old

The other was younger. Not more than thirty, and with features that might be considered typically English.

Well, we're almost there," I ventured. Was Evidently Suspicious

He loked at me with evident suspicion and nodded briskly. Eyes that were brilliantly black, met mine, half insolently. He didn't answer, so I knew that he was the other with whom I had planned an interview. I explained myself at length.

"If you've been in the habit of asking people about their business, what their future's goin to be, and what their past has been, you don't get mine, see?"

I remarked that it wasn't always safe to ask.

"What does it matter to you, who I am, or

like a preacher at St. John, who came up and asked me if it was my first trip to Canada. As

if it was any of his business." "I'm no preacher," I interposed. "That may be; but if I was in the gutter, he wouldn't lift his little finger to 'elp me," he re-

torted. "Any 'ow, I keeps my business to myself,

He took precaution that every one in the car heard this statement. "I've never been in the West, but I know enough about Canada. You can't tell me anything."

I smiled at the way he trifled with several million square miles of the earth's surface.

He was just the kind of Englishman that makes Englishmen disliked in Canada. I wanted to tell him, but feared the retort might hurt on both sides.

Passengers Moved Restlessly

"Next station's Winnipeg," and someone wearing a blue uniform with burnished buttons swung a flickering lantern in the end of the car. The wearied press of partially fatigued passengers began to move restlessly. Bunks were pulled down, bundles were kicked around, and boxes and cans of corned beef, catsup, mustard, condensed milk, sugar, pork, beans, crackers, dried apples and a hundred and one other things which a self-suffering community carries on a colonist train, were separated from shawls, coats, and wraps and indiscriminately placed anywhere, but somewhere out of sight The stimulus of sensation removed all weariness. Noises of a new life-but more glorious by far than life in England's crowded centres. Suddenly on the car platforms there appeared a stream of faces, a murmur of wild, stumbling

what I'm goin' to do?" he thundered. "You're feet, and unsubdued voices, signals of the on-like a preacher at St. John, who came up and rush of immigrants crazy with the journey's end. On they came, stampeded everywhere, pushed from behind, and drawn in front by the glamor of a new land.

"How have you done, Walter?" I heard someone enquire anxiously. "Your letters have been so vague."

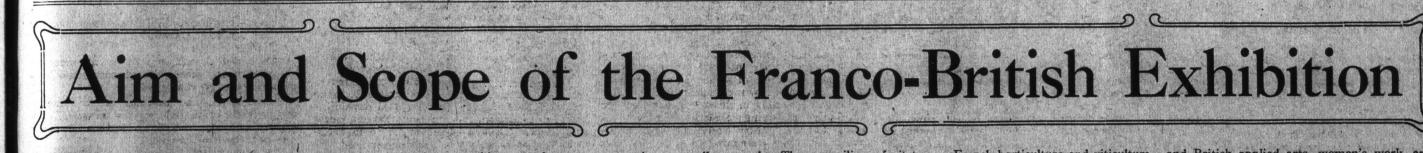
Had Done Pretty Well

"Pretty well," he replied. "If things keep on going right, I hope soon to have a better place for you than I've got. We'll leave for Edmonton in the morning. It's over eight hundred miles."

A blue uniformed railway policeman stood at the depot entrance by a revolving door. They started forward, at first a few, then more. Finally the vanguard of the crowd surged ahead and an instant later they jostled through the railway depot through long files of eager people, rushing into the arms of relatives or riends, baggage falling from their arms this way and that, words tumbling from their as-tonished mouths, gesticulating, staring, won-dering, maddened with a new life.

Saw Them on the Pavement

I last saw them when they set foot upon the pavements, fingers straining, pointing here, there and everywhere, at what seemed wonders for a city of one hundred thousand. For once they were placed in a land where the equality of opportunity enabled them to find unprom ed channels for what they were best adapted. To them was left the selection of that channel obtained frequently from bitter discipline and long drawn-out struggles. They started forward, at first slowly, then bursting away, the new tide of humanity opened up for them.



HE date of opening for the Franco-British Exhibition at Shepherd's-bush has not yet been fixed. There is some hope that M. Clemenceau may be present on the occasion, and, if that is realized, the ceremony will be arranged to suit the time of his TIL the middle of May, says the London Times.

The presence of the eminent French statesman is much to be desired, for the co-operation of France is the distinguishing mark of the enterprise. The French government, the Comite Francais des Expositions a l'Etranger, the city of Paris, and other public bodies as well as numerous private individuals have responded to the invitation with the utmost spirit and liberality, and it is already apparent that noth-ing will be left undone on their part to ensure success. They are past masters in the art of exposition, and even in the present early stage their practised skill and unrivalled sense of effect are making themselves visible amid the confusion of preparation. The place is in a dreadful mess; the roads are not made yet, and rain on clay, with the frequent passage of heavy carts, has reduced the ground to a morass tempered by brickbats. But it is get-ting on fast. Some of the buildings are complete as to shell and elevation, and others are sufficiently advanced to show their character and proportions; the grounds, open spaces, and water areas are fully defined, and a good idea of the general layout can be obtained. The impression is highly favorable. Enough can be seen to leave no doubt that the exhibition will be a great show. spacious, varied, elegant, full of interest and of amusement as the visitor chooses to take it. London has a surprise in store; nothing on this scale has been seen here before. The site is well chosen. It lies on the extreme western border of inner London, between Notting Hill and Acton and just to the north of Shepherd's Bush. Here some open fields stretching up to Wormwood-scrubs have somehow escaped the builder. It sounds a long way out, but as a matter of fact the place remarkably accessible from all quarters, and ay almost be said to suffer from a plethora mmunications by rail and road. It can be reached by way of the Central London tube, the Hammersmith tube, the Metropolitan railway, the District, the London and South-Wes-tern, and, by communication, from the Great Western, the London and North-Western, and other main lines; and hard by the entrance of the exhibition is a great junction and terminus of electric trams and omnibus routes. A pre-liminary pamphlet informs us that the various Itminary pamphlet informs us that the various methods of transport are capable of conveying 75,000 persons to the spot in the hour, and that seems to be no exaggeration. The main en-trance will be next door to the Shepherd's Bush terminus of the Central tube, between that and the Uxbridge Road station of the West London railway; but the grounds lie a little way up Wood lane and are reached from the main entrance by passing through a series of halls and galleries. It will not be necessary, however, to go that way, as the Hammersmith and City railway and the Central London will have new stations, by which visitors will be deposited at the grounds direct. at the grounds direct. The area occupied is 140 acres in extent and of an irregular ovoid shape, bulging in the mid-dle and tapering at one end, but rounded at the other. Any attempt to describe or even name all the buildings without a plan would be mere-ly confusing; but it is, perhaps, possible to give an idea of the general arrangement and of some of the more important details.

features at all, so that everything must be supplied by art; and, though this deprives the de-signer of any assistance from nature, it gives him a free hand in laying out his space in the most convenient and effective way. Mr. Kiralfy, whose name is a guarantee for large and original ideas, has taken full advantage of the opportunity, and has succeeded in filling out a plan, broad and simple in outline, with great variety and richness of detail. The result is that a visitor with any sense of locality at all will be able to find his way about with excep-tional ease and certainty among an inexhausti-ble series of sights and distractions. The several parts of the exhibition are grouped about a large square open space in the very middle of the arena. This is the Concert Garden, which will be the great central resort. It is laid out with flower gardens and ornamental water, and has a sunken bandstand in the centre. Each of the four sides is occupied by a large ornamental building devoted to amusement or refreshment. The Franco-British Pavilion on one side will be a French restaurant; it is faced on the op-

proportion are all secured. The prevailing color is pure white and the effect at night will be extremely brilliant and fairylike. The materials used throughout in construction are slabs of concrete and breeze, or cement and breeze, set in iron or steel frames, .

Of individual buildings it is only possible to mention a few. Those which will probably excite the most general admiration are the buildings enclosing what is scalled the Court of Honor, which lies at the south end of the grounds near the newstube railway stations. The architecture is Indian and its light and delicate character suits the white and slight material particularly well. The court is a spacious rectangle occupied by a sheet of water, with a broad promenade round three sides. The water will be continually pumped over a flight of steps forming a cascade at one end of the court, where the Congress Hall stands. This court will be lit at night by 16,000 electric lamps, and will be extremely beautiful. An interesting building of a different character is the Pavilion of the Municipality of Paris, which ands in the Court of Pro ress. It is no large, but the architect, M. Bouvard, has utilized three sides of it to reproduce some famous pieces of Parisian architecture. The front will epresent the facade of the Hotel de Ville, and the two sides will be reproductions of the historical Hotel Carnavalet and the Arc de Nazareth. Another small building of interest is a complete Tudor house from Ipswich, which will be furnished throughout in contemporary style. The most curious and fantastic buildings are those devoted to various departments of art, decorative, applied, women's, music, and so on. Some of them are more curious than beautiful, but they lend variety to the scene. To return to the general plan, the arrange-ment of the principal departments can be best indicated by taking the Concert Garden for a starting point. On the western side lies the Machinery Section; on the eastern, the great stadium; to the south, an extensive area where the art sections are housed, and beyond it the Court of Honor, already mentioned, flanked by halls for British and French industries; lastly, on the northern side one comes to sundry amusements, beyond which lies a large space in which are the buildings of the British and French over-sea dominions, arranged in a semicircle. These are the principal divisions, but they are filled in by a multitude of details. The machinery section is the largest of the serious portions of the exhibition. It occupies three large halls ranged on three sides of an open space covering eight acres and called the Court of Progress. The side halls are 600 feet long by 200 feet wide and the total space availabl for machinery is 300,000 square feet. The only information obtainable at present is that ship-building and marine engineering will be fully represented; all the great Sheffield firms as well as Tyneside and Clydeside will exhibit. Sir William White and Dr. Elgar are the heads of this department. There will also be a good dis-play of textile machinery and machine tools in tion. The court round which the machinery halls are ranged also contains the Pavilion of the City of Paris, already mentioned, and opposite it, on a space offered to the London county council, but refused, a pavilion erected by M. Andre Delieux, in which will be shown the work of the art-craftsmen of France. This ought to be a beautiful and interesting display. Corresponding with these two buildings, but further back in the same court, are two pavil-ions erected by the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk railways." The open space of the Court of Progress is being laid out by French gardeners under M. Vacherot, director of horulture to the City of Paris, and it is already planted with rows of small, elaborately trained

fruit trees. French horticulture and viticulture and British applied arts, women's work, and will be a prominent and noval feature of the ex-

Passing back from the Court of Progress across the Concert Garden, one finds on the opposite side the great stadium, where the Olympic games will be held. It really is great. It is oval shaped with straight sides. The arena is turfed, with a water basin down one side for aquatic sports. Outside the arena a broad cinder track for foot races runs all round, and outside that again a broader track with banked ends for cycle and motor races. The seats for spectators rise in tiers round the entire arena, every part of which is visible from every seat. The seats are roofed over down the two sides of the stadium, but open to the sky at both ends. The proportions are Roman. The width of the stadium is that of the Circus Maximus, the running track is one-third of a mile in length, the water basin is over 100 yards long, the arena inside the tracks is 235 yards long, and the seats will accommodate 70,000 spectators. There is said to be room altogether for 150,000 spectators, and a bird's eye view does not suggest any doubt of the statement. The great stadium built at Athens for the Olympic games could be set down in-side the tracks. Motor-cars will be able to run up to 60 miles an hour. Here most of the Olympic contests will be decided, but a good many of the events, including the 25 miles "Marathon" race, golf matches, lawn tennis. polo, racquets, tennis, motor-boats, rowing, shooting, and skating will take place elsewhere. In the stadium there will be athletics of all kinds, archery, fencing (in an adjoining ground), gymnastics, and, in October, lacrosse, nockey, and football. In connection with this branch of the exhibition is a club, the Imperial Sports Club, which is very handsomely housed near the stadium. Lord Desborough, who is chairman of the British Olympic Association, is president of the club. So far we have taken the Concert Garden in the centre, with the Court of Progress on one side and the stadium on the other. Proceeding north from the Concert Garden, one comes to some amusements and then to the colonial sections. The amusements must be left for the present, with a bare mention of the flip-flap, which is the principal novelty. Two gigantic iron arms, 150 feet long, lie extended in opposite directions, fixed at the base, free at the extremities, to each of which a hanging car is attached. These are slowly raised in the air as each arm rises to a vertical posit when they cross and are lowered again; thus each car describes a semi-circle in the air, rising to a height of 150 feet. Close to this sin-. gular contrivance is the Canadian hall, which will be very large, but is at present in the early stage of iron framework. The Dominion is prepared to spend £100,000 and may be relied on to do its share handsomely. New Zealand is housed just opposite, and a little further on Australia occupies a large space with a very fine hall which is now well advanced. Then there is Ceylon and India, with quite distinc-tive Mahomedan architecture, followed by Crown Colonies. Out here, too, an Irish village with a round tower is being built. These buildings are arranged on one side of a cres-cent with the French colonies opposite; the latter include Indo-China, Algiers, Tunis, and West Africa, and present fresh architectural features of their own. So much for the northern end. There remains the southern end, on the far side of the Concert Garden in the opposite direction. First comes the Court of Arts, which is the largest of all the courts and contains eight separate halls. It must occupy quite 20 acres. At one end is the Fine Arts Palace, at the other the Palace of Decorative Art, and between them the French

music. There are also sundry restaurants and the like. Beyond this magnificent court is the smaller, but more beautiful, Court of Honor already described. The halls flanking it on each side are devoted to the exhibition of industries, about which little information is as yet available, except that the British side will show chiefly textiles and chemical products. The cotton and linen display will be very good, as many of the leading Lancashire and Belfast houses have secured space. But details must be left for the present. Adjoining these halls are three others, one for educational exhibits, another for pure science, and the third for vari-

It is hoped that this general sketch, which is no more than an outline, will convey some idea of the extent of the exhibition and its wealth of the extent of the exhibition and its weath of charm and interest. The honorary president is the Duke of Argyll, the president is Lord Derby, and among the vice-presidents are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Bed-ford, Lord Lansdowne, Lord Avebury, Lord othschild, and Lord Strathcona. Of the executive committee Lord Selby is chairman and Lord Blyth vice-chairman; Lord Welby presides over the finance committee, with Gustave Chevillard for his colleague; Lord Blyth and Sir John A. Cockburn are the heads of the organizing committee; and Mr. Imre Kiralfy is commissioner-general. The chairman of the group committees are all gentlemen of the highest standing in their own departments; and Lady Jersey and the Duchess of Sutherland are at the head of the Women's Work section. The project, which was originally brought forward more than two years ago by the French Cham-ber of Commerce in London, was formally adopted in July, 1906, at a Mansion House meeting. It has secured the approval of the King, the official favor of some of his ministers, and the active support of the French govern-ment through the Comite Francais des Expotions a l'Etranger. Its principal object is to omote the commercial and social intercourse of the two countries. The profits, in accord-ance with a resolution passed when the scheme was adopted, will be devoted to some public purpose.

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William Bertram, Herbert! Hichman all thought they anada. They were prepared in fact that was what they as a Surrey man with a business at Edmonton, and for him. Hichman with was going to a homestead Edmonton near the line of acific.

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The ground is dead flat with no natural

and club house open to ladies and gentlemen at a subscription of two and three guineas respectively; Lord Jersey is president of the club. Another restaurant occupies the third side, and facing it is an ornamental building with a square tower and pillared wings or arcades. It is suggested that this will form a convenient and easily-found rendezvous. In the corners between these main buildings are a number of smaller ones, including a Royal Pavilion and a Pavilion Louis XV.

Before we proceed any further a word must be said about the architecture. It is, briefly, exhibition architecture, which may be said to have become an established style. It is the freest of all styles, for it includes any others or all others or any varieties of them, besides a great many which are found nowhere else. An exhibition is an opportunity for architects to give a free rein to their fancy. The result has a certain character or, perhaps, want of char-acter; it wears a fantastic air of frivolity and short-lived butterfly existence, very bright and gay while it lasts, but sorry, bedraggled and sad when summer is over. At the Franco-British exhibition this customary license is exercised to the full. There are a great number of build-ings, some quite plain, but the majority highly decorative; and, though they all have the com-mon mark of the butterfly, they show much variety. This is largely due to the French element, which has devoted great activity and resource to the buildings for which it is respo ble. London has never seen anything like the variety and profusion of the display. The archi-tect-in-chief of the French section is M. Guirard de Montarnal, and among his colleagues are M. Roger Bouvard, who has designed, among other things, the Pavilion of the City of Paris, which will be mentioned presently; M. Patouillard, who has designed the main en-trance in Uxbridge road; M. Toudoire, archi-tecte de la Cie, P.L.M.; and M. Charles Lefebvre, who is in charge of the French colonial buildings. Of English architects the only one whose name is obtainable on inquiry is Mr. John Belcher, A.R.A., who has done some conultative work; but it is understood that Mr. Kiralfy himself and his sons are responsible for a large part of the designing both in general and in detail. It is due also to his planning that all the buildings, whatever their degrees of merit, show to advantage, because they have plenty of space about them, or a good offing, as one might say. They are nowhere hemmed in or huddled together, but are set about spaci-ous courts in which an excellent proportion is maintained between the ground space and the height of the elevations. Order, variety, and

AN ENGLISH JEW'S FORTUNE

Just over half a million—of which £450,000 is net personalty has been left by the late Mr. Harris Lebus, of South Hampstead. Mr. Le-bus, who was a cabinet maker and a director of various limited companies, began business life in his father's little cabinet making shop at Wellclose square, in the East End. Here he was accustomed to wheel out his father's work a little barrow.

At the time of his death Mr. Lebus was the largest wholesale furniture maker in the kingdom, his Tottenham works employing more than 3,000 hands. There are also large showrooms and offices in Tabernacle street. Mr. Lebus was mainly responsible for the vogue which "fumed oak" obtained some years ago. He was born in Hull, and was fond of sa that he was "proud to be an English Jew." He was fifty-five years of age.

"Where hav yez been this avenin'?" asked O'Reilly of O'Toole.

"Sure, I have been playing 'Bridget whist,'" said O'Toole,

"Bridget whist? An' how do you play that?"

"I sit in the kitchen wid Bridget, an' ate bie an' cake and chicken, an' whin Bridget tears the missus comin' she says 'whist."-Philadelphia 'Ledger.