

WONDERFUL SYDNEY.

Story of Cape Breton City Possessing Vast Resources and Possibilities.

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A thirty-knot steamer plying between Milford Haven and Sydney could make the passage in sixty-seven hours, or about two days less than the "Lusitania's" record from Cape Clear to Highland Light. A round trip per week would be the result of using this route with such a service. A saving would be effected in the matter of time, cost of fuel, space for the storage of foodstuffs, and a reduction would be possible in the passenger rates.

The deep-sea fishery presents boundless opportunities. The famed fishermen of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and the no less well-known fleet of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, nearly all make Sydney harbor their rendezvous and headquarters during the spring, summer and autumn months. Much wealth has been accumulated by both the men of Gloucester and Lunenburg, who have for years steadily followed, and are still following, this line of work. If they can be so successful, operating from these remote points, but using Sydney as a base for active work, how much bigger are the fortunes that can be made by using Sydney as the locus for the entire venture?

Big Money in Agriculture.

As a means of judging how little, comparatively, is at present done from Cape Breton, the following will be sufficient: The total number of vessels going out from these waters is 117 as against 350 from the Lunenburg district. The value of the industry in the last-named place, for this year, will be fully five million dollars. The French fishery on this coast at the time of the fall of Louisburg gave employment to 624 square-rigged vessels, 3,056 decked craft, 27,520 seamen, and netted annually from 900,000 to 1,000,000 pounds of fish. The difference between that date and the present time is probably to be found in the transference of the industry to the other places mentioned. Canadian capital should regain the lost ground for the Eastern Provinces.

Agricultural pursuits are, undoubtedly, the backbone of every community. Cape Breton island comprises about

2,000,000 acres, 1,200,000 being fit for cultivation. A splendid opportunity is presented to the wideawake investor in the director of market gardening, small fruit culture, and in sheep, poultry and hog-raising. There has been comparatively little attempted along this line in Cape Breton. The easy money made at the collieries and at the steel plants lures the young man away from farm life, and the older members of the families do not farm intensively, nor to any reasonable degree along practical lines.

Capital and Enterprise Need Not Go Abroad.

The present condition of all lines of mercantile trade is healthy. Tight money has been felt there as elsewhere, but the community seems to feel the effect of the prevailing conditions much less than many other and perhaps more important districts. Steel plants in the United States and in Upper Canada are wrestling with difficulties of one or another character and some of them are closing down at least temporarily. The steel industry of Sydney was never so prosperous and the outlook for a considerable period is particularly assuring. The conditions of life in that community have become thoroughly settled and the principal producing interests are on a solid basis.

Much Canadian capital is being invested in Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Trinidad, and in South America. Opportunities for profitable investment at home are many, and this section of the Maritime Provinces, rich in natural resource as it unquestionably is, presents a splendid field for the capitalist. The municipal governments will do their full share to assist development. If the Canadian investor will turn his attention to home possibilities a very short time will suffice to create in Eastern Canada one of the most remunerative hives of industry dreamed of by the greatest captains of industry. "Pour some of your capital here," says Cape Breton, "and the Dominion will soon have as great an East as she has a West."

Thus a complete circuit of trade could be arranged. There are right at hand all of the fluxes and the coal—and iron ore within a stone's throw of the blast furnaces—necessary to the carrying on of iron and steel manufacture on a gigantic scale. Its geographical position, and water transportation to practically every market of consequence gives Sydney a distinct advantage over all possible competitors.

Big Marsh, Antigonish County, N.S.—A seam of coal has been found here. The quality is good. An adjoining property has been bonded for \$60,000.

Prince Edward Island.—Much paper has been renewed this fall by country storekeepers. This because of the late harvest and their inability to obtain accommodation from bankers. The high prices paid for all farm produce have caused demand for discounts to be greater than ever, and some of the merchants have been compelled to restrict business.

Weyburn, Sask.—This principal town of Southern Saskatchewan will market this year 1,500,000 bushels of wheat, the major portion of which will grade No. 1 Northern. Weyburn holds the proud record of seven excellent crops in seven successive years, that being the number of years since wheat was first raised to any extent in the Soo Line.

The Western Fire Clay Products Co., Limited, will likely locate here. A free site has been granted them by Fred. S. S. John, one of the pioneers of the town. The excellent water supply and the fact that Weyburn is, and will be, the chief railway centre of Southern Saskatchewan, and will in the near future be a competitive railway point are the chief factors inducing the company to locate at Weyburn. Their clay deposits, which are pronounced by experts to be the finest in the world, are situated eighteen miles west of Weyburn, in the Soo Line.



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