

**The Canadian Northwest.**

Following is an interesting sketch of conditions in our great West, written by Mr. John Clay for his paper, the Live-stock Report, of Chicago:

It is a long weary day over the never-ending prairie, very much like the country south of it, in Montana. North and south of the railroad, from Macleod to Swift Current, there are a lot of ranches, where the loss last winter was very severe. It looked a great level prairie, with little shelter, as seen from the car windows, few cattle in sight, but a sprinkling of horses, and good horses they looked.

Toward evening, you strike wheat lands, and through the night they are endless. Early in the morning, draw the blinds of your car, and it is wheat, wheat, wheat. The crop is backward, and the season of frost approaching. The oldest inhabitant can tell you a lot about frost. The newcomer knows nothing about it, for of late years the crop has escaped frostbite. The 20th to 25th of August are fatal dates. Once past that week, and the wheat mariners are in shore, and generally land a good crop. Provided frost keeps away, the prospects are good, notwithstanding a late spring.

The best Canadian crop of this year consists of real-estate men. They are legion, and it must be almost as difficult a job for a landseeker to get past them as for a salmon to reach the upper waters of the Fraser. The cattle talk is but a whisper in the afternoon, by evening there is silence, and the land boomer has the floor. They talk long and loud and lustily, and they have cause to, for this is a rich land needing development. It is in need of men and railroads and improved methods. It is too easy of culture, and as a result there is much to be desired in the way of good agriculture. It is still a one-crop country. The era of returning part of the increment to the soil is still far away. When it comes the great annual frost scarce will be faced with little fear. The change will come slowly, because it means vastly more capital in buildings than in such a zone as Illinois or Iowa.

But the wonder of this West is Winnipeg. To revisit it after twenty-five years is a sort of Rip Van Winkle feat. It is the keystone to this great Northwest, and it is fulfilling its mission splendidly. From an overgrown village in 1882, overbuilt, straggling, mud-spattered, with city lots stretching into distance, home of a reckless lot of speculators, it is now a metropolis with all the signs of solidity. It has noble buildings, splendid streets, beautiful private houses, and a lot of financial bulwarks that all seem to do a thriving business. Last, but not least, is the Canadian Pacific Depot and its adjunct, the Princess Alexandra Hotel, a hostelry worthy of a city ten times the size of Winnipeg. The C. P. R. may be a bit selfish, but it is certainly generous in its hotels. They have built these away ahead of requirements, yet who can say they have not done wisely and well. From Victoria to Quebec, they have a string of hotels worthy of any country, and they are serving as a great advertisement. They attract attention, and they are leading on to a great flow of tourist travel, which is bound to be immensely profitable to the railroad and to the whole community.

There are stockyards in Winnipeg, but the ordinary citizen scarce knows about them. They are hard to find, and when found they do not amount to much. As a matter of fact, they are more feedings than stockyards, and they are well adapted for the purpose. But the day is coming when they will need central yards, just as we have on this side of the line. While we were at Winnipeg a beef commission was sitting, and the Canadian Pacific people, who at present control the situation, are quite ready to see a change. This commission is similar to the freak inquiries we have had on our side, and the ignorance of some of the witnesses was more than amusing. One of the great troubles in Canada is that they have more politicians to the acre than any other part of the globe we have visited. Just as we have on this side, there is an endless chain of busy-bodies, and the beef business is their last fad. They have exalted P. Burns Co.,

Ltd., and Gordon, Ironsides, Fares Co., Ltd., into little tin gods, whereas they are merely good sound business men. In this inquiry, Mr. Gordon went on the stand and laid open his business, telling a straightforward story. Why a man should be obliged to open up the secrets of his business is more than we can tell. Mr. Gordon was more than frank, and it was the same in his office, where we interviewed him and got a lot of information. Gordon reminds me of James Swan, of Edinburgh, Scotland. They have the same breezy manner, decisive action and wonderful knowledge of their business. You feel that you are alongside a master hand. You hear about the export business, its ups and downs, and the vagaries of the Old Country market, more especially when you are dealing in range steers that are wild as buffalo. The place for those steers, as well as all others exported, is the refrigerating-room of a steamer, and the day is not far distant when the dressed-beef-business will have as firm a hold in Canada as in the United States. Winnipeg is working up to it. It is the want of raw material that hampers it. The steady flow of cattle, sheep and hogs is urgently needed, so that the supply may be regular, and meet the ever-increasing demand from the cities, which are growing year by year. As previously stated, the economic conditions are changing in this vigorous, progressive region. We cannot expect to find the path of business so easy as in a well-established district, nor can you expect to find Burns, Gordon and others angels with full-spread wings. They are merely good business men, seizing opportunity, probably biting off a little more than their share. A pioneer needs more than ordinary profits.

This great Northwest is a wondrous country. There is a heap of land lying out of doors ready for the plow. From the frantic efforts of the land-boomer you would think that now is the accepted hour, and if you don't buy, your golden opportunity is past. But this is merely an incident in the growing prosperity of this new country. What it needs is less of a boom, more of a solid foundation, more farmers, fewer speculators, a steady expansion, not a display of real-estate fireworks. And what it needs more than anything is mixed farming to lessen the risks and broaden the basis of its agricultural prosperity.

Mr. Wm. Willis, Newmarket, Ont., breeder of Jersey cattle, writes: "Although unable to show at Toronto this year, we are still in the business, and have on hand some fine heifers of different ages, from Earl Denton, a grandson of Flying Fox and the imported cow, Nunthorpe's Susanne. Our fall calves are now coming; have some good ones coming in between this and Christmas, from cows that have proved themselves workers. We made \$100 from nine during June, for cream and butter, and some of them had been milking several months. We have also two nice young bulls, one six months old, from Dido of Pine Ridge, a forty-pound cow when fresh, and a daughter of a Toronto show winner, Lena of Glen Rouge. She was a daughter of One Hundred Per Cent., Mr. Rolph's famous old bull, and the other from Slick's Pet, a fine young cow that is hard to beat at the pail the year round. This bull is just about a year old, and a beauty, standing on short legs, straight back, and showing good dairy qualities, solid dark squirrel gray, and should be good enough to go in any herd. Then, we have some bull calves, and more coming. We also have some nice three-year-old cows, recently calved, sired by Ida's Sonny, a son of Count Oxford's Ida."

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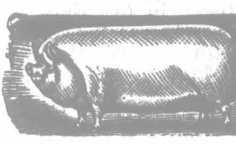
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