

## WESTERN TRAFFIC

Is Now Being Reached Out for by Eastern Canada.

Ottawa, June 22.—It is the aim of both political parties in the Canadian parliament to leave no stone unturned to capture the carrying trade of the West and the Western states. The products of the West are concentrated at the head of the great lakes, transshipment of the vast preponderance of them taking place at Buffalo. So far the Dominion has not secured a very large share of the traffic, but the loan of \$1,000,000 to the Montreal harbor commission by the Dominion government, together with the appropriation of various large sums for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route, furnish evidence of the government's determination to make that route adequate to meet the demands of the traffic which it is expected will soon be diverted into it.

Besides the efforts put forth in this direction, however, other projects are being worked on which are designed to make the port of Quebec the principal port for the export trade of this country and open for navigation all the year round, thus furnishing an important factor toward the solution of the Canadian transportation problem.

Archdeacon Vincent, of Stonewall, Manitoba, has been appointed by the government the commissioner for taking the census of the Keewatin district and the northern part of Canada in the vicinity of Hudson bay. For forty years Archdeacon Vincent has labored as an Anglican missionary in these regions. He will take the eastern portion of the territory, while two other parties will, under his direction, cover the more westerly sections. Mr. Charles Fisher, who is to take the census of the Athabasca and Mackenzie river district, has already started out from Edmonton upon this mission. So little is known of the country that Mr. Fisher is left largely to his own discretion in securing the enumeration of the Indians, the Eskimos and others of that region.

Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, who is president of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, agrees heartily with the action of Mr. Powderly, the United States superintendent of immigration, in refusing to allow entrance into the United States of any immigrants who are found to be affected with the disease of consumption. Similar action has been recommended to the Dominion government by the Canadian Tuberculosis Association. It is thought here that the action of Mr. Powderly will prevent

many consumptives from leaving Canada for milder climates in the Southern states, notably for Colorado and California. Although consumptives from Canada bound for the Southern states are not usually regarded as immigrants, nevertheless it is said they could be so classed under the order issued by Mr. Powderly.

### Big Salmon Country.

It is the Big Salmon country that is now coming to the front. It is coming in leaps and bounds. It is a second Klondike in its infancy and will soon be full grown.

The district is full of prospectors who are turning up something new and rich every day. Hundreds of claims have already been located and recorded. Considerable development work has already been done on many of them and surface indications of depth of wealth are proving true. There are also hydraulic propositions on which machinery is in operation. About three weeks ago a new find was made in the Big Salmon district. Discovery was located on Lake creek and the discoverers took out \$50 and \$40 to the pan. A stampede resulted and the whole creek was staked out. Nothing as rich as that taken out on discovery has yet been announced, but evidence of approximate wealth has been obtained.

Among the lucky stamperers to Lake creek was Joseph Morton, of the firm of Joseph Morton & Co., of Whitehorse. Mr. Morton recorded two claims, both of which he is well satisfied. There are prospectors out in parts of the Big Salmon district that has never before been prospected and news of other valuable finds may be expected from time to time. Hootalinqua is the starting point for the Big Salmon placer fields and the little post has been the scene of considerable excitement of late. The firm of Taylor & Drury, of Whitehorse, who had the enterprise to establish a branch at Hootalinqua early this season, have reaped considerable reward by being on the ground at the right time. Dan Snure, who runs a hotel and stopping place has had such a rush of business that his stock of supplies became exhausted long before he had expected they would and this week he has been in Whitehorse making large purchases. —Whitehorse Tribune.

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In the early years of this local reign of terror the natives were disposed to betray the freebooter, but he wreaked such terrible vengeance on the informers that they quietly submitted to his exactions and refused to impart any information to the authorities.

Some ten days ago the police tracked Sarri to a lonely hamlet, and at dawn a company of fifty mounted police had encircled the cottage in which he stayed. A rifle shot brought the brigand chief from his couch. Though he saw this all was up he replied to the captain's summons to surrender with three rapid revolver shots, and seriously wounded a couple of the police. The next moment he was riddled with a score of rifle bullets.

These Caucasian brigands fight exactly after the manner of the Boer guerrillas when pursued by the military or police.

An Athens correspondent relates a tragic story illustrative of the daring of outlaw in Greece. At Manolias, near Pyrgos, a judge, whom as hearing evidence against an outlaw named Scantzora, admonished a witness for his lack of truth. The witness replied that he had been threatened by Scantzora the previous day with death should he tell the truth.

At this moment, dramatically enough, the outlaw Scantzora was seen peeping in at the window of the court. Immediately there was a hue and a

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