LARGE EMIGRATION FROM CANADA MYTHICAL

Head Tax of United States Apparently Causes Fibbing and Republic's Returns Are Unfairly Enlarged

Regarding the figures printed in *The Monetary Times* recently, as to emigration from Canada to the United States, this journal has interviewed Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Canadian commissioner of immigration at Winnipeg, one of the best posted men on the subject on this continent. Mr. Walker stated there was no serious emigration from this country to the States. "At least," he added, "that is so far as it relates to Western Canada.

How the Fear of Taxation Works.

"I have no knowledge of and cannot presume to speak about the flotsam and jetsam in the human tide of affairs across the boundary at such points as Detroit and Windsor, Niagara and Buffalo, Vancouver and Seattle, except to say that to my knowledge a great many persons in Canada are under the impression that unless they declare themselves intending to become settlers in the United States they will be obliged to pay a head tax of $4.00 upon entering the United States. The United States Immigration Law, of course, exempts Mexicans and Canadians from this head tax. Notwithstanding this, there is a very popular and widespread opinion that persons are liable to the head tax of $4.00 unless they declare themselves intending to become settlers in the United States and this practice is more general than you would suppose in Eastern Canada, and accounts for a very large number of the so-called emigrants who leave Canada to reside in the United States, but who, as a matter of fact, return on the next convenient train or steamer.

"With reference to Western Canada," said Mr. Walker, "persons leaving the country are checked by the same officers and with the same care as those who enter the country from the United States. The article conveyed the impression that a vast proportion of the numbers of persons quoted as leaving Canada had been agriculturists. I can give the name and age and nationality of every man, woman and child who leaves Canada at any point between Port Arthur and the Rocky Mountains."

Helped to Swell Totals.

Mr. Walker prepared the following statement from his books, giving the total number of emigrants who have left Western Canada from January 1st to September 25th, and declaring themselves intending to reside permanently in the United States. The total number of persons for the period referred to is 3,453, of whom 991 were farmers and farm laborers. These figures are absolutely reliable and official. The number of persons leaving the country at such points as North Portal and Coutts is due to the fact that this spring the United States government threw open a large area for homesteading purposes in the State of Montana, contiguous more or less to these two ports.

No Serious Exodus.

"You can accept it from me as beyond question." concluded Mr. Walker, "that the statement from any source that there is any serious or important exodus of citizens of Canada to the United States from Western Canada is untrue and without foundation in fact, and that the exodus, such as it is, represents an insignificant percentage of those who enter this country from the United States."

SALES OF INDUSTRIAL BONDS

Part of Bell Telephone Issue Was Placed in London—Edmonton's Issue

Messrs. Lee, Higginson and Company, of Boston, state that the issue of $4,500,000 5 per cent. bonds of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, has been oversubscribed, the issue having been announced only the previous day. Part of this issue was offered in London this week.

The Dominion Government loan lists closed on Monday. The oversubscription of Harrod's (Buenos Ayres) $6,000,000 issue, indicates that much money is awaiting investment, if the price and class of security satisfy the investor, says a Windermere cable message.

Purpose of New Dominion Loan.

The proceeds of the new Canadian 4 per cent. loan of £3,000,000, issued in London last week, will be used in part to pay off a 4 per cent. loan of £1,700,000, which matured on October 1st. The balance will not be specially appropriated to any item or items, but used for the general purposes of the Dominion.

The city of Edmonton has issued in London £900,000 5 per cent. bonds at 96. This price, says a Montreal Star cable, is three points below the present quotation of 5 per cent. sterling bonds, for a little over a million were issued in April last at 100½.

Edmonton last year raised £600,000 in 4½ per cent. debentures at 99½, and now issues a 5 per cent. loan at 4 per cent. discount, which proves how municipalities all over the world have to realize the tightening of London's purse strings.

The new issue is apparently a part of the $10,000,000 that Messrs. Kleinwort, Sons and Company, agreed some time ago to place for the city. The price of the former issue—of $5,340,000, 5 per cent. debentures, maturing in 10 and 20 years and offered April 24 last—was 100½, or to yield 4.87 per cent., four and a half points above the price of the forthcoming issue. The former issue this year was 20 per cent. subscribed.

Toronto Housing Company's Bonds.

A block of $650,000 of the Toronto Housing Company's 5 per cent. bonds have been sold at 99¼, less brokerage to the Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto. The price received is better than that obtained for the Hydro-Electric or Harbor Board issues.

The Toronto city council has given the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commissioners authority to apply to the Ontario Railway Board for permission to make an additional issue of bonds amounting to $700,000, required for extensions.

President Chamberlin, of the Grand Trunk Railway, according to a Providence despatch, is said to have stated that the Southern New England Railway had not yet made financial arrangements which would warrant its resuming work in Rhode Island. This message was in answer to a request for a confirmation of announcement made at Montreal that the contractors had been ordered to proceed with construction operations.

STATEMENT OF CANADIAN RESIDENTS LEAVING CANADA FOR THE UNITED STATES, FROM JANUARY 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1913.

	Number of Emigrants.										Occupation,	
Ports.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Total.	Farmer.	Others.
Emerson	39	37	44	83	35	36	29	39	35	377	89	288
North Portal	79	81	206	168	143	160	65	58	30	990	399	591
Kingsgate	24	34	85	36	67	30	39	40	33	388	104	284
Patterson	11	1	2	7	0	4	0	3	2	30	0	30
Huntingdon	26	28	57	81	91	36	53	107	10	489	63	426
Gateway	8	6	21	20	23	19	32	6	2	137	18	119
Grand Fork	13	4	4	3	6	18	13	9	7	77	36	41
Gretna	10	9	11	19	6	5	6	14	1	81	12	69
Coutts	40	45	165	193	71	75	49	86	41	765	235	530
Waneta	5	0	6	9	5	6	3	9	10	53	15	38
Morden	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Chilliwack	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	4
Bannerman	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Sprague	0	0	0	5	3	1	0	1	0	10	6	4
Big Muddy	0	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	10	5	5
Douglass	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6	2	4
Fort Francis	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	8	1	7
Port Arthur	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	11	0	15	3	12
Rainey River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	1	8
	255	245	604	634	460	397	295	392	171	3,453	991	2,462
Grand total												3,453