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THE HOME SEEKERS

The rush for homesteads on the former Donkhor reserve in Saskatchewan was described in the despatches about a week ago. At the land office in Prince Albert it was found necessary to erect a barricade of heavy timbers, leaving just room enough for a single file of men to pass into the office, and policemen were stationed inside the barricade to prevent men from climbing over and thus getting ahead of others in the line. Of course there is no scarcity of land in western Canada, but this reserve was a very desirable one. At a time when there is a great deal of speculation, and land values are rapidly rising, the opening of this reserve offered a great temptation.

The difference between the conditions in western Canada and those in the western states, with regard to available homestead lands, is illustrated just now in Montana where there are ten thousand applicants for 33,000 acres of land, divided into 633 farms, that are to be thrown open from June 18th to June 25th. Here is the story: "Passenger officials of the Burlington and other western railroads are making arrangements to provide special transportation facilities for thousands of persons who are anxious to secure homesteads out of the 33,000 acres of land in Montana for which the government has provided irrigation at an expenditure of more than \$2,000,000 in the past two years, making a canal twenty-three and one-half miles long, with branches six and one-half miles in length. This land was formerly a reservation for the Crow Indians, and they are to receive \$4 for every acre of it taken by settlers. The government has announced that applications for homesteads on this tract, which is commonly known as the Hundley irrigation project, will be received at Billings, Mont., from June 18 to June 25. Inquiries as to rates which have been received by railroad officials indicate that more than 10,000 persons will file applications for the 633 farms which have been designated on the tract by the government. On June 26 government officials will draw 1,000 envelopes containing the names of applicants, from the total number filed, and the successful drawers will be notified in groups of 150 to make formal entries under the homestead act for their land, beginning July 22. Each person to whom a homestead is awarded must pay the government \$34 an acre for the land. Of this amount \$4 goes to the Indians and the remainder to the government, to defray the cost of the canal. The homesteader is to be given ten years in which to pay for the land. The first year he must pay \$4.00 an acre, the next three years \$3.75 an acre, and for the following six years \$3 an acre. The government has adopted stringent measures to prevent any of this land falling into the hands of any but actual settlers. No person to whom a homestead is allotted may sell or transfer it to anybody, but himself must live continuously upon the land for five years in order to secure final title to it. Nearly all the persons who desire to secure land in this tract, made very valuable by the government's irrigating canal, will reach there at the same time."

Billings, Montana, is the centre of the rush, and one can imagine the conditions that will prevail when the thousands of homeseekers arrive and get down to business. The eagerness to obtain this land, under the stringent conditions imposed, shows the desire on the part of a great many people to cling to the soil rather than spend their lives in the crowded centres of population. Nearly all the available homestead land in the United States has been pre-empted. It is not remarkable therefore that so many Americans seeking homes should now turn their eyes to Canada, the last great land of promise for homeseekers on this continent.

A LESSON OF A BANK

Several conservative banking men uttered a note of warning a year or two since, to the effect that the banking business in Canada was in some danger of being overdone. The experience of the Sovereign Bank is an evidence that the warning note was not wholly unjustified. This bank, which began business under most favorable auspices, with large capital and apparently the best management, was too ambitious and appears to have taken chances that were of too speculative a character. As a result there is the unsatisfactory statement published today. On account of bad debts, depreciation in securities, doubtful accounts in liquidation, and unsatisfactory advances, it has been found necessary to appropriate the whole of the rest fund, amounting to \$1,125,000 and to take \$1,000,000 from capital, leaving the bank with a paid up capital of \$3,000,000. This \$3,000,000 is intact, and there is a nucleus of a contingent fund, and the bank is therefore perfectly sound and in a position, under the new conditions and conservative management, to make steady and continuous progress. The lesson taught by the experience of this bank will not be lost upon any similar institutions which may be tempted by the great expansion of business in Canada to indulge in more or less speculative financial enterprises.

THE CHEESE MARKET

Cheese men have another good season opening before them, which they can easily ruin by continuing to ship uncurd cheese to the English markets.—Toronto Globe.

Reports from some sections state that in order to take advantage of the high prices for cheese that have prevailed, farmers have been shipping close to the hoop, and the result of this cannot be

anything but unsatisfactory.—Montreal Gazette.

Owing to the weather conditions the make of cheese in Ontario and Quebec this season has been much smaller than that of last year to this date. The price was much higher, and the early make of cheese is said to have been much better in quality. But now, the Montreal Gazette intimates that the temptation to take profits has led in some cases to hasty shipments of ill-cured cheese. During the last year there has been complaint from England about the quality of cheese sent forward, and the subject has been discussed in the press, to the injury of the reputation of Canadian cheese, which had gained so high a place in the estimation of British consumers. When it is remembered that the export cheese business of Canada last year amounted to considerable value over \$15,000,000, the importance of keeping up the standard of high quality is obvious. The action of a few unscrupulous persons in shipping ill-cured cheese to make quick profits, would do much damage to the business of shippers in general.

The Ontario cheese market displayed weakness last week, the ruling price being 11 1/2c, as compared with 12 1/4c at the end of the preceding week. A year ago the price was about 10 7/8c. The Montreal Gazette says that "while the make is gradually approaching normal proportions for this time of year, the weather in some sections is still backward, preventing the cows from having the free run of the pastures and the result is that the flow of milk is not up to the average at this time of year."

The weather must be warmer in New York this week, or perhaps Wall street is producing artificial heat. The crop-killer has not been able to do very much this season, and the Japanese war-bogey has been impressed into service. Because certain Japanese politicians have for purposes of their own adopted a series of somewhat fierce resolutions respecting the treatment of their countrymen in San Francisco, the war phantom is conjured up in Wall street to hammer down the price of stocks. Incidentally Mr. Hearst gets an opportunity to shout that the Americans can lick all creation.

ONE GIGANTIC FORT TO PROTECT BOSTON

Connect All Fortifications by Telephone and Telegraph So That They May Act as One in Event of Hostile Attack.

(Boston Journal.)

Prepared to do her part in the scheme of defense that will make Boston secure from a hostile fleet, the United States cable steamer Cyrus W. Field, Capt. J. T. Rhodes, arrived here yesterday and will remain about a month. She will lay cables between the various forts and batteries about the harbor. It is the intention to connect all the fortifications by telephone and telegraph in order that the different forts may act as one in case of a hostile attack.

The Field left New York last Monday and stopped at Fort Wright below New London, where she laid a cable. She then proceeded to Newport for coal and came around the cape, stopping at Fort Strong Saturday, where some preliminary work was done.

The vessel carried a detail from the United States signal corps in command of Capt. B. O. Lehou. She is equipped with cable laying machinery and carries her cable in a huge coil on the forward deck. It is run through the bow by a cable laying device.

CLOSED SALOON TO PREACH IN STREET

Saloon Keeper Converted by Salvation Army Turns Into Street Preacher.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Two thousand persons crowded the Bowery headquarters of the Salvation Army at Fourth avenue and Ninth street to hear a former saloon-keeper of Brooklyn tell how he closed up his business and joined the Salvation Army.

The speaker, John Fulton, who for twenty-five years owned a saloon at Fulton street and Africa avenue, Brooklyn, said that through the efforts of the Salvation Army he was made to see that he was doing wrong by his continuance in the liquor business, and that he decided to give it up.

"I had been in the business for twenty years or more," said the speaker, "when I suddenly began to feel that I was doing wrong. I decided immediately that I would go out of the business forever. I made up my mind not to sell my property, but to close it up entirely. I own the building in which I operated my business, and until I can rent to some other line of trade I will let it remain closed. The stock and fixtures remain the same as they did ten weeks ago, when I walked out, vowing to never enter the place again."

The meeting was widely advertised, and a number of men engaged in the saloon business along the Bowery were present to hear what Mr. Fulton had to say. All were called upon to testify, but there was no response.

WANTED TO BE SURE.

The Office Boy—Den you're firm me widout givin' me a chance for resign?

Employer—I do. Get out!

The Office Boy—All right. But I'll leave me address, where you kin send yer apology in case dis affair turns out to be a thilman joke er a Swettenham jest—Judge.

"Raising anything on your place this year?"

"Rand lilies in my cellar."—Life.

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SORROW AND SPRING

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Nay, for wild joy o'er all the wide land lay. Oh, on that morn when her young soul went forth. It seemed to me as if the whole world sang. As if the sun flamed redder than red wine.

And I was mocked by all the Spring's wild ring. If she had died when autumn's requiem sang. I might have felt earth's sad heart grieve with mine.

—Charles Hanson Towne, in The New England Magazine (May).

IN LIGHTER VEIN

IN CRIMSON GULCH.

"I suppose you will give that man a jury trial?"

"Friend," answered Bronco Bob, "we've just suffered the loss of one of the leading members of our community by this distressing homicide. What's the use of locking up twelve more of our leading citizens to start an argument an' fight it out at close range?"

HABIT.

"Why don't you make a few speeches on that subject?" asked the admiring friend.

"My dear sir," answered Senator Borgum, "making a few speeches is out of the question. Once the habit is acquired it is impossible to make a few speeches, just as it is impossible to smoke a few cigarettes."

FORESIGHT.

"I suppose you attribute your great success in life to your own foresight," said the magazine biographer.

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "In what way did it manifest itself?"

"In picking out smart lawyers to look after my affairs."

NOT AN EXAMPLE.

"The man who succeeds," said the earnest citizen, "is the one who holds to his opinion in the face of all opposition."

"I don't know about that," answered the practical person. "A baseball umpire doesn't get such a large salary."

ODIOUS COMPARISONS.

"The money that built this library," said the person who is inclined to be facetious, "is stained."

"May be so," answered the literary individual, "but if it keeps all the modern fiction on its shelves the money couldn't be nearly as bad as some of the books."

UPS AND DOWNS.

Little Miss Pearl is a funny girl—The queerest in the town;

One day she took her watch up stairs, Then she let it run down.

EXCELLENT CONCERT

Artillery Band Concert Last Night Was a Pronounced Success.

From both a musical and social standpoint the concert given last night in the point Opera House was very successful. It was presented under the patronage of His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Tweedie, Lieut. G. B. White and the officers of No. 8 Military district. When the governor entered the national anthem was played and his honor bowed his acknowledgments.

The music rendered by the Artillery Band was beautiful and Bandmaster F. W. McNichol is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the band, which numbers forty pieces, plays. Their programme was lengthy, but the excellence of the music kept it from being in the least tedious. Besides the selections by the band, there was a cornet solo by Bandmaster A. Miller; euphonium solo by Bandmaster I. W. McNichol, and piccolo solo by Bandmaster G. W. F. Stokes.

RAPID GROWTH OF TORONTO

While citizens have become in a sense, accustomed to figures that indicate that Toronto is in the flood-tide of building prosperity, a statement issued yesterday afternoon by the city architect's department, reviewing the progress for the first five months of the year, as compared with a like period of 1906, is of particularly striking significance.

During the period mentioned, the advance in the total value of the permits is no less than \$2,726,337, or nearly 37 per cent. It is a noteworthy fact that the increase in the number of permits, 382, represents a shade less than 30 per cent, of an advance, making it clear that the rapid strides in the value of new buildings are not the result of any mere building boom, but indicate substantial progress.

The statement is as follows:

1906.	1907.
Approximate value of buildings Jan. 1st to May 31st.	\$4,848,328 \$7,574,665
Approximate value of buildings for month of May.	1,502,180 2,457,964
No. of building permits issued Jan. 1 to May 31.	1,278 1,660
No. of buildings for which permits were issued for month of May.	468 829
No. of new buildings erected from Jan. 1 to May 31.	1,593 2,437

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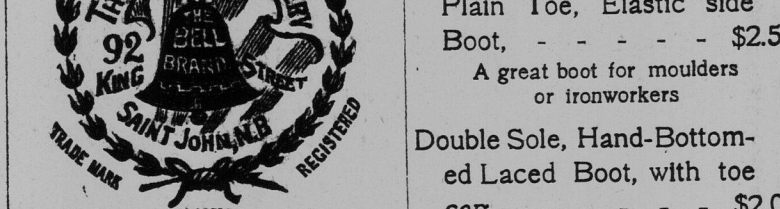
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