

Increasing the Producers

A REMARK was made in a recent issue of the "Canadian Courier" that the agricultural experts were not giving the public any real remedy for the paucity of producers. It is easy to say that we need more people on the land, but no one seems to have proposed any practical method for inducing the people to do as everybody wants them to. It was suggested that we needed a Daniel. A correspondent from New Brunswick comments on this as follows:—

Moncton, March 2, 1914.

Editor "Canadian Courier":

Sir,—Referring to the editorial "Wanted, a Daniel," in your issue of the 28th February.

It should not be difficult for the agricultural experts to tell how the producers can be increased in number and ambition, as that is largely what they were appointed for. The quickest way to secure the increase however would be to induce a larger immigration of the agricultural class from Great Britain, directed to the Eastern part of Canada.

If the Immigration Department would spend on the Maritime Provinces just one-half as much money in proportion to population, as was spent on the West during the last 10 years, the cost of living would be very much reduced, as the East is more adapted to mixed farming, which mode of farming produces more food stuffs per acre than any other kind.

There are many good agriculturists in the British Isles who are afraid of blizzards and the extremes of heat and cold, but who want an equable climate, and who desire a gently undulating country diversified by lakes, streams and rivers, and where they can occasionally get the "tang" of the salt-laden breeze.

New Brunswick has these advantages, and is well adapted for fruit growing, dairying and mixed farming, but what has the Immigration Department done to advertise these advantages?

A request was made last year that special representatives be sent to the old country from this Province, as had been done for other provinces, but the evasive reply came back that "the returning successful settler was the best advertisement."

How could any settler go back from New Brunswick when the Immigration Department did nothing towards advertising this Province during all the years they advertised the West, and the railroads and Dominion Government officials on the other side did all in their power to prevent people coming to the Maritime Provinces?

The same advertisements which drew immigrants to Western Canada also drew our people.

Our money was spent to drain our provinces of population, with a consequent loss of representation. Besides which large portions of our common territory have been added to other provinces, which makes the matter of representation harder to overcome. Now is it not high time something was done to compensate the Maritime Provinces?

Give us the funds, as above stated, for immigration purposes, and the questions of representation and the high cost of living would solve themselves, as once the Britisher learns of the advantages of living here we will have all the population we can take care of.

Yours truly,
S. L. T. HARRISON.

"Light of Western Stars."

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