



Ontario's New Demonstration Farm at Driftwood, 100 miles North of New Liskeard.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

IN a time when scarcity of money seems to be something of an epidemic, it is rather refreshing to read about a large sum of money that for nearly a hundred years has been lying in a bank in the good old-fashioned way, just accumulating interest. Eighty-one years ago Nathaniel Taylor, who lived at Boroughbridge, England, sent a draft to his son John in Canada for fifteen thousand dollars. The draft was drawn on the Bank of Upper Canada at the place which is now called Toronto. But it was never paid. John Taylor was not badly in need of money, so he left the account to pile up; married and raised a family; moved to the States—and still he carried the draft, not needing the cash. Some time or other the draft was burned; but that didn't worry John Taylor, who never even bothered mentioning the matter to his family. Now one of the family is living in Hamilton, and he is figuring that if he could get his hands on that original fifteen thousand at about two and a half per cent. for eighty-one years, he would have the tidy little sum of a hundred thousand dollars.

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ONE of the pioneer manufacturing industries in the West is the making of beet sugar. Last year seven million pounds of sugar were made at Raymond, Alberta, which is the only place in Canada west of Wallaceburg where sugar is made. In the old days sugar, like nails, was very high in price. They used to charge twenty-five cents a pound for almost everything, regardless of quality, in that

country—because it cost just as much to freight in a hundred-weight of sugar as the same quantity of nails, and the freight was the main item of expense. The Raymond sugar factory is overcoming freight charges by making sugar within the country. The land in southern Alberta is well adapted for beet raising. This year two thousand six hundred acres of beets were grown near Raymond; and since on an acre it is possible to raise from fifteen to twenty tons of beets, the total tonnage of beets would be more than a million. Somebody has figured out the cost and profits of raising beets in Alberta. On a ten-acre patch results figure out something like this: Yield should go 15 tons per acre, which at \$5 per ton brings \$750.00; expense in cultivating and harvesting, \$30 per acre, \$300.00; net profit resulting, \$450.00; while all the work was done by the family. This of course is a rosy estimate, and those who are engaged already making a fair profit raising pickles in the east should write for further information before going to Raymond to raise sugar beets.

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PROBABLY the oldest insurance man in the West is Mr. A. McT. Campbell, who has the western management of one of the leading insurance companies in Canada. Mr. Campbell started insurance in the West when Vancouver was in the woods and Winnipeg a conglomeration of log buildings. He travelled by trail; not for his health, but because there were no railways. In those days life insurance was hard to get. A man had to travel a good many miles by buckboard to write a policy. In fact, there were very few people in the country to insure. Most of those that were there, were either too hard up or too much absorbed in the main chance of the present moment to bother about life insurance. Now the company which Mr. Campbell represents carries six millions of loans in the West.

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TOMATOES ripening at Haileybury—this is the next best thing to vegetables and wheat at Dawson. Mr. J. Lorne McDougall, son of the ex-Auditor-General, raised and ripened tomatoes in the open at that northern Ontario town. This is the first instance of this succulent, tender fruit being ripened so far north as 333 miles north of Toronto. In Edmonton, which is 700 miles north of Toronto, most garden truck ripens well, but as yet they have not gone into grapes, peaches and tomatoes. Next we shall be hearing of a banana belt in the Abitibi.

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ONTARIO'S rulers are convinced that not all the farm technique is required in southern Ontario or taught in the Ontario Agricultural College. The Government has opened an experimental and demonstration farm. This is a real test farm hewed out of the woods. The Government have cut the timber on 100 acres of their plot and have logged and cleared 20 acres. It is situated in the town of Driftwood in the township of Walker, 104 miles north of New Liskeard, and 217 miles north of North Bay.

IN Vancouver they are seriously considering the subject of music. Lately, Instructor of Music Dicks was sent to Europe by the School Board to study the systems in vogue of teaching children to sing in English cities. He observed a great many interesting methods; but the power of singing in the lives of boys he found in a very striking way in old Battersea, where John Burns is member of Parliament. He says:

"It was in old Battersea, and those who know London know the class of people who live there. It is of the poorest class and children have to be very largely cared for in the matter of clothes and food by the county council. A very striking instance of the influence of music was brought to my attention there. Previous to eight years ago they seem to have had a great deal of trouble there with the children in that district. The principal told me that previous to his going there the boys were more like wild animals than children, and it seemed impossible to discipline them. When he took charge of the school he introduced music, and since then it had been systematically and thoroughly taught in all the grades, and to-day the school is as well disciplined and behaved as any school I have seen on this continent or anywhere else. They attribute it very largely to the teaching of music."

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RACING with a train has been indulged in by a good many dogs and occasional horses; but the most sensational race of that kind was lately pulled off by a moose and a cariboo up in the region



C. P. R. Steamer Keewatin, on her maiden trip through the Sault Canal.

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Pushing back the fruit-and-vegetable line. Tomatoes grown at Haileybury in Northern Ontario, by Mr. Lorne McDougall.