

U. S. Sends 1,000,000 Persons To Canada

Dominion's Population 12 Per Cent. American-Born, Says Railroad Bulletin.

(New York Times.)

It is estimated that there are approximately 1,000,000 people in Canada who were born in the United States, or about 12 per cent. of the Dominion's population. Most of these are to be found on farms in the Western Provinces. Nearly 100,000,000 acres of Western Canadian land has been settled by homesteading, and citizens of the United States have accounted for 30 per cent. of such settlement, as against 20 per cent. on the part of British. In addition, United States citizens are each year the heaviest purchasers of privately held and improved lands and farms.

Resumption on a larger scale of the movement of farmers from the United States to Canada is looked for this year, according to those most closely in touch with the situation. Even greater, it is anticipated, will be the number of visiting prospectors, to investigate Western Canadian conditions and to decide as to their own settlement there and that of their neighbors the following year. It is pointed out that many renters, facing discouraging conditions and dropping behind with their payments, are anxious to get on cheap land, where they might soon hope to be landowners outright, while the desire for expansion and the possession of larger acreages induces the same trek which is always in evidence.

The movement of American farmers to Canada, according to the Canadian Pacific Railway, was in the ascendant when the war broke out, and the pinnacle was reached in the year 1918, when some 188,000 American citizens crossed the border into the Dominion. Since the war the annual contribution has ranged around 50,000 per year until the year 1922, when only some 24,000 arrived. The flow has, however, maintained the same high quality and was almost purely agricultural and possessed of considerable means. While United States settlers always lead all nations in the purchase of improved and other lands, last year they also led in the number of homesteads filed on. The average wealth brought in by the United States settler in 1919 was \$342; in 1920, \$372; in 1921, \$312, and in 1922, \$402.

A single instance may illustrate what American farmers are doing for Canada while furthering their own best interests. In the middle of March, S. Ebert, a farmer of Lewiston, Minn., left for Manitoba, where he had acquired land. He sold out 90 acres of his Minnesota land at \$200 per acre and about 160 acres at \$150 per acre, having \$46,000 to invest in his new farm, which consists of 720 acres, all cleared and in crop for several years, but which he nevertheless secured at an average price of less than half for which he sold any of his American land.

The inducement which is annually luring American farmers to Canada is the possibility of acquiring at very cheap rates land which is not only equal in every respect to the highly held farm lands of the United States, but which every year outyield them in most crops.

"In this connection it is well for the farmer hesitating on the brink of decision, procrastinating in the matter of making a move," says the railroad, "to realize that this situation cannot exist forever. Each year settlement and cultivation are effecting substantial increments in the prices of Canadian farm lands. The average acre of Canadian farm land was worth \$81 in 1908, had risen to \$35 in 1915, was \$41 in 1918 and \$44 in 1922. Taking Alberta prices as an average for the Prairie

Provinces, where most United States farmers locate, the average occupied farm could be bought for \$18 an acre

in 1908; in 1915 it was necessary to pay \$28, and in 1922, \$24. "Western Canadian land values may

be low, but not so low as they were a few years ago. There is constant progress in land settlement, cultivation, railroad construction and other improvements which elevate land prices. The farm which the United States settler acquired a few years ago for nothing, or a mere trifle, is holding today at a high price, justified without effort on his part. The farm which the settler can purchase today for a low figure he will have to pay increasingly for in the years to come."

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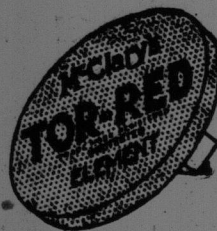
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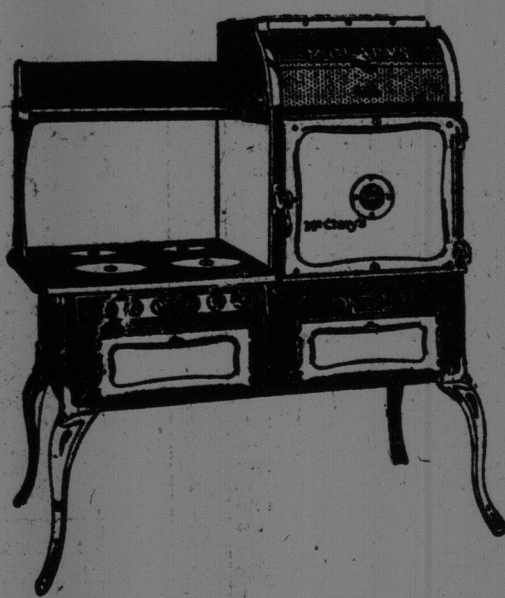


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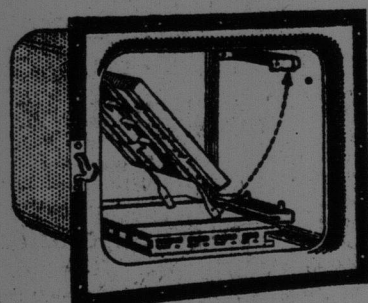
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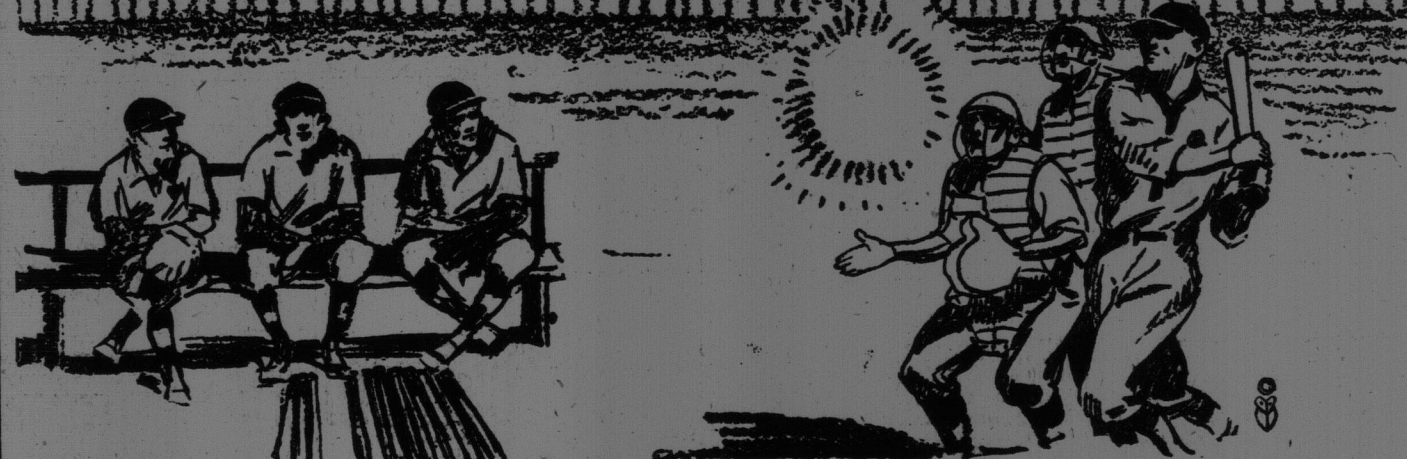
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