

## Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Immigration Report for 1892.

The annual report of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Immigration for the year 1892 has been printed in condensed form for distribution. It contains the reports of the various agents of the Government working in the interests of immigration to the province and the crop and agricultural records of the year. Chief among the reports of agents is that of Mr. A. J. McMillan, who is in charge of the work in the old country with headquarters at Liverpool. It contains some interesting information regarding the work done in Great Britain. In introducing his report, Mr. McMillan says: "As our offices in the United Kingdom were not opened until July 1891, the work in which we are engaged is comparatively new. In carrying on the work I have endeavored as far as possible to adopt newer and more vigorous methods, than those hitherto in vogue in this country."

A considerable amount of advertising was done through the papers having a rural circulation with very satisfactory results.

The correspondence of this office for this year was very large, embracing such distant countries as the Cape Colony of South Africa, India, Australia, Chili, France, Belgium, Sweden and Norway. The letters from these places were inquiries for information about Manitoba. Of this branch Mr. McMillan said:

"In dealing with our correspondence both at home and abroad, we endeavor to give them something more than merely stereotyped official replies; in short, to give them just the information they desire; and it is gratifying to know that our efforts to help intending settlers are often much appreciated. A case in point is furnished by the following extract from a letter written by a wealthy gentleman in Germany whose son we thus helped, and who ultimately proceeded to and settled in Manitoba. He says: 'I should be extremely pleased if I could be of any service to you or your Government in this part of Germany in return for all the kindness you have and are still going to show me. Please command my services at your pleasure.'"

Considerable attention was given to the distribution of literature descriptive of Manitoba. A special publication was issued early in the year, "The Manitoba Official Handbook," which has been in great demand in all parts of the United Kingdom because of the clearness and comprehensiveness of its reading matter. 100,000 copies of these were printed. Other publications were issued and distributed as occasion demanded, and with maps and general literature widely circulated. The free libraries, schools and public institutions of all parts of the country were kept well supplied with these. Some very encouraging letters were received from school teachers, showing what was being done with the parcels of literature which they received.

Another line of work to which close attention was given was that of lecturing. Mr. McMillan possesses a fine magic lantern outfit with views of Manitoba, and with these he il-

lustrated the various lectures which he gave in various parts of the country.

The leading exhibitions of England, Ireland and Scotland were attended and exhibits of the products of Manitoba shown.

The report contains in addition to the above information statistics of the emigration from the old country during the year, together with much general information about the work as it has been carried out.

### Literary Notes.

A copy of *The Christiania Post*, of Christiania, Sweden, for April 13th, has reached THE COLONIST. We find in it about two columns of Canadian matter. This paper is giving considerable attention to emigration to Canada, publishing settlers testimonials delegates reports, etc.

The *Grip* Printing and Publishing Co. are asking for tenders for the purchase of the comic newspaper we all have known so long as *Grip*. With the name and good will of the paper are to be sold: the subscription list and all amounts outstanding for subscriptions, the advertising contracts and amounts due thereon, and the title and good-will of the *Grip* Almanac. The date up to which tenders will be received is May 31st, 1893, and all information regarding circulation, advertising, etc., will be given on application to Mr. Howell, at the Company's offices, 291 and 293 Yonge St., Toronto. This will not affect the other business of the Company, as all other departments will be continued in the premises above mentioned.

The April number of *The Canadian Magazine*, the new national review and magazine, well maintains the high character of the first number and the illustrations are deserving of praise. The political contributions are well written and interesting. In "British Trade and Imperial Reciprocity" Mr. Alex. McNeill, M.P., arrays facts and figures which will be new to most readers, and outlines a trade policy which is destined, apparently, to receive much attention in the early future. Attorney General Longley in "Nova Scotia Coal Mines" writes entertainingly a vigorous defence of the much talked of legislation of his government in regard to coal mines. "The National State," by Charles A. Stuart, is a scholarly, thoughtful, philosophic discussion of the broad movements of the age in regard to national organization. Stuart Livingston furnishes a charming dissertation on the life and literary ideals of the great Norwegian writer, Bjornstjerne Bjornson. "Balfour" is discussed appreciatively by J. Castell Hopkins. A timely article, beautifully illustrated, is "Ontario's New Parliament Buildings," by Frank Yeigh. Another illustrated article is "A Famous Canadian Shrine," by J. J. Bell. Henry Lye contributes a true and amusing story of Canadian experience under "Tales of Wayside Inns." Two thrilling stories, well told, also appear. In poetry, besides minor poems, is a long poem, "East and West," by Prof. Chapman, which is of rare merit; in fact, many will be inclined to place it amongst the finest narrative poems ever produced in America. *The Canadian Magazine* deserves success, and no well informed Canadian can afford to be without it. It is published by the Ontario

Publishing Company (Limited), Manning Arcade, Toronto. Subscription, \$2.50 per annum; single copies, 25 cents.

### General Notes.

It is stated definitely that the Earl of Aberdeen has been appointed Governor-General of Canada.

The sales of C. P. R. lands for the month of April showed a considerable increase over those of the previous months of this year.

A car of exhibits of the products of the Northwest Territories is at present visiting the principal towns of the State of Michigan.

F. H. Brydges has received the appointment of general agent for the National Assurance Company of Ireland for Manitoba and the Territories.

Sir George Baden-Powell, M.P., who is well known in Canada, was married last month to Miss Frances Wilson, in St. Luke's Church, Cheltenham, England.

Bulletins 87 and 88, issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture last month, deal with "Remedies for Common Plant and Insect Foes," and "The making of Cheese," respectively. The first contains some valuable information regarding methods of destruction of the insects which do so much damage to tree foliage and plants.

The arrangement recently completed by the Dominion Government with the firm of Huddart, Parker & Co., well-known in Australia shipping circles, for a monthly service of steamships between British Columbia and Australia, calling at Honolulu, gives promise of resulting in a largely increased trade between the two colonies. The C. P. R. have agreed to co-operate by a quick dispatch of passengers and freight from and to the Atlantic seaboard.

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