

dodged to the right. The bear was at my very heels, and disabled as the brute was, evidently it fell. I too fell, and for the life of me could not have risen for all the grizzlies in the Rockies.

I lay at the very edge of the gulch, half dazed and suffocated, and watched what happened next. I saw the huge brute slither down into the gulch amidst a cascade of stones and boulders. At the bottom it rose, and tried to creep out, but only to fall back, clawing at the loose sand. Three times it tried, and three times it fell back, each attempt becoming weaker, less ferocious. The vibrating snarls had ceased, silence fell, and as though in a dream I saw the bear lying in a lump heap among the rocks, gasping for life, but otherwise motionless.

Then I remember the Indian standing over me, and dragging at my shoulder. "Bad air! Bad air!" he was muttering. "It kill bear! It sure kill you."

In a dazed way I realised what had happened. This little gulch was full of poisonous gas, which issued from the heart of the mountain by way of that small black cave at the end of the gulch! To enter that poisonous little valley meant certain death, and to lie where I was at that moment meant that I should be speedily overcome by the deadly gas, which is heavier than air!

Somehow we dragged ourselves away, and recovered the packs. We were battered, cut, and bruised, but by a miracle no bones were broken, and we reached civilization without further mishap. Valary's fox skin sold for the equivalent to \$250, and my little gold samples panned out a good deal better than I expected. They enabled me to buy a fruit farm down in the Arrowhead Lake Country. There are plenty of moose and deer all along the valley, which I intend to hunt—when we have finished hunting Huns!

Thin Ice

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"No, no, stay over one day more, anyway," urged Benjamin Marcott. His wife echoed the invitation. "We can't thank you enough in a lifetime, much less a night," she added.

It was imperative that he go and see his patients, he explained.

"But you have a patient here!" urged Marion's mother.

"Recovering rapidly," put in Marion, "but in need of a certain doctor to pronounce a few soothing words."

"If I am to stay," said Godfrey smiling, "I insist upon the minister pronouncing those words."

And he stayed.

Conservation of Humanity

With the idea in view of investigating community problems, promoting a more general interest in social welfare and providing expert advice and assistance to any community desirous of organizing its forces for more efficient citizenship, the governments of the three Prairie Provinces have organized a Bureau of Social Research, which will be under the joint control of the three provincial governments.

The purpose is to make a practical study of all social problems affecting a community and a more careful investigation of general social welfare questions than has hitherto been possible by any existing governments.

One of the functions of the bureau is to secure information and this will be done through co-operation with public and private agencies and also by special investigation. The information thus secured will be disseminated by means of reports, bulletins, the public press, lectures, correspondence, etc.

During the first year two kinds of investigations will be carried on. One will be the care of immigrants and particular attention will be paid to the Ruthenians who are settled in large numbers in each of the three provinces. The second will be a preliminary inquiry with regard to the proper care of the feeble-minded.

The conditions are practically the same in each of the three provinces, and the provincial authorities have been co-operating for some time in the provision of institutions for the care of the various classes of dependents.

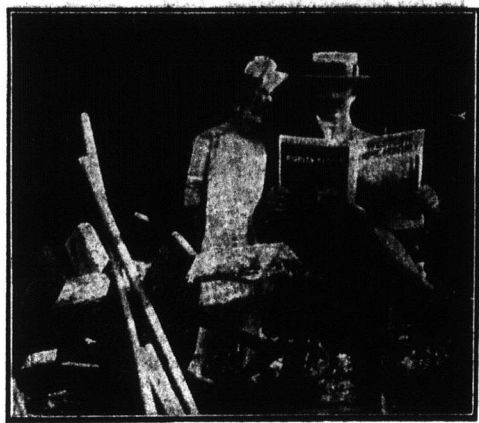
Each of the provinces will have an advisory council that will consist of one cabinet minister and five other members. When each of these councils has been organized, two representatives from each will form an interprovincial council, which will have charge of the general policy of the bureau.

The cabinet ministers have been chosen for each of the provinces as follows: Alberta, Honorable J. R. Boyle; Saskatchewan, Honorable J. A. Calder; Manitoba, Honorable Doctor Thornton. Each holds the portfolio of Minister of Education in his government. J. S. Woodsworth is the director of the new bureau, and the head office is in Winnipeg, where all the data collected is properly compiled into statistics that will always be at the disposal of inquirers.

The bureau will deal solely with the human resources of the country and endeavor to investigate and determine the way in which these resources can be best developed and conserved, and the different peoples in the Dominion welded into one harmonious whole that will illustrate what higher civilization really means.

As yet the work is only in the preliminary stage, but questionnaires have been sent out to ministers, school teachers and secretaries of the various farmers' and women's organizations throughout the provinces enquiring as to social conditions obtaining in various districts, and the information secured in this way will be supplemented by particulars obtained as a result of special studies in certain districts.

A member of Mr. Woodsworth's staff has been engaged in investigating conditions in the Ruthenian colony near Vonda, Sask., and other communities will also be visited by trained investigators who will get in touch with the people and report on local conditions. The



The travelling man finds his favorite magazine in a northern Alberta homestead

bureau will also take up the question of legislation designed to remedy the social life of the rural districts and of the provinces as a whole.

The Bureau of Social Research has really developed from the Canadian Welfare League, which was formed some time ago with somewhat similar objects in view. It was thought, however, that the peculiar conditions prevailing in the West were such that a separate organization would be better able to cope with the situation, which was very similar in each of the three provinces.

The Sowers

Ten thousand sowers through the land
Passed heedless on their way;
Ten thousand seeds in every hand
Of every sort had they.

They cast seed here,
They cast seed there,
They cast everywhere.

Anon, as many a year went by,
These sowers came once more,
And wandered 'neath the leaf-hid sky
And wondered at the store,
For fruit hung here,
And fruit hung there,
And fruit hung everywhere.

Nor knew they in their tangled wood
The trees that were their own;
Yet as they plucked, as each one should,
Each plucked what he had sown.

So do men here,
So do men there,
So do men everywhere.

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