

are a contrast to what is seen in Scotland, where the inhabitants acquire a sombre aspect, doubtless from the fact that the sun is so frequently obscured by clouded skies. The climate of Canada, with its alternation of winter and summer, must be more healthy than that of the great African continent, towards which many young men will be turning their eyes, and the country is outside the zone of blizzards and cyclones, which cause such destruction in the United States.

The consideration of the question who should emigrate is one for the Dominion Government and emigration agents. The more important matter for those who are looking for a field less crowded than Great Britain wherein to discover a means of subsistence, is, who should not emigrate? Canada itself supplies men for the literary professions, clerks are a drug in the market, and there are not many openings for mechanics. The chief industry by which a livelihood can be made is agriculture. A young man who goes out to take up a free grant of land need not be a son of the soil, if only he is willing to work and to rough it for a time. He should on no account purchase or lease land before being at least a year in the country. The conditions of agriculture are so different from those of the old country that the most experienced find that they require to learn the best methods. Employment can easily be got on a farm in the west, where a man can become initiated into the ways of the country. It is obvious that a young man who has never engaged in manual labour is unfit for this line of life, unless he has a good constitution and goes out young. The Canadians have no respect for the tenderfoot, or for the still more objectionable emigrant, whom they entitle the dude.

The Yankee never wearies in employing all his eloquence to convince the incredulous Briton that the United States of America is the greatest country in the world. Perhaps, if this postulate were granted, he might condescend to admit that Canada comes next. Certainly Canada is just in its infancy. Its resources only await development, and its vast territory is capable of supporting a large population. The mineral wealth of British Columbia will yet to some extent rival the riches of the South African gold fields. The first essentials of prosperity—namely, security of life and prosperity—exist in the most outlying spots. Education is kept up to a high standard. Indeed the school buildings, both in regard to expense of structure and number, appear to be overdone. It is remarkable how rapidly the school, the church, the railway, and everything which goes to enhance the comforts and amenities of life, follow the settler away out into the solitudes of the prairie. A few discontented spirits cast a longing glance towards Washington, but the majority of Canadians are intensely loyal, and are indignant at the suggestion that they would be benefited by union with the United States.

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