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## IMMIGRATION AND PRE-EMPTION FILING.

Immigration from Europe has practically ceased, and there is a big drop in the inflow from the United States; but, notwithstanding these facts, 425 homesteads were taken out in the Canadian West during the week ending September 29. Information to this effect was obtained at the immigration headquarters. It denotes, the officials say, that the movement "back to the land" bids fair to assume huge proportions in the not distant future.

Some interesting conclusions may readily be drawn from the following immigration figures. In the week ending September 29, 203 persons entered Western Canada from the United States, bringing with them in cash \$45,000, and effects to the value of \$1,375. For the same week in 1913, 1,262 persons entered from the United States, bringing \$201,247 in money and \$60,304 worth of effects.

The reverse movement shows a proportion the other way. For the week ending September 29, 1914, only 46 persons emigrated to the United States, as compared with 110 in the same week of 1913.

From these figures it will be seen that immigration from the United States has fallen off 500 per cent.

The number of homestead entries, however, has fallen off barely 25 per cent.

Here are the figures for the week ending September 29, 1914: Homesteads taken up in Manitoba, 96; in Saskatchewan, 128; in Alberta, 187; in British Columbia, 14—a total of 425. For the same week a year ago the total was 508.—Manitoba Free Press.

## BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND DOMINION TRADE

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home products will be greater than the capacity of our factories. In fact, during this period of confessed trade reaction, the imports of manufactured articles in a very large number of items could very well have been manufactured within the Dominion. This is the problem of our manufacturers, and it is toward this internal development of our manufactures supplying the demand of our own consumptive requirements that affords the most profitable endeavors of our brains and industry. Here is a field at our hands which should be exploited by our best business ability, and experience and means, which will be productive of greater profit and economic prosperity than the exploitation of the whole field that Germany was compelled to yield when the German flag was swept from the seas.

## DOMINION FINANCES FOR THE HALF YEAR

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Expenditure on consolidated fund account for the six months totalled \$55,555,639, and on capital account \$19,151,736.

The issue of Dominion notes on September 30 totalled \$132,432,100, as against \$113,531,169 on September 30 of last year. Temporary loans made by the Government totalled, at the end of the month, \$8,273,333, as against \$4,866,666 on the same date last year.

From the present indications the total revenue for the full fiscal year will show a decrease of between thirty and forty millions, and the addition to the net debt will probably be upwards of seventy millions.

Estimates of dividends declared for the nine months ending September 30th by metalliferous mining companies in British Columbia are \$1,453,219, according to The Week, Victoria.

The fiscal year of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company ended September 30th. The annual meeting will be held in December at Toronto.