

CANADA'S CENTURY.

Our Western Country and Industries as Seen with British Eyes.

Here are some more conclusions with which Mr. R. J. Barratt, the author of "Canada's Century," sums up some of his chapters:—

Wonderful Industrial Creation.

Port Arthur is one of the most wonderful industrial creations of recent years in Canada. The future of the city and the port is assured, and will be of the greatest importance in the further development of the natural resources of the Canadian West.

The grain elevators of Port Arthur are unquestionably the largest, most noteworthy, and most completely equipped in the world. The mechanical equipment of the docks at Port Arthur is unique in Canada, and represents the most perfect plant of its kind on the American continent.

The development of Port Arthur as the lake terminal of the Canadian Northern Railway is of the greatest prospective significance to that system. The plants installed at Port Arthur for the handling of hard and soft coal represent the last word in mechanical equipments of their kind.

The Atikokan Iron Company, Limited, has every promise of a brilliant industrial future. History is repeating itself, and the once famous mining camp at Silver Mountain may yet prove one of the richest in the world. Time, enterprise and the judicious employment of capital will enable Port Arthur to become one of the great industrial centres of the Dominion.

Optimism is Justified.

The boundless optimism which reigns in the West is justified by what has been done in the past and is being done at the present time. This year will witness the greatest rush of immigration in the history of the American continent. Every English farmer who is not doing well in this country (England) should make for the West.

There is room for all now, but there will not be in a year or two. The Canadian Northern Railway, which is opening up this wonderful wheat-producing country, has done great work not only for Canada, but for the Empire. Some of the towns in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan are destined to be amongst the great cities of the future.

The more closely the agricultural resources of Canada are investigated the more convincing do the evidences of their great industrial future become. The advancing prosperity of Canadian agriculture is attested by the official returns of the grain harvests of successive years. The harvest of 1906 was the greatest on record.

Unique in this World.

The grain-growing capabilities of the West are probably unique in the world, and justify the boundless optimism of the Canadians. Millions of acres of the finest agricultural land in Canada are awaiting the advent of British settlers. Agriculture, the greatest of all Canadian industries, was never so prosperous or so full of promise as it is to-day, justifying the most brilliant anticipations of the Dominion's future.

The latent agricultural resources of British Columbia are as various as they are extensive, and with increasing markets will repay energetic exploitation. A coming industry in Alberta is the cultivation of sugar-beets and the manufacture of sugar therefrom. Canadian methods of farming come as a revelation to the British agriculturist.

The Canadian Government's experimental farms have been of the greatest possible service to the advancement of agriculture in the Dominion, and the home authorities might well take a leaf out of the book of the Colonial Government in this fostering farming industry.

Outlook for Dairying Industry.

The dairying industry of Canada is one of the most promising branches of agriculture in the Dominion. The manufacture of Canadian cheese and butter is an industry of increasing importance, and one which must necessarily advance from the points of view both of exportation and of home consumption.

The year 1906 was in many respects a remarkable year in the annals of Canadian dairying industry, and prospects are entirely favorable to great developments. While the dairy industry flourishes in all the Canadian Provinces, it has nowhere made more progress than in Alberta, where butter-making is expected to become a leading industry. As the British demand for Canadian dairy produce increases, numerous fresh channels for the investment of British capital will present themselves.

The dairying industries of Canada, although already extensively developed, are in many Provinces still in comparative infancy. Immense scope exists for the dairying industry on a large commercial scale in the Western Provinces.

Praise for this Industry.

Alberta, in particular, offers itself as a suitable centre for dairy farming and "mixed farming" operations under

modern conditions of capitalization. Nowhere in the world is the dairying industry carried on under more complete and scientific conditions than in Canada.

The live stock farming interests of Canada represent one of the most important and progressive branches of agriculture in the Dominion. Notwithstanding the competition of the Western Provinces, there is still great scope for the development of stock farming in the Eastern and Maritime Provinces, and especially in Western Ontario.

The practical success which the stock farmers of Eastern Canada have achieved in competition sufficiently proclaims the vitality their branch of agricultural industry possesses. If mixed and dairy farming be judiciously cultivated, the future of agriculture in Eastern Canada and in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is, apart from crop farming, fully assured.

Will Attract British Capital.

Alberta is the greatest present and prospective field for cattle and horse ranching and live stock farming generally in Canada. Its resources in these particulars are practically inexhaustible. They add a further source of wealth to the otherwise remarkable industrial potentialities of the Province.

If developments in ranching and stock farming in Alberta are wisely directed on a large commercial scale they are likely at a later period to attract British investors, if the projects are properly introduced under unquestionable auspices.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the Cobalt ore shipments, in pounds, for the week ended August 31st:—Buffalo, 100,000; Coniagas, 118,500; Kerr Lake, 61,000; Nipissing, 65,140; Trethewey, 65,000; total, 409,640 pounds, or 204 tons.

The following are the shipments, in pounds, since January 1st:—Buffalo, 1,618,830; Coniagas, 4,368,820; Cobalt Central, 101,360; Colonial, 74,250; Drummond, 44,090; Foster, 256,350; Green-Meehan, 196,780; Hudson Bay, 45,170; Kerr Lake (Jacobs), 373,780; LaRose, 978,302; McKinley, 188,000; Nipissing, 3,764,441; Nova Scotia, 96,000; O'Brien, 2,220,254; Red Rock, 40,000; Right of Way, 134,530; Silver Queen, 652,157; Silver Leaf, 43,518; Trethewey, 1,411,018; Townsite, 150,078; Temiskaming, 229,011; University, 61,383; Imperial Cobalt, 37,530.

The total shipments since January 1st, 1907, are now 16,974,460 pounds, or 8,487 tons. In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$136,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,473,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$3,900,000.

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