

CANADIAN WEST IS LOST FRONTIER

Emerson Hough Tells of Rush
for New Homes.

THE EXODUS FROM THE STATES

Edge of Wilderness Being Pushed Back
and May Go Clear to the
Arctic Circle.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—It would pay the department of the interior at Ottawa to send down to New York and buy a few thousand copies of the February number of *Outing*, to distribute as advertising matter wherever it is desired to publish the merits of Western Canada as a land to live in. This number of *Outing* contains part two of an article entitled "The Last Stampedes for Cheap Homes," and the sub-title is "The Lost Frontier." Some hundreds of people more or less competent have written about our west, some of them patriotic Canadians, some of them wondering Americans, but apparently it has been left to Mr. Emerson Hough to really handle the subject in a big man's way. Mr. Hough was a rather distinguished novelist before he wrote the article in question—"The Mississippi Bubble" and "The Law of the Land," being successful pieces of fiction. Neither of them compares in interest and genuine story with the article in *Outing*. He has written for the magazine on the subject of Western Canada. It is a fine, compelling piece of work, and one cannot read it without a tingling of the blood. If it should now appear that Mr. Hough is a Canadian, no one who reads his "Lost Frontier" will be at all surprised.

The Shifting Boundary.

No attempt can be made to give a suggestion of Mr. Hough's bright and nervous style in a review of the article. It is a review, though the facts it dresses up so attractively are, or should be, well known to every Canadian reader. It is worth while to go over the ground again. It is a good thing for patriotism. The idea running through the story is that it is impossible to say where the final frontier between civilization, represented by the wheat, and the north, represented by the icefields, will be fixed. They keep shifting back in the most bewildering manner. Once it was thought that Winnipeg was about the limit. Then the line retreated and has kept on retreating ever since. For a long time it seemed to halt at Edmonton. This was merely the last outpost, the jumping-off place. Now they are growing and milling wheat 400 miles north of Edmonton. "The Arm of Edmonton," the Gate City is 2,000 miles long, but where does it touch a frontier? What about the fact that when they now calmly mention the Peace River as the coming winter wheat region of the world? Many eyes are now on the McLennan River Valley, west of the Rockies. If presently someone shall erect palm trees on the Liard or the Porcupine, I, for one, shall evince no surprise.

Mr. Hough remarks the change that has come over the Hudson Bay Company's stores. A few years ago they were low-roofed, filled with smoke and dog harness, and beads and gaudy clothes for the Indians. Today the plate glass windows hold lingerie from Paris, picture hats, and boots of as dainty make as those of Broadway; gloves for gentle hands, silks, furs and fine linens. "Alas! for the Hudson Bay Company! It caters no more to Pie Face, the Eskimo belle, but to Estelle and Angeline from Ontario, Katie and Bess from the States, and Mary and Nora from overseas." No longer does the westerner want to talk of the shooting and trapping the country affords. He wants to discourse about the stylish life of the acre, on an average, and oats to the tune of 37 bushels to the acre. This last figure is almost freakish, says Mr. Hough, and adds, "Whereas, in the United States, oats need weight but 22 pounds per bushel, in Edmonton they would throw such oats to the hogs, for there the average runs 35, 44, sometimes 50 pounds per bushel—this on what we thought was fish-flesh frontier!"

The Immigration.

The writer says he did not wonder when they told him that in the first five months of 1906 there had gone into

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IS FALLING INTO DISUSE

Herds of Hundreds Driven Into In-
closure—Marks of a Perfect
Animal.

London, Feb. 3.—All other hunts and
drives, battues and baggings of big
game are insignificant compared to the
elephant hunt of the King of Siam,
which has just taken place. It is an
old as well as a picturesque custom
and survives unchanged in all its
important features.

It used to be an annual affair, but
there have been serious lapses in its
reign. There are forbidding tales of
the great chase being given up of necessity
as time goes on.

The royal elephant hunt was a
more serious affair, perhaps, when that
majestic beast was the only means of
royal travel on land and the elephant
corps and elephant batteries were the
most important branch of the army.

Save for tradition and sentiment, for
occasional splendours and parades, the
elephant hunt has no part in the
Bangkok court life, and his occupation
would be gone were it not for the
survey corps, the road builders, official
traveling in the far-away provinces
where the machinery cannot supplant
the intelligent strength of the elephant.

For the great hunt at Ayuthia, site
of the abandoned capital, the hunters
go out weeks beforehand and beat the
jungle for a hundred miles to north
and east, and the cordon of tame
elephants slowly closes around the
wild elephants and drives them in a
herd of two or three hundred down to
the river bank, and across to the
king's kraal.

The last hunt of this kind was ar-
ranged for the special enjoyment of
the crown prince after his return
from his studies at Oxford and his
tour of America, and before he as-
sumed the robes of a Buddhist priest,
and spent the regulation three months
in a monastery, in accordance with
old Siamese custom.

For the hunt week the court stays
at the near-by palace of Bang-pai-in,
on the river banks, and the diploma-
tist and other foreign guests go up to
Ayuthia, on their houseboats, which
luxuriously lodge them during the
time.

All Bangkok that can find foothold
goes up the forty miles by train, and
all the riverside and creek country
people paddle their small boats and
dugout canoes to the arm of the
Mekong on which the king's kraal lies.

A Great Sight

When the hunters have urged the
slow moving game out from the jungle
to the river bank the sight is worth
all Siamese efforts to see. Hemmed in
at a safe distance by hundreds of boats
the tame elephants slowly urge their
jungle cousins across the meadow and
into the converging approaches to the
kraal.

This square inclosure has solid walls
six feet thick, with an inner stockade
of teak logs twelve feet high, banded
together with iron, and set close
together that there is barely space be-
tween for the slimmest Siamese to
squeeze through.

The grand stand, with its royal
lodge, from which the king and his
guests view the scene, is built over the
north wall of the kraal; but as this
position of honor and fixed Asiatic
convention is a bad one for photo-
graphers, the king, who is an en-
thusiast over the camera, has had a
special pavilion constructed at one
side, where he maneuvers his instru-
ments, large and small, with the great-
est spirit. Nearly everyone carries a
camera to the elephant hunt, but none
snap at royalty, except by request.

So highly civilized a country as Siam
in the narrow chute leading to the
kraal, trumpeting and shuffling nervously
in their fright, the scramble
and crush is terrific, as close
to the kraal as the wicket
or portcullis the tame elephants
go around as an ambulance corps,
assisting bruised and injured elephants
to move and rise to their feet and
turning the dead ones over out of the
way. At every

Wild Screaming

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