

### Reaching the Farming Classes.

The following letter to the editor of *The Canadian Gazette* gives an idea of the work being done in the old country in the interest of emigration to Canada:

DRAU SIR,—I have just returned to the old country from Winnipeg, where I have been a resident for the past nineteen years, and was exceedingly pleased to see that the Canadian Government are making efforts in the right direction to secure emigration to our country. Last week a gentleman, Mr. Hickman, from the Canadian Government, visited this village where I am staying with my friends, and gave an illustrated lecture upon the resources of Canada, principally dealing with Manitoba. The views were very good and faithfully portrayed and the room was filled with exactly the class of young farmers we want there. The speaker did not know that I was present till after the meeting was over, and I must say that with the aid of the clear views he spoke exceedingly well, and described to the letter the advantages of Manitoba. His knowledge of facts and figures soon assured me, that to use a phrase, "he had been there" to some purpose. He was surrounded by people at the close of the lecture asking for various information regarding emigration. I am glad to see this practical way of directly reaching the right people we require in Canada, and hope our Government will give many hundreds of such good entertainments in various parts of England, as it is the best way I have yet seen of bringing the population to our fertile land. I am now returning to Manitoba and am taking back a couple of young fellows with me to initiate into farming.

Yours faithfully,

AN OLD CANADIAN.

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### Estevan.

There is probably no town in the Territories possessing exactly the same natural advantages as Estevan, a new town on the Souris, and certainly none whose people are more confident of the future greatness of their town. The country around Estevan is not unlike other portions of the prairie section in appearance, but in its immediate vicinity the soil is of a light sandy nature, and not as well adapted to wheat growing as the land to the north and east. The greater portions of these lands are already taken up, so that the farm trade will soon be of considerable importance. Settlers who have lived in the southern part of Assiniboia for several years claim that they have never experienced any drawback from early frosts. Water in great abundance and of most excellent quality is to be found at a maximum depth of twenty feet. The coal industry is already of such importance as to justify the opinion that when more fully developed it will furnish the great bulk of the fuel for ordinary house use in Manitoba and Assiniboia. The present output from all the mines is in the neighborhood of 250 tons a day, while there is a demand for at least four times that amount. The Hazzard coal is highly spoken of by those who have used it, and is no doubt an excellent lignite coal. T. T. Thompson is manager of the Hazzard mine, and is highly pleased with the satisfaction the product of their mine is giving wherever used. There is also to be found here large deposits of clay of different varieties, most valuable for manufacturing

purposes. In addition to these resources the town is liberally supported by the C. P. R. The company are building roundhouses, a large station house, and freight sheds and also a number of cottages. If the C. P. R. Co. carry out their declared intention of making Estevan a railway centre, there is little doubt but before the close of '93 it will be a town of considerable importance.—*Qu'Appelle Progress*.

### Assiniboia Notes.

Asst. Indian Commissioner Forget and his wife left Regina late in February for Eastern Canada. Mr. Forget will journey to the Mediterranean in search of health, while Mrs. Forget remains in Montreal.

F. G. Farquhar has been appointed Territorial World's Fair Secretary in place of Mr. Thorburn who resigned the position on account of his inability to attend to the duties and look after his own affairs as well.

The *Medicine Hat Times*, of Feb. 9th, said: "A band of 150 antelope were observed on Sunday afternoon quietly grazing within a stone's throw of the town limits, evidently aware of the protection the law now affords them."

There is some talk of the development of the Estevan clay deposits by the establishment at that town of brick and pottery manufactories. Samples of the clay have been sent to London, Ontario, for testing. If the results are satisfactory, steps will be taken to secure the development of the industry.

A Regina correspondent of the *Free Press* writes: "Reginans expect a considerable boom in building operations during 1893. While the value of last year's new structures was small compared with other years, being \$15,000, as compared to \$140,000 during 1891 (the latter amount including government buildings and sewer works), there are already several projects on foot which will cause next season's building operations to eclipse all previous years. The Episcopalians have almost completed arrangements for the commencement of a new church immediately after Easter. This will cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Charlie Howson has finished the basement of a hotel on the old Windsor site, and is advertising for tenders for its completion in the spring. It is altogether probable that another hotel will be built this year, which will bring the number of Regina's hostelrys up to seven. G. W. Brown will build a terrace of four houses next summer. Lawson & Cayne will build a new business block, and among the other new erections promised for the season are the following: Major Montgomery, business block; A. L. Luban, business block; Tinnin & Hoskin, addition to store; Western Milling company, enlargement of mill; C. P. R., new brick station; addition to Knox church; Bayne, McCounel & Smith, brick block; W. Mollard, W. C. Hamilton and T. Little, new residences; new court house, land and registry office. Mrs. Doig, hostess of the Palmer, and formerly of the cremated Windsor, is taking steps to put up a \$30,000 hotel on the vacant lots north of the post office.

### A New Magazine.

A new Canadian literary publication has been launched in *The Canadian Magazine*, the first number appearing in Toronto last week. The new publication will be a journal of politics, science, art, and literature. It will be published monthly by the Ontario Publishing Company, at the price of \$2.50 per annum. J. Gordon Mowat is editor and T. H. Best business manager. The first number contains a dozen or so interesting papers and illustrated articles, the first article being a discussion of the Manitoba school law, by D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C. The new publication makes the following announcement:—

"*The Canadian Magazine* needs no apology for appearing. The necessity, or, at least, the great desirability of Canada possessing a medium through which, in fuller measure than has hitherto been practicable, our leading statesmen and thinkers may, with the comprehensiveness of *Review* articles, present to the public throughout the Dominion their views on questions of public interest and the facts and argument on which these views are based, has been recognized by many, and has been an important consideration with the founders of this Magazine. The Magazine is, therefore, intended to fill in some measure, for Canada, the purpose served in Great Britain and the United States by the great *Reviews* of these countries. Timely articles on political and other public questions of interest to the Canadian people will appear every month from the pens of leading statesmen and writers of various shades of political opinion. While the pages of the Magazine will be open to the expression of a wide diversity of opinions, and opinions with which the magazine does not agree, the policy will be steadily pursued of cultivating Canadian patriotism and Canadian interests, and of endeavoring to aid in the consolidation of the Dominion on a basis of national self-respect and a mutual regard for the rights of the great elements which make up the population of Canada. In this endeavor we are happy to announce we have the co-operation, as contributors, of many of the leading public men and writers of both political parties.

To those who recognize how much Canada has hitherto been dependent for magazine literature on foreign countries, and how unfavorable such dependence is to the growth of healthy national sentiment in our homes, our appeal, we believe, will not be in vain. And with the very large increase during the past decade in the number of graduates of our colleges and high schools, and the marked development in late years of a general taste for magazine literature, and the growing feeling of respect for ourselves as a nation, we think that our effort to establish a magazine and national review, broadly Canadian in tone and feeling, will meet with a large and generous support in every part of the Dominion.

Hartney is the latest town in Manitoba to indulge in a newspaper. The first number of the *Star* is out and presents a very favorable appearance. The publishers are Messrs. Rutherford & Woodhall.