

first settlement. They moved down the St. Mary's River twelve miles from the line, to a small tributary called Lee's Creek, to found there what is now known as the little Mormon town of Cardston, named after the President. At this time there were very few settlers in the West and especially at this point, and the Government, no doubt, thought this a grand scheme to colonize the West. It is one of the greatest mistakes the Canadian Government ever made, for during the following years the immigration continued, preventing good and prosperous settlers from choosing that part of the West.

Most of the Mormons now in Canada are physically and in every other way poor types of mankind. We must give them credit for having some good, broad-minded men, in their ranks, but we are very sorry to have to say that in our personal experience of a life lived in their neighborhood, we have not found more than two or three out of the three thousand now settled in Canada. The general class in the West are of Swedish descent. They are preeminently lazy. In the spring you may see the greater majority leaving their town house in Cardston, (as they do not live on their farms in winter, but move to town for that period of time) at a quarter of nine in the morning to go to work on their numerous farms in that district, some five or six miles away; you may also see them coming back again, at about half-past four in the afternoon. Any industrious farmer, with a spark of ambition, is not going to let these precious hours go to waste in the spring-time. In haying season the Mormons think it a very hard day's work if they put in seven loads of hay a day—with the roads almost paved and running down hill to the place of deposit. When cultivating the land in spring-time you will find many, yes, the majority, sowing the seed on the last year's stubble and then harrowing it in. Many of these fields are left with two-thirds of the seed utterly uncovered, and in the fall you will find the average yield on these same fields to be about fifteen bushels to the acre, only equal to the average in some Eastern portions of the Dominion. The journalist who gives them a great name for agriculture has never seen their neglected farms, nor made allowance for the natural fertility of the soil. For instance, the settlement near Mountain View, Alberta, has not raised a good crop since they have been there, just because they were too lazy to work. Many of these people are now moving