



Steam Shovel at Work on Line of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

dumped at their doors by the grain-cars from the West. Through Calgary westward the tide of wheat-bags has begun to flow toward China, and yellow palates of Asia are being taught the taste of "Canadian No. 1 Hard."

There is a galloping of iron horses toward Hudson Bay, and this route will soon carry its quota of yellow grain to the markets of England and the Old World. When the first cars of the Grand Trunk Pacific break through to tidewater at Prince Rupert they will carry full freight, and the plentitude of supply will increase and not decrease through the years. The prairies of Western Canada are a bursting granary, and the prairie farmer finds himself in the position of the Bible man building new barns.

The wheat-plains of Canada today form a great centre of energy, from every corner of the compass people are crowding in. The Cry of the Wheat is as insistent here as ever was the Call of Gold when the map of the world opened up to a gold-mining stampede. But how much wholesomer! Those who answered the call of the wild in the days of a gold-rush were often broken men and disappointed, the unsettled, the desperate, and the reckless. Men went alone, with a fever and greed for gain

coursing their veins and driving out every gentle instinct and kindly.

Who is it answers the Call of the Wheat? The young man and strong, the home-builder, the sane, the clean, the progressive. The day of the prairie-schooner is not over, these vanguards of civilization still crawl over the fat mesas freighted with men, women, and little children, intent on building homesteads and breaking new ground. Alongside the trains we see them, and the trains themselves carry hundreds of family units bent on the same purpose. They are Makers of Empire all.

Gulliver says, "Whoever makes two ears of corn, or two blades of grass grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, deserves better of mankind, and does more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together." These diverse people so quietly producing the new harvests are making history as well as homesteads. As we follow the prairie wagons and the wains, we are on the trail of the greatest economic trek this world has ever seen, the historian of tomorrow will rank it with the world migrations. Last year there went north from the United States into Canada 72,000 men and women seeking free farms.