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Canada's Destiny.

Speaking to the Cadets in Toronto on Empire Day the governor general said: "Empire Day is the festival on which every British subject should reverently remember that the British Empire stands out before the world as the fearless champion of freedom, fair-play and equal rights; that its watchwords are responsibility, duty, sympathy and self-sacrifice, and that a special responsibility rests with him individually to be true to the traditions and to the mission of his race."

Non-Producers.

There is no doubt but that there is too great a tendency for the people to flock to the towns and cities and that such tendency is having its effect upon the output of the farm. However, it must be remembered that there are so many large undertakings in the west at present in the way of railway building and local improvement in cities and towns such as the installing of water etc., that employ so many men that would otherwise go to the farms. These undertakings are necessary for the life of the country. If railways are not built the products of the farm cannot be hauled out, and the improvements in the cities and towns are essential to health.

After these necessary undertakings are met to some extent there is no doubt but that the products from the farms will show a noticeable increase. Farm labor has been and is scarce in this country and this must be attributed to these undertakings.

There is a good deal of force, however in the following article from the Toronto Mail and Empire. Estimates of the wheat acreage in the western provinces are disappointing. The most favorable of them indicates an increase of about 20 per cent upon the acreage of last year, and the least favorable indicates no gain at all.

If the land under wheat in 1908 had been much more extensive than in 1907, and had this followed a long series of like increases a 20 per cent gain now would have been very satisfactory. But so far from being large, the annual rate of progression has been quite small. It has not been at all commensurate with the growth in the west's population.

Since the beginning of the century waves of immigration from Europe and the United States have rolled in to our prairie country every spring. If all the men thus added to the number of the west's inhabitants were efficient farmers, the expansion in the wheat producing area would have been quite 50 per cent greater than it has actually been.

The west has been building up towns and cities at a stage in its development when it should be rather spreading out more settlers upon its fertile fields. Great urban communities were bound to come, and the country could better afford to deter their growth than to hasten it at the expense of the agricultural progress. The prosperity of that great region of the Dominion has had some attendant disadvantages. Money for a time was made in land speculation, and thousands of those who went to the west were attracted solely by the opportunities for increasing their means by this variety of enterprise. On all hands one would hear the praises of the

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prairie country sounded as a place for getting rich quick. With a little money many a man has made his fortune there. Every winner had his home circle of friends ambitious to rival his career, and many trooped into the country with no intention whatever of adding to the production of that general wealth in which they were seeking to share.

Canada by the development of iron and nickel now scarcely scratched, would not only save the Empire from remaining at the mercy of a foreign country for an absolute essential in the construction of warships, but would build up a great and important industry and develop some of the most valuable resources of the country.

In another way the government is to blame for the fact that so large a proportion of the total population of the west is collected into towns and cities. People utterly unfit for agricultural industry and without productive utility in any line were induced, even assisted, to cross the Atlantic and make their homes in our western country.

Press Comment.

This week the supreme court sits at Saskatoon and many are forced to leave their work at this season of the year and attend the session. Many of the jurors usually selected also forced to attend and in the meantime the spring work cannot be proceeded with.

There is one way in which Canadian resources, enterprise and capital can materially assist in the defence of the Empire, and at the same time put a trugal penny in Canadian pockets.

Canada has abundance of iron and the greatest nickel deposits on earth; in fact most of her known nickel deposits are in this country. Now nickel steel plates only six inches thick are known to have the same strength as other steel plates nine inches thick. Hence nickel steel is the choice in the construction of warships. While a scare almost amounting to a panic, has been thrilling Great Britain, because Germany was developing a naval program which might in time imperil British superiority on the seas.

A curious illustration of this was recently shown, according to a Brazilian paper, when three British men visited Sao Paulo after having been out for some time. Marked all over them were the words "made in Germany."

Last year we pointed out the unfairness in connection with the Supreme Court sittings by which about a hundred jurymen were summoned from the midst of seeding operations and detained at the judicial seat for a week on the munificent pay of \$2 per day and mileage.

This spring the Supreme Court sittings in this judicial district, as well as in many others, were again held during seeding. Added to this inconvenience to jurymen, litigants and witnesses last week at Arcoia, at the close of the criminal cases on Thursday, on account of Arbor Day court was adjourned until the following Monday afternoon, thus putting litigants and witnesses to the additional expense of railway fare and long drives as well as additional expense for accommodation.

Could the attorney general's department not arrange for the spring sittings to take place some time either previous to or following seeding and so as not to make adjustments necessary on account of holidays. Judges and lawyers may be very busy men, but farmers are also very busy men and business men's time is worth much more than \$2.00 per day.

The session of parliament is over and the members are on the point of departure to attend to their private affairs in which they will no doubt benefit themselves, without any marked sense of loss or injury being felt throughout the country.

So far as the personnel of the new parliament is concerned, the Conservative party may certainly congratulate itself upon the increased debating power and general efficiency of the opposition, particularly of its contingent from the west.

In Five Minutes.

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ried in various measures affecting Ontario that a most vigorous protest has been made by the government of that province. One measure favored by James Connors was so flagrant a violation of the jurisdiction of the provinces that even Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with all his skill, could not find a verbal quibble with which to justify it.

To Manitobans, the principal interest of the session lay in the question of the extension of Manitoba's boundaries. Practically a provisional agreement was reached as to geographical delimitations. But when Manitoba gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier the choice of either placing Manitoba in the same position as Ontario to the east, which owns its crown lands or in the same financial relation to the Dominion as Saskatchewan and Alberta to the west, which do not own their crown lands, Manitoba met with the cast-iron determination of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to treat Manitoba in a different spirit and by a different method from that employed towards any other province of the Dominion.

Although the session was dull it was not by any means without incident. On one occasion the premier insinuated that Mr. Foster had manipulated trust funds, and the out-raged, wild eyed Foster, held the floor of the House until the instigation was withdrawn. On another occasion Mr. Cowan, with subtle ingenuity, contrived to have it spread upon Hansard that, in his opinion Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a "white livered coward" without violating the amenities of parliamentary debate.

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