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THE SELKIRK CENTENNIAL FAIR.

cident. The date signifies that a century has passed been a steady increase in the acreage devoted to since white people first settled as permanent colonists in the Canadian West. From this point of view the country is older than the Upper Mississippi Valley, or some of the Middle States. But the Red River pioneer third of that distance. Throughout the West economic history begins with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

But the story of the Selkirk Settlement is a romantic background for the proposed demonstration. Lord Selakirk began with Prince Edward Island and planted in that province a colony of Scottish people whose descendants testify to the value of the stock from which they sprang. It was another and harder matter to plant a county, like Carleton which produced last year; nearly county. ization of the Hudson Bay Company met the new settlers 2.567 acres. that was none of their making, but which cost them many crop. The best wishes of the province will be with lives, and the absolute destruction of their first homes. During the lifetime of the first settlers this strife went soon as they could. The descendants of those who remained are in all the western provinces, but there are have been handed down from father to son and still creased. A good many of the Historical Fellowship from Oxford, has been appointed is stated elsewhere. by that university to make research into the records of this Selkirk colony.

Here is a case where the people cannot go elsewhere and buy cheaper. The company is a monopoly. It does not have to bargain with its subscribers. These may be the bight its subscribers.

full of interest, the exhibition itself is the event of the

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area of rich unoccupied land to be found in the world. It will show a country already producing bread sufficient for the whole population of England, from soil which only a few years ago had never been scarred by a plough.

We in the East are accustomed to think that the multitrees which visit the great fair, many will pass this way. New Brunswick will have something to show in this exhibition. This province is awakening to her apportunities, and reaching out for her share in the development of the Dominion, and in the attention of the people of other lands.

THE CHÂNGE IN ST. JOHN COUNTY.

It is a frivolous business trying to explain the loss of the anti-Hazen majority by pleading the non-resident vote. The Standard in making comparison of the votes of 1908 and 1903, took account of the resident vote only. Including non-residents the majority of Mr. Lowell over Mr. Mosher last year was 374.

Mr. Lowell's majority in the resident vote was 308.

A COSTLY LUXURY.

The Canadian Royal Mint is out of work. All the silver coins that can be circulated have been made. There are no gold coins made except for souvenirs and it would not pay to make them, because the Royal Mint church stands by him. A Liberal moved and another ne goal at the Mint is striking copper coins which is so and at the Mint is striking copper coins which is so and a business that the whole annual supply could be and language at the general assembly.

made in London for the cost of operating the Mint a

The cost of coining in London all the silver annually ed in Canada has been less than that of operating he Canadian mint three months, without taking into ac ount the interest charge on the building

previous cost of coinage. The Department of Public Works maintains this property at a large cost. The Department of Finance operates it at a cost of \$75,000 a year. And it earns \$25,000.

The master of the mint is paid \$4,500 a year salary and \$1,000 in lieu of a free house. The superintentent is paid \$3,400 a year. The accountant and assayer have each \$3,000. There are several other officers. have each \$3,000. There are several other officers. All these are supervising the corps of men doing work which would only cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 in the open market. This year probably \$15,000 would pay for it all

establishment, allowing the machinery to rust out, re-taining all these high priced officers and leaving them idle at full pay, allowing half pay to all employes for

Barring the contingencies that make vain all predictions and all plans for the future, Winnipeg will, three years hence, have the first great world's fair ever was 3,000,000 bushels larger than that of the was held in the Dominion. The Seikirk Centennial has passed the speculative period and has reached the star when organization begins. This fair, like several others on this continent, is connected with a historical in the several devoted to this continent.

1904	 ,	 35,240
1907	 	 45,029
1908	 	 46,706

the purpose of this fair the Canadian West began one hundred years ago. But for the beginning of effective from 5.024 to 5.907 acres. But the acreage in buckears ago. But for the beginning of effective from 5.024 to 5.907 acres. But the acreage in buck-even on the Red River, we go back only one wheat was reduced 61,574 to 58,444; that of barley from

THE LEW

ARINE NEWS

When the year back states of the second power It was another and harder matter to plant a county like Carleton which produced last year near Scottish colony on the Red River. These adventurers one-quarter of the potatoes grown in the province. Ten nad to reach their homes by way of Hudson Bay, after years ago Carleton had 3,496 acres in potatoes, and there spending a winter at one of the company's posts on that was no increase for the next five years, as in 1904 only uninviting coast. The journey on foot and by canoe to 4,027 acres; in 1906 to 4,879 acres; in 1907 to 8,407 to the proposed settlement north of where Winnipeg acres; in 1908 to 8,637, and this year there is a furthe now is, must have been a cheerless march. But there increase. The neighboring county of Victoria increase ed a worse experience. The rival trading organ. the potato crop in the last five years from 1,000 acres to

as namies. They found themselves involved in a fight and developed, there are infinite possibilities in this that was none of their making, but which cost them many crop. The best wishes of the province will be with s.

TELEPHONE RATES.

farms along the river between Winnipeg and Selkirk that be pleased to know that telephone rates are to be in nave been handed down from father to son and still stand in the name of the original family. It is an interesting circumstance that a St. John boy, Chester Martin, the Rhodes scholar and holder of the Brassey Historical Fellowskie from Conf. of the Brassey Historical Fellowskie from Conf.

While the incidents commemorated by this fair are give up the telephone if they find the price too high, if full of interest, the exhibition itself is the event of the greatest significance. In 1912, Winnipeg will be a city or 150,000 population. The western provinces will have ad three more years of immigration from abroad, or migration from the East, and of natural increase. Quick railway construction will have continued, and the area in crop will be wider.

The western provinces will have appeal for a municipal or provincial service, and because the service is of a public character, it is fitting that the company should take the public into its confidence and give reasons.

This, the management declared it is willing to do.

Many influences will combine to make this a great fair. Winnipeg is rich, enterprising and ambitious. Manitoba province will be determined to make the fair a triumph. All the western provinces claim the attention of the world, and desire such advantage as the presence of the most intelligent, most prosperous, and most receptive and open minded of travellers and tourists can afford. The great railway organizations, some of which have lands to sell, while all have the strongest possible interest in the rapid development of the resources of the country, will be active and pactical promoters of, and investors in, the enterprise. The Dominion Government which has expended hundreds of thousands in exhibitions in Italy, Belgium, the United States and other foreign countries, must feel a greater interest in a world's fair in our own land, where every visitor contributes something to the income of the Dominion, and where each is a possible investor or settler in this country.

Never will a great fair have been held in a country which holds out to the visitor such opportunities for investment and enterprise. This exhibition will take its millions of visitors to the very border of the greatest area of rich unoccupied land to be found in the world, it will show a country already producing breaf sufficient for the whole population of England, from soil which only the country.

The Cape Breton coal strike drags its slow length alone. It is discussed cautiously by the outside press which recognizes a distinction between this trouble and to a case where a large body of union workmen remain at work, and have no grievance. Another large body of union men are idle and company and its men made an agreement, to be in force until the end of this year. The union which made this agreement stands by it, but a number of the men who were then in the association have joined another, and so consider themselves free to repudiate the old contract made in the name of the former society. In these circumstances those people at a distance who wo

Mr. Lowell's majority in the resident vote was 308.
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Decrease in total majority 324.

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23.

Schooner Boston, July
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Astraea. (Dan.) Barbados, July 9.
W H Waters, New York sailed from
Salem, July 22.
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