

CANADA VAST LAND OF GREAT PROMISE, BUT NEEDING GRIT

Sir Philip Gibbs Goes on Tour Through the Dominion Northwest.

BIG GRANARY OF WORLD

Could Absorb Twenty Million Settlers Without Sense of Overcrowding.

BUT SHOULD BE PIONEERS

Lonely and Snowbound, Country Is No Place for Weaklings.

By SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

For some days I have been in Canada, and I am now writing this article in an observation car of the National Railway on the way from Winnipeg to Edmonton. Although I have had the advantage of discussing Canadian problems and prospects with some of the leading men of the West, and a few weeks ago I was able to get a glimpse of Eastern conditions and thought in the city of Toronto, I think the scene from the carriage window tells me more of what Canada means than any kind of conversation with statesmen or citizens.

For hundreds of miles—for more than a thousand miles—the railroad tracks have gone through the great prairies, stretching away interminably, it seems, to the far horizon, so flat that there is no sign of a hillock, with hardly a billow of earth except where the snow has drifted, an immense, white, winter-bound, lonely land. Here and there are small townships and villages, widely scattered, here and there a solitary log hut with a few wooden shanties around, and some snow covered hay ricks.

Little woods, black above the snow, are dotted thickly over the white wilderness, and black cattle stand near a cluster of sheds. This country is one of the great granaries of the world. In a little while the snows will melt and out of this rich far reaching north will spring green crops which then in due time will turn into a golden glory ready for harvesting.

But what strikes me with a kind of constant wonder is the unpopulated spaciousness of this Canadian world and the loneliness, the moral courage, the hard life of the individual who has come out here and built one of those solitary homesteads and made the land fruitful in a great adventure with life and death. For two years or more luck has been against him.

Canadian Farmer Waiting.

The Canadian farmer is waiting now through this long winter, nearly ended, with a desperate hope that the wheel of fortune will turn at least a spoke or two. Otherwise he will be on the edge of calamity. Drought, low prices for his produce, high prices for labor and machinery, freight charges that swallow up his profits,

falling markets, high tariffs against him in the United States, an embargo against his cattle in Great Britain, have tested the staying power of the strongest among them. The weakest have already broken, I am told.

Canada, about the size of the United States, has a population of 8,000,000. During the last ten years it has shown an increase of 2,000,000. Yet it could absorb 20,000,000 of new settlers within the next year or two and not notice them with any sense of overcrowding. Looking out over these prairies, waiting for manhood and womanhood, with infinite capacity for the absorption of life, I think back to England with its million and a half unemployed and to the United States with its teeming cities and to Central Europe and Russia with so many millions of underfed folk.

This great world of Canada would find room for vast numbers of fellows who cannot find a good job or enough food for their workfolk. But one glance at this white landscape in winter time tells me that Canada is not a country for city bred folk, for the weakling in soul or body. One winter in one of those lonely snow-bound homesteads would kill off the unfit, drive mad his sensitive, crowd-acustomed mind. Only good stock of the old pioneer kind, used to the land, hard and patient, and brave, could survive in this Canadian west.

Land of Hard Struggle.

After the war, when great numbers of returned soldiers were tired of lounging about the cities and found their pockets empty, the Government established a settlement scheme which has now stood its test. As far as I can find out it has been a success in the case of men who have grit and endurance, in spite of bad luck with weather—and in some cases bad land which did not give them a decent chance. It has failed in every case where the returned soldier was not accustomed to the harsh life of the soil or to the rigor of the Canadian climate. One of the leaders of Canadian life in Winnipeg said that it was no use pretending that a Canadian winter is not severe and long. "We had far better face the fact and make the best of it. Let us capitalize our climate and make winters more endurable by sports and games."

That idea of capitalizing the climate was the motive behind the great Winter Carnival at Winnipeg, which was in full swing the night I arrived, and certainly the procession of the queen of beauty, with her immense train of torch bearers and battalions of Canadian boys and girls in the fancy dress of redskins and trappers, with snowshoes and skis, was a proof to all the crowd that ice and snow need not lower the temperature of mirth and jollity. Hour after hour through the streets of Winnipeg, all brilliantly lit, as though all the stars had been brought down from the sky and festooned between the houses, the procession wound its way, and laughter and song rang out through the frosty air.

But what is possible in Winnipeg is not possible in the little lonely places of the great prairies where Canadian families, utterly isolated, hug close to the log fire and wait now for the first warm breath of coming spring which will release them from their white bondage. They have their compensations, if they are not fretful for the nervous pleasures of the towns, if there is love in the house and food enough and fuel for the fire and the hardihood of youth. In such a life there is peace of soul not found in the brick streets of modern cities. Out of such a life comes the greatness of a nation and its best wealth.

Hurt by Fordney Tariff.

The promise of Canada is immeasurable, unless the cities with their lure destroy its chances. That Canada will be one of the greatest nations on earth seems certain if humanity has not lost its pioneering spirit. At the moment the Canadian people are suffering from deep depression due partly to the general stagnation of world trade and partly, perhaps, to avoidable political and economic mistakes.

One thing that has hit the Canadian farmers is the Fordney tariff imposed by the United States upon their cattle and grain. It seems to be the belief of western Canada—just or unjust, I do not know—that their interest has been sacrificed by the self-interest of cities like Toronto and Montreal and by the shortsightedness of politicians who refused a reciprocal agreement with the United States in 1911 on a free trade basis. The Canadian farmers want agricultural machines, cheap manures and fodder and an open market with the United States.

Above all, they demand a drastic reduction in freight charges, made high by a railway policy which overdeveloped the railways of Canada and put an immense burden on the Government through its own lack of foresight and its passion for prodigal enterprise beyond the nation's means. It seems to be deplorable at this time of world distress that the United States and Canada should be putting

up tariffs against each other instead of devising some scientific arrangement that would create the rising tide of trade in both countries.

With regard to Great Britain I find an abiding love for the "Old Country" in the heart of Canada and an immense pride in the spirit and traditions of the British Empire. But Canada is undoubtedly sensitive and jealous of her dominion status, as a nation equal and independent within the federation of British peoples. That dominion status has not been clearly defined, though in actual practice Canada is certain of her equality and has an equal voice with Great Britain and the other dominions in the councils of the empire.

I find the Canadian people a little resentful of criticism in the United States during the controversy of the League of Nations because they would not admit the right of Canada to vote as a nation. But on all sides and from all people to whom I have

spoken I hear the conviction that the deepest, unchanging instinct and tradition of Canada is, first of all, allegiance to the British Empire in free and equal partnership, and second, friendship and cooperation in world progress with the United States. This understanding between English speaking peoples has become, I believe, closer and more intimate during the Washington conference and should have great influence in the reshaping of world affairs.

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SEEKS CANADA BANK BANDIT.

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 18.—Posses are to-day scattered through the brush for miles around here in search of the bandit who, single handed, held up S. J. Winsby, manager of the North Edmonton branch of the Union Bank, at the point of a shotgun and escaped with \$2,000. The searchers are heavily armed.

LANDRU VICTIM HOAX, SAYS CANADIAN POLICE

Paris Heard Mme. Heon Died and Was Buried in Montreal.

PARIS, Feb. 18 (Associated Press).—Minister of Justice Barthou has requested that the Montreal police furnish all information concerning Mme. Heon, who is alleged to have been living in Montreal a year after she was supposed to have been murdered by Henri Landru. Reports have been received in Paris that she died a natural death in the Canadian city and was buried there.

Development of this clue is the last hope Landru has of escaping the gullotine, to which he was sentenced by the Assize Court of Versailles. His execution will probably take place early next week unless the Montreal clue should develop new evidence.

MONTEAL, Feb. 18.—Montreal police officials said to-day they knew nothing of Mme. Heon, who was reported to have been seen alive here after the date

on which Henri Landru was alleged to have slain her. They declared they believed the message concerning her which was sent to a French newspaper was a hoax.

PRISONERS OF MOORS GET ONE MEAL A DAY

Deprived of Light and Exercise, Says Lieut. Gilberte.

BARCELONA, Feb. 18.—Details of the horrible fate of Spanish prisoners in the hands of rebellious Moroccans were given in a letter from Lieut. Estaban Gilberte. He asserts that for the past month the prisoners had received only one insufficient meal a day, and that they are deprived of light, ventilation, exercise and hygienic arrangements. He says the captives are literally covered with vermin. Abdel-Krim, the rebel chieftain, has told the prisoners, says the letter, that henceforth he will be unable to prevent this lamentable treatment.

SCHWAB TO GET BACK HIS GOLDEN CIGAR CASE

Baltimore's Present Stolen and Sold to German.

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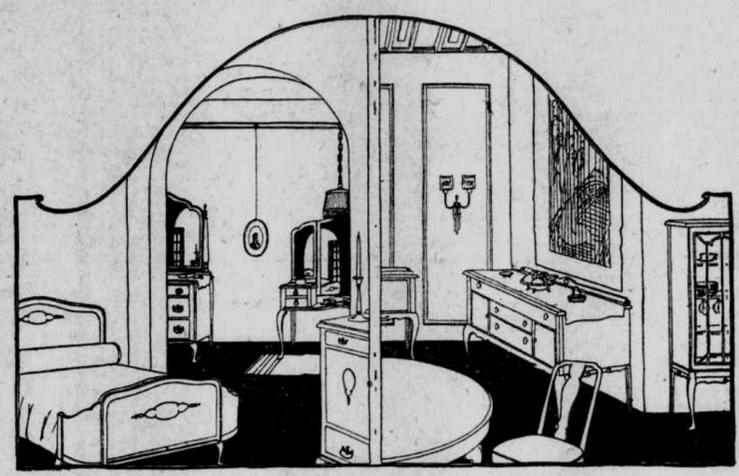
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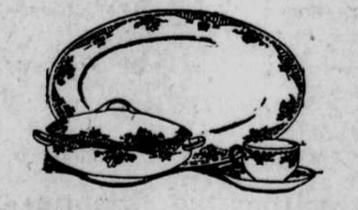
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