WESTERN CANADA'S RESOURCES.

Farming Very Successful.

By Western or Northwest Canada is usually meant the great agricultural country west of Ontario, and north of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana. Part of it is agricultural prairie, treeless in places, park like in others, part is genuine plains, well adapted to cattle ranches; part requires irrigation for successful tillage, most of it does not. The political divisions of this region are the Province of Manitoba and the territorial district of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Athabaska. At present, however, the latter is too remote for immediate practical purposes.

The general character of the soil of Western Canada is a rich, black, clay loam with a clay subsoil. Such a soil is particularly rich in food for the wheat plant. The subsoil is a clay, which retains the winter frost until it is thawed out by the warm rays of the sun and drawn upward to stimulate the growth of the young wheat, so that even in dry seasons wheat is good crop. The clay soil also retains the heat of the sun later in the summer and assists in the early ripening of the grain. It is claimed that cultivation has the effect of increasing the temperature of the soil several degrees, as well as the air above it.

Western Canada climate is good—cold in winter, hot in summer, but with cool nights. Violent storms of any kind are rare. The rainfall is not heavy. It varies with places, but averages about 17 inches. It falls usually at the time the growing crops need it.

The Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, has agents established at different points throughout the United States who will be pleased to forward an Atlas of Western Canada and give such other information as to railway rate, etc., as may be required.

That agriculture in Western Canada pays is shown by the number of testimonials given by farmers. The following is an extract made from a letter from a farmer near Moose Jaw:

"At the present time I own sixteen hundred acres of land, fifty horses and a large pasture fenced containing a thousand acres. These horses run out all winter and come in in the spring quite fat. A man with money judiciously expended will make a competence very shortly. I consider in the last six years the increase in the value of my land has netted me forty thousand dollars."

If all the women who look back were turned to salt pillars the streets would be full of statutues.

Prizes for Servants.

A London employment agent, to encourage her clients to give satisfaction to their employers, says she will present a gold watch to any servant engaged from her agency who remains in the same situation five years; a silver watch to any girl who keeps her situation for two years and a brooch to those who have served in the same house for one year.

Warmth and Longevity.

It has been discovered in Europe that the warmer a country the more centenarians it has.

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RECORD RUN TO KANSAS CITY.

Wabash Train Makes Trip in Five Hours and Fifty Minutes.

Wabash train No. 9, fast mail between St. Louis and Kansas City, made a record-breaking run from St. Louis to Kansas City Sunday afternoon.

The schedule time for starting is 2:20 p. m., and the regular time for the run is seven hours and ten minutes. No. 9 started one hour late, lost twenty minutes on the way and pulled into Kansas City on time, making the run in five hours and fifty minutes, five minutes faster than any previous record.

There was a full equipment of a mail car, combination car, chair car and diner. At many places along the route the train showed a speed of seventy miles an hour, and between Mexico and Montgomery City a mile a minute was reeled off. The distance is twenty-four miles, and it took just twenty-four minutes to make the trip.

The train was in charge of Conductor J. S. Gould. The engineer was Charles Summerville.—St. Louis Republic.

Shortly after getting the political bee in his bonnet the average man

Latest Novelties in the Shops.

The shirt waist boxes in cretonne, which come fitted snugly away like bureau drawers into a case covered with the material, are now imitated in miniature affairs some four or five inches in height. These are designed for a baby's boudoir use. One drawer contains safety pins, another sleeve or bib holders and other silver trinkets, a third the wee socks, etc. The imitations, too, are covered with cretonne. Each small ornament is topped off with a bow of satin ribbon.

The incoming styles in rattan, willow and wicker furniture for the porch are altogether fascinating. These sets include reading table, tea stand and hamper, in addition to the usual complement of chairs, rockers and benches.

Many of the French sets come in a mixture of pale colorings which catch the eye at once as something extremely new. Other lovely outfits are stained or enameled in the palest of tints of lavender, pink, blue and the like.

A Pretty Linen Frock.

Linen fabrics are shown in almost numberless varieties and are both durable and smart. This pretty dress for a young girl is made of etamine in pale blue and is trimmed with white embroidery and novelty banding, the yoke being made of tucking and insertion combined. The waist is a simple one and is made over a fitted lining that can be cut away beneath the yoke when a transparent effect is desired, while the skirt is straight and tucked in groups, the fullness providing flare where the tucks fall free. To make the dress for a girl of ten years of age will be

4440 Girl's Tucked Dress, 8 to 14 years.

required 5 yards of material 27, 4 yards 32 or 3 yards 44 inches wide, with ½ yard of fancy tucking for yoke and 4 yards of embroidery for frill.

A May Manton pattern, No. 4440, sizes 8 to 14 years, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

How to Clean Jewels.

Every little while all brooches, rings and such things that are in constant use should be brushed with a toothbrush that has been dipped in eau de cologne. If the setting is open it must be done from the back, and be careful not to loosen the stones. Then lay the things in a box of jewelers' sawdust, which has been slightly heater beforehand, and leave for an hour.

Gold chains may be washed in warm soapsuds, drying them on a soft towel by pulling back and forward. They may also be dried in sawdust and the particles can be blown or dusted out afterward. Be sure and get them dry, as they will be apt to become worn between the links if any dampness remains.

Party Gown for a Girl.

An attractive party gown for a girl of fourteen is of blue voile with full skirt shirred half a dozen times at the waist and again half way to the knees. The shirred waist has fancy reveres of white cloth embroidered in blue silk the shade of the voile, and the sleeves deeply shirred at the top have fancy cuffs like the reveres finishing them just below the elbow. A soft, white sash with long streamer ends completes a chic costume.

When the small maid shows a tendency to outgrow clothes, instead of letting out the hem of the skirt, when making the dress cut the waist two or three inches longer, then lengthen the frock by changing the belt.

Coquetry in Fur Stoles.

Stoles in every sort of fur still continue to encircle fair, slender throats. It makes little difference from what animal the soft, delicate covering is taken, and whether it be black, gray, brown or white. Neither does it seem to be a matter of great import whether the stole is long or short, broad or narrow, if it be of the circle form—that is the chief thing in regard to this bit of modishness for the fair one's toilet.

The next thing considered is the way that it shall be worn. Twice about the swan-like throat is the stole wound and then coquetishly one end is thrown over the left shoulder.

Homely Refreshments.

Perhaps it is because this is to be an economical season and many are not entertaining as elaborately as in previous years, or perhaps because fashions change a great deal in a short time; but many of the dainties served now at dinners are of simple and homely description.

One of the most popular is the school girl delicacy known as fudge. Broken-up fudge and cream candy are frequently served in place of French bonbons.

Table decorations are very simple, and green and silver are the favorite combinations. There is very little show of elaborateness in any of the entertainments. The predilection for home sweets has wrought havoc among the confectioners and caterers.

Smart Trimmings.

Fringe trimmings are considered the smartest mode of dress embellishment this season. Particularly effective are the fine silk fringes made to order with knotted headings; those of the sewing silk and twist variety are also greatly in vogue. Large fringed tassels are seen on many of the new model skirts and are a popular means this season of garnishing the elaborate evening wrap. Narrow strips of fringe insertion are attractively employed as piping at the edge of large tucks, and also in adorning the corsage. This style of trimming is commonly known as the "Tom Thumb" fringe, and when in white or delicate shade is especially chic and pretty for the embellishment of evening frocks.

Worth Knowing.

A good housewife will never allow anything to go to waste. Instead of buying dusters or window cloths she will make use of her discarded pocket handkerchiefs, scarfs and silk petticoats, and will find she has something better than she could buy anyway.

There is very apt to be a draft at the head of a brass or iron bed, and a little curtain of some pretty cretonne and will add to your comfort and improve the appearance of your room.

Use dark green blinds in a bedroom. It will prevent the glare so trying to your eyes.

Bedroom Hangings.

Nothing is prettier or more dainty for bedroom decoration than the upholstery dimities in the old English style. They can be got in many patterns and launder beautifully, so are more durable than a flimsy fabric. They may be used in the entire decoration of the room for bedspread, canopy, window hangings and dressing table covers.

At the windows it is prettiest to hang the curtains straight down each side with a full vallance across the top. Cushions for chairs and corner seats can be made to match too.

Wear of Wedding Veils.

Wedding veils must be put on now so that nearly all of the hair shows, and give a long, narrow look instead of spreading at the sides. One of the most effective lately seen was a scarf about a yard wide and three and one-half yards long, edged with a little real lace. One yard of it was turned back at the top to make a short veil, with a long one under it. This was caught on to a half-wreath of orange blossoms, which is now the proper finish. Two very small ostrich tips are sometimes seen.

Butter for a Bump.

While mothers' kisses are supposed to take the soreness out of all sorts of hurts and bruises, even this sovereign specific will not keep a bump from turning black and blue. If a bump is well buttered soon after it is made, the skin, it is said, will not change color. A woman who did not believe it, but tried it all the same, says her children have been saved many ugly marks by means of this simple and inexpensive remedy.

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