

ENGLISH-CANADIANS

Rev. Dr. Gordon, Winnipeg, Preaches Sermon on "An Englishman in Canada"

Here are some excerpts from a recent sermon by Rev. Dr. J. L. Gordon, Winnipeg, on "An Englishman in Canada":

"I am not surprised that an Englishman should be homesick in Western Canada. I would be surprised if he were not. Think of England with her cathedral towns, her classic villages, her sacred monuments, her beautiful hedged roads, her solid splendor, her quiet dignity, her peaceful atmosphere and her ten thousand historical associations. It will be a thousand years before we will have anything to compare with the beauty—the fascinating beauty of Dear Old England.

"Yet I know certain Englishmen and Englishwomen who think and affirm that Canada is one of the finest places in the world in which to live. I have in mind at this moment one family of English emigrants of fair intelligence, average ability and less than normal health, who in a few years have purchased for themselves a modest but very comfortable home, made generous contributions to the church and kindred institutions, and induced almost a score of their relatives to join them on this side of the sea. They believe in Canada because they have succeeded in Canada (and Canada is a good country to succeed in). The emigrant who fails in Canada was a failure at home. Canada is another word for success.

"Canada is a good country. Less liquor is sold in Canada than in any other country—thanks to the 'temperance crank.' Canada has the lowest death rate of any country in the world. There are fewer ignorant and illiterate people in Canada than in any other country. There are fewer paupers in Canada to the square mile than elsewhere. In Canada the working day is longer, the night brighter, the air more bracing, the social conditions more democratic and the prospects brighter than anywhere else on the North American continent. I believe in Canada!"

ALONG THE SKEENA

A River Which Passes Among the Rockies With Great Velocity

Railroad building, its cost and its difficulties is always an interesting topic. The conquest the engineer has achieved over nature's obstacles is nowhere better illustrated than on the section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway along the banks of the Skeena River which is the last of the rivers along the banks of which the traveller will pass before his arrival at Prince Rupert. The Skeena River runs with amazing velocity towards the ocean. It was a terror even to the Indians and the totem poles along its bank mark many a tragedy in the redman's history. The bed of the river is strewn with gigantic rocks, boulders and sand bars and these are shifting continually under the force of the river's current. The railroad builders by means of big outlays of money on river appliances made the Skeena serve as the means of transporting the supplies for a constructional army numbering 8,000 men and 2,000 horses. Very little tunneling has been done, as nearly four million cubic yards of rock were blown away on 186 miles of line between Prince Rupert and Hazelton to make an attractive route through the Cascades.

Foretelling the Weather.

Weather forecasts were used last summer in regulating the fire-protective patrol in the Railway Belt, British Columbia. As the prevailing winds were westerly the weather to be expected in the interior of the province could be foretold by telegraph many hours in advance, and if there was little danger to be expected, the District Fire Inspector would permit a temporary decrease in the railway patrol.

Origin of "Lumber"

The word "lumber" is said to have had its origin in Boston because the merchants lumbered the wharves with "wood goods." The term, it is claimed, is merely a modification of the word "Lombard" because the Lombards were the first pawnbrokers and because it originally carried with it the notion of rubbish.

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