

NEVER SAW SUCH LARGE YIELDS.

The Climate is Healthy—The Winters Are Pleasant in Western Canada.

Writing from Stirling, Alberta, to one of the agents representing the Canadian Government free homestead lands, Mr. M. Pickrell, formerly of Beechwood, Ky., says of Western Canada:

"In the first place we will say that the summer season is just lovely indeed. As to the winter, well, we never experienced finer weather than we are now enjoying. We have just returned from Northern Alberta, and will say that we found the weather to be very mild, the air dry, fresh and invigorating. Considering everything we can say that the winters here are most pleasant, healthy and enjoyable to what they are in the States. Here it gets cold and continues so till spring—there are no disagreeable winds. In South Alberta it is some warmer—two to four inches of snow may fall and in a few hours a Chinook wind comes along, evaporating the entire snow, leaving terra firma perfectly dry; in fact, we did not believe this part until we came and saw for ourselves and we now know what we herein write to be just as we write it. There has not been a day this winter that I could not work out doors. Farmers here are calculating on starting the plow the first of March.

"As to farm wages, we would not advise a man to come here with the expectation of living by his day's work, but all who do want a home I advise to have nerve enough to get up and come, for there never has been, and may never be again, such a grand opportunity for a man to get a home almost free.

"As to the crops, I have been in the fields before harvest, saw the grass put up and the grain harvested, and I never saw such large yields. I saw oats near Edmonton over six feet tall that yielded 80 bushels per acre, and I talked to a farmer near St. Albert who had a field year before last that averaged 110 bushels per acre and weighed 43 pounds to the bushel. All other crops would run in proportion—as to potatoes and vegetables, the turnout was enormous. I have such reports as the above from all sections that I have visited, and that has been every community between the Edmonton district and Raymond, in the Lethbridge district.

"As to stock raising, I would advise a man to locate in this place, or any place, in South Alberta, but for mixed farming I would say go up farther north, say near Lacombe, Wetaskiwin or Edmonton, where it is not quite so dry and where there is some timber to be had. I will say that nowhere have I ever seen a better opportunity for a man, whether he has money or not, to obtain a home. No where can be found a more productive soil, better water and a better governed country than Western Canada affords. Inducements to the homeseeker are unexcelled. I met two men near Ponoka on the C. & E. R. R., who borrowed the money to pay for their homestead, and in four years these two men sold their farms—one for \$2,500, the other for \$3,000. I met a man near Wetaskiwin who landed here with 25 cents six years ago. He is now worth \$8,000. The advantages for ranching are excellent. In fact, I do not believe this section can be beat. Markets are good, as to living, a family can live as cheap here as they can in the States. The average yield of oats in this neighborhood last year was 70 bushels per acre; wheat averaged 35, barley 40, and the beet crop was good. In consequence of the successful cultivation of the beet a large beet sugar factory is being erected at Raymond, seven miles from here.

"In conclusion I will say that N. W. T. from Manitoba to a long distance north of Edmonton produces most wonderful crops. Lakes and rivers abound with fish, and game is plentiful. And that this is unquestionably the country for a man to come to if he desires to better his condition in life. I would advise the prospective settler to look over the Lethbridge, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton districts before locating.

"I will locate in the Edmonton district next fall and several families from the States will locate with me. In the meantime I will receive my mail here and will be pleased to give the interested all the information desired."

For information as to railway rates, etc., apply to any agent of the Canadian Government, whose name appears elsewhere in this paper.

Try One Package. If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Great Lawyer Dead. Edward Rudolph Johns, an authority on international law and counsel for Venezuela in the boundary dispute with England during President Cleveland's second administration, died recently in New York.

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Anthony owed £300,000 at the end of March, paid it before the calendar of April and squandered £14,700,000 of the public money.

"The Clean, Cool Kitchen Kind" of stove makes no smoke, smell, soot, ashes or excessive heat. Always look for trade mark.

Bad blood may be shown, but it is a crime to spill it.

RUINED FIGURE FULFILL.



Who fired the shot?

ACCIDENT ON THE SHAMROCK

Big Steel Mast Snaps in Two and Carries One Man to His Grave.

SIR THOMAS PAINFULLY HURT

Owner of the Challenger is Thrown Down a Hatchway—Hull of the Yacht is Uninjured, but New Gear-Work Must Be Made.

Weymouth, England, cable: The big steel mast of Shamrock III was broken off short and all the rigging of the new challenger swept overboard by a sudden squall which caught the boat about a mile outside the harbor April 27. It will be necessary to put in an entirely new mast and supply a new set of sails and rigging.

One man, James Collier, a brother-in-law of Captain Wringe, was carried overboard and drowned. Sir Thomas Lipton was knocked down a hatchway and one of his hands slightly injured. The hull of the challenger is intact and is not believed to have suffered any from the strain and wrenching out of the mast.

Defect in Mast. After the mast went over, breaking about seven feet from the deck, it broke again with the weight of the water in the sails. Later, when an effort was made to raise it, the mast buckled again and it was finally taken aboard a lighter.

Generally speaking, the yacht and gear were quite fit to stand all racing strain. The whole accident originated in an unsuspected flaw in a turnbuckle eyepiece of steel, little thicker than a man's thumb.

The yachts were maneuvering in the roadstead under mainsails, jibs, foresails, and gaff topsails prior to the start.

Man Overboard. Nearly a mile off short Shamrock III went about on the starboard tack, when a gust of wind out of Weymouth hit struck the yacht and completely dismantled it. The yacht's decks were crowded with Sir Thomas Lipton's guests, officers and men. Most of the wreckage went clear of these, and many fatalities were thereby averted.

Immediately after Collier, who was handling a binocular glass to Sir Thomas Lipton, was swept overboard, Capt. Wringe ordered out a boat to search for Collier. Boats were also dropped from Shamrock I and Erin, and in a couple of minutes these were all heading for the scene of the accident. Collier, however, never reappeared. A number of others were injured by falling gear, but none was seriously hurt. Clearing away the wreckage was a difficult task.

Sir Thomas is Hurt. "The whole thing," said Sir Thomas Lipton, "was so sudden that I have not yet had time to realize the full extent of the damage. I heard only a ripping sound forward and then the whole structure wavered. While it was still swaying I was knocked down the hatchway and through the flooring. When I scrambled on deck again the whole thing was over.

"My injuries," added Sir Thomas, "are painful. I was badly shaken up by the fall and have a severely smashed hand, but everything is in-

Czarina's Condition Alarms. Moscow cablegram: Much uneasiness exists in regard to the health of the czarina. It is now believed that she has a dangerous attack of peritonitis and that her condition is steadily growing worse.

Crew in Irons. Grimby, England, cablegram: The British steamer Induna, from Penzance and Norfolk, arrived here with five of her crew in irons. They are charged with mutiny.

significant compared with the loss of poor Collier, who has been continuously in my service since the time of the first Shamrock.

Regrets Loss of Collier. "It is impossible yet to say how long it will take to refit the boat. My only lasting regret is the loss of the man. All the rest can be made good, and no time will be lost. It certainly means delay. How long I do not know, but it will be some weeks. I still, however, anticipate being able to fulfill my engagements off Sandy Hook on Aug. 20."

News of the accident was telegraphed to King Edward at Valetta, Island of Malta, and Sir Thomas afterwards received a message of sympathy from the king.

Denny Bros. state the dismantling of Shamrock III will not cause much delay. Another steel mast is well forward and men were at once set to work to complete it. Denny Bros. believe a new mast can be stepped in a fortnight. The new one is longer than the broken one.

DIES IN MIDST OF HIS SERMON

Presbyterian Preacher is Stricken in Pulpit and Expires.

Philadelphia, Pa., special: Rev. Dr. Francis A. Horton, pastor of Temple Presbyterian church, was stricken with apoplexy while preaching. He died shortly after being taken from the pulpit. Dr. Horton was delivering a special sermon to young men and had been speaking about ten minutes when his words became incoherent and he tottered. Several workmen went to his assistance and he was carried to his home, where he died without regaining consciousness. Dr. Horton was 58 years of age. Before coming to this city he held charges at Oakland, Cal., Cleveland, O., and Providence, R. I.

FARMERS TO FIGHT THE TRUST

Unite to Operate Thrashing Machines and Oppose a Combine.

Carbondale, Ill., dispatch: An organization has been incorporated at Makanda to operate, own and purchase thrashing machines in opposition to the National Protective Thrashermen's association, called the trust. The incorporators are Abraham Hagler, John Lips, Isom Hagler, S. H. Wiseman, Willis A. Hagler, Harlan J. Hagler and Solomon Crawshaw. For weeks efforts have been made not only in this but several other counties to combine the farmers in order to protect them from increased prices for thrashing. The new company is one result of the agitation.

DEATH FOLLOWS A CAT'S BITE

Mrs. Maria Parr of South Bartonville, Ill., Succumbs Two Weeks After.

Peoria, Ill., dispatch: Mrs. Maria Parr of South Bartonville died at the Cottage hospital as the result of a cat's bite. Two weeks before her pet lacerated her hand while at play. She immediately was seized with hysteria and at the end of four days acute dementia developed. Then her hand and arm began to swell and blacken, the patient growing weaker and weaker until she died.

Hatches a Snake.

New York, dispatch: Declared by physicians to be a human incubator, William Foy, an employe on the Dixie at the Brooklyn navy yard, coughed up a snake six inches long. It is believed to have been hatched in Foy's stomach from eggs swallowed in cistern water, while he was doing duty in the marine service in the Philippines.

Uses Rifle for Suicide.

Seattle, Wash., dispatch: In a fit of despondency Jesse M. McCurdy, a telegraph operator on the military line to the interior from Valdez, committed suicide April 1, shooting himself through the heart with a rifle.

Rebels March Upon Fez.

Tangier, Morocco, cablegram: Advances from Fez say the greatest excitement prevails there on the rumored approach of a large force of rebels, headed by the pretender.

A Boston Form of Thanksgiving. Supt. Hillen of the New York juvenile asylum was formerly the head of a similar institution in Columbus, Ohio, having been appointed when William McKinley was governor of the state. The Ohio system gives the children the privilege of living in separate houses, fifteen or twenty in a house. On a certain Thanksgiving Mr. Hillen offered three prizes for the best compositions on the subject, "What Have I to Be Thankful For?"

When he began to read the efforts at composition which the waifs submitted, a great similarity was noticed in those which came from the same house. The boys knew who of their number was best fitted for composition work, and they copied after his effort. They were thankful for all sorts of strange things, including the bean soup which was served them three or four times a week, and of which they were most fond. One youngster, with a faculty for adaptation beyond his years, thus expressed it:

"I am thankful for a lot of things. I am thankful that we live, move and have our beans."

They "Waited" and "Saw." Warren's Corners, N. Y., April 20th. "Wait and see—you're better now, of course, but the cure won't last."

This was what the doctors said to Mr. A. B. Smith of this place. These doctors had been treating him for years and he got no better. They thought that nothing could permanently cure him. He says:

"My kidneys seemed to be so large that there wasn't room for them, and at times it seemed as if ten thousand needles were running through them. I could not sleep on my left side for years, the pain was so great in that position. I had to get up many times to urinate, and my urine was sometimes clear and white as spring water, and again it would be high-colored and would stain my linen. The pain across my back was awful. I was ravenously hungry all the time.

"After I had taken Dodd's Kidney Pills for four days my kidneys pained me so bad I could hardly sit down. On the morning of the fifth day I felt some better, and the improvement continued until I was completely cured.

"This is months ago, and as I have had no symptom of a return of my old trouble I am sure I am permanently cured."

King William Made Richer. The revenues of King William of Stuttgart have been increased about 600,000 marks yearly, Duke Nicholas having left his property to his majesty.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Croesus possessed in landed property a fortune equal to £1,600,000, besides a large sum of money, slaves and furniture.

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A churlish courtesy rarely comes but either for gain or falsehood.—Sir P. Sidney.

"POOR DIGESTION LANGUID AND TIRED."

An Interesting Letter Concerning Peruna.



Miss Della Janveau, Globe Hotel, Ottawa, Ont., is from one of the oldest and best known French Canadian families in Canada. In a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio, she says: "Last spring my blood seemed clogged up, my digestion poor, my head ached and I felt languid and tired all the time. My physician prescribed for me, but a friend advised me to try Peruna. I tried it and am pleased to state that I found it a wonderful cleanser and purifier of the system. In three weeks I was like a new woman, my appetite had increased, I felt buoyant, light and happy and without an ache or pain. Peruna is a reliable family medicine."

Adia Britain, of Skilton, O., writes: "After using your wonderful Peruna three months I have had great relief. I had continual heaviness in my stomach, was bilious, and had fainting spells, but they all have left me since using Peruna."—Adia Britain.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

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It must be apparent to every one that qualities of the highest order are necessary to enable the best of the products of modern commerce to attain permanently to universal acceptance. However loudly heralded, they may not hope for world-wide preeminence unless they meet with the general approval, not of individuals only, but of the many who have the happy faculty of selecting, enjoying and learning the real worth of the choicest products. Their commendation, consequently, becomes important to others, since to meet the requirements of the well informed of all countries the method of manufacture must be of the most perfect order and the combination the most excellent of its kind. The above is true not of food products only, but is especially applicable to medicinal agents and after nearly a quarter of a century of growth and general use the excellent remedy, Syrup of Figs, is everywhere accepted, throughout the world, as the best of family laxatives. Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants known to act most beneficially on the system and presented in the form of a pleasant and refreshing liquid, but also to the method of manufacture of the California Fig Syrup Co., which ensures that uniformity and purity essential in a remedy intended for family use. Ask any physician who is well informed and he will answer at once that it is an excellent laxative. It is at all eminent in his profession and has made a special study of laxatives and their effects upon the system he will tell you that it is the best of family laxatives, because it is simple and wholesome and cleanses and sweetens the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after-effects. Every well-informed druggist of reputable standing knows that Syrup of Figs is an excellent laxative and is glad to sell it, at the regular price of fifty cents per bottle, because it gives general satisfaction, but one should remember that in order to get the beneficial effects of Syrup of Figs it is necessary to buy the genuine, which is sold in original packages only; the name of the remedy—Syrup of Figs and also the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package.

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