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AN IMPORTANT DEPUTATION.

The mines of Canada are attracting a constantly increasing interest among foreign capitalists and manufacturers. No later than week before last a deputation, consisting of Herr Krupp, a son of the veteran ordnance manufacturer of Essen, Germany; a German baron capitalist, a New York capitalist, and a German metallurgist, visited the Sudbury nickel and copper mines with a view to testing the quality and quantity of ore produced and its adaptability to the manufacture of a new gun metal, which it is claimed will as far surpass, for strength and durability, the metal now in use, as steel surpasses pig iron. Nickel is employed very largely in the manufacture of this new metal, and the mines at Sudbury produce an almost inexhaustible supply. An authority has claimed that these mines could supply the world with its present demand for the metal. The gentlemen referred to have kept their mission somewhat of a secret, inasmuch that the newspaper world has not been made acquainted with it. Our information has been gained directly through the overseer at the mines, and is therefore authentic. We understand that the gentlemen arrived at a very favorable conclusion with regard to the quality of metal produced at the mines, and will report in accordance with these views.

One of the significant political phenomena of the hour is the unusual amount of attention that is being given to the farmers and their special interests by politicians and party newspapers. This is, in some measure, a new departure. It is evident that both in Canada and in the adjoining republic the farmers are becoming a force in politics to a degree hitherto unknown. Considering the extent to which Canada is an agricultural country, the comparatively feebleness of the influence hitherto exerted by rural citizens in political affairs is astonishing, though on reflection it is not difficult to discover the causes. Those causes are largely summed up in one phrase: lack of organization and concerted action. This lack is largely due, as is easily understood, to the necessarily scattered condition of the farming population, which renders combination difficult. Under the pressure of modern conditions this difficulty is being, to a considerable extent, surmounted. Farmers are learning more and more the value of contact and comparison of notes in regard to agricultural affairs proper. As they thus become better acquainted with each other and with organized methods of work, the field of discussion is pretty sure to be gradually widened until it takes in all kinds of questions of political economy and of general politics. Following that will come soon the discovery that the farmers hold in their hands the balance of political power, and consequently the means of compelling the attention of politicians, and seriously influencing the course of legislation. Judging rather from the tone of the party papers than from more reliable data, we infer that the political influ-

ence of the rural population in Canada is rapidly assuming large dimensions. In the United States the Farmers' Alliance, which was not organized as a national movement until last October, has developed remarkable strength. It is taking the place in the political arena that the Grange formerly held. In the South the organization is particularly strong.—The Week.

Bro. Fawcett treated his readers last week to a lengthy description of his travels in this section of country. Among the many sensible things which he said was the following: "We notice that the Valley Road—which was to prove such a great convenience to the residents in the southern valley of the beaver—is practically abandoned by those whose duty it should be to improve it and put it in fit condition for public travel. An undergrowth of saplings is springing up and in a few years almost every trace of the Valley Road will be obliterated unless a considerable amount of money is expended in clearing away the rubbish and putting this important highway in a half decent condition for public travel. The responsibility of the authorities did not cease with the chopping down of the trees, the grubbing out of some stumps and the cutting down of a few knolls. As well might the carpenter say the building was complete when only the frame-work was placed in position!"

The Flesherton Advance says some of the farmers in that district contemplate forming a grange or syndicate amongst themselves, for acquiring and operating flour mills. If they are thoroughly familiar with the milling business the project may succeed. But it is a common error of the present day for men to fancy that they can enter upon occupations of which they know next to nothing and make money. Milling is an industry demanding experience as well as technical skill of the high order. It does not at all follow that the man who grows wheat can convert it into flour and hold his own against those who are professionals at the business. The farmer, like the rest of us, is safest when he "sticks to his last."—Globe.

Literary Notes.

Canada is about to receive marked attention at the hands of the New England Magazine. The leading feature of its forthcoming September issue is an article by W. Blackburne Harte, dealing with the literary leaders of Canada. The writer says: It is an indisputable fact that we are on the eve of a great national crisis in Canada, and an intellectual revolution, which will mark an epoch in our history, is already at hand. He gives a bright, comprehensive outline of the work of more than a score of the leading men of letters, each sketch being accompanied by a fine portrait engraving. Among this number are: Professor Goldwin Smith, Sir Daniel Wilson, Archibald Lampman, William Wilfrid Campbell, Agnes Maule Machar, G. Mercer Adam, Ethelwyn Wetherald, Sara Jeanette Duncan, Dr. J. G. Bourinot, William Douw Lighthall, Dr. Geo. Stewart jr., Dr. Geo. W. Beers, Charles Mair, and many others. In addition to this article by Mr. Harte there are in this number poems by Campbell and Lampman and an article on French Canadian Literature by Geo. Stewart jr.

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