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New Empire Settlement Pact Cuts Transportation Costs

Offers Inducements to Farmers and to Prospective Domestic. Cuts Ocean Fares as Low as \$15.00. Costs to be Shared by British and Canadian Governments and by Steamship Companies.

Last week The Advance referred to the new Empire Settlement agreement which was heralded as offering "to agriculturalists and house workers from the United Kingdom transportation to destination in Canada at a lower rate than has been known for a generation." The agreement was concluded last Monday, but full details were not available to the press until later.

A statement in the matter was handed out last week. A comparison between the regular rates from ports in the United Kingdom with the rates available to Empire Settlement passengers shows remarkable reductions.

The following are given as illustrations in the statement handed out last evening the rates being applicable from any port in the United Kingdom:

LESS THAN QUARTER
To Halifax, St. John or Quebec, regular rates, £18 15s, new Empire Settlement rate £3.

To Montreal, via Quebec, regular rate £19 18s 5d, and to Montreal via St. John or Halifax, regular rate £20 15s, new rate £4.

To Toronto, via Quebec, regular rate £21 17s 1d, and to Toronto via St. John or Halifax, regular rate £22 17s 11d, new rate £4 10s.

To Winnipeg, regular rate £23 19s 2d, new rate £5 10s.

To Regina, regular rate £24 14s 2d; to Moosejaw, regular rate £24 15s 10d; to Saskatoon, regular rate £25 1s 8d, new rate to these points £6.

To Calgary or Edmonton, regular rate £25 4s 2d, new rate £6 10s.

To Vancouver, regular rate £28 7s 9d, new rate £9.

The new rates payable by the migrant are possible through a three-way sharing of the cost of transportation, according to the statement.

The cost is borne by:—
(a) The Canadian Government.
(b) The British Government.
(c) The steamship lines.

ABOLISHES PASSAGE LOANS

"Canada's share in the cost of emigrants under the Empire Settlement scheme remains unchanged regardless of the destination of the immigrant, but the larger part to be contributed by the Dominion under the new agreement is in regard to the after-care of the immigrant for a period of five years, which cost is shared entirely by Canada without any tax upon the British Government," it is stated.

The Department of Immigration expresses the belief that the new agreement will have the following results:

"It will virtually mean the abolition of passage loans. While such loans will still be available to heads of families and under certain circumstances to houseworkers, they will not be available to other classes."

"It will bring the cost of passage to the migrant within the reach of practically all British settlers of the classes sought and will offer a lower rate than has been available for many years."

"It will enable the Empire Settlement passengers to land in Canada without heavy overhead debt to be paid."

"It will do away with the high cost of collection of passage loans and consequent loss in cases of failure to collect."

It is now upwards of three years since the first Empire Settlement agreement was entered into between Canada and the Mother Country for the purpose of encouraging British immigration. The first agreement was followed by others more favorable in the way of passage loans, but the Department, according to the statement, regards the completion of the present agreement as the most important step yet taken towards encouraging the transfer from Great Britain to Canada of British stock.

SELLING OF PULP TO HELP SETTLERS THIS WINTER

Pulp Companies Along T. & N. O. Railway to Purchase 120,000 Cords.

According to despatches from Cochrane last week the pulpwood situation will be much better this year for the settlers along the T. & N. O. Railway, and the improved condition is due to the interest taken by the Government in the matter. One of these despatches says that about 60,000 cords of pulpwood will be taken out this winter by the Spruce Falls Co., operating at Kapuskasing. Almost an equal amount will be taken out of the Mattagami Pulp Co., operating on the Mattagami River.

By reason of the pulp demand of these two companies, as well as that of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co., the settlers along the Northern Transcontinental line of the C. N. R. and along the T. & N. O. Railway will also have the benefit of a market for their pulpwood. The Ontario Government is looking after the welfare of settlers through an understanding that the pulp and paper companies which are operating plants in this part of Northern Ontario will purchase the pulpwood of the settlers at a fair and reasonable price.

NEW LISKEARD NOW HAS A FINE NEW POST OFFICE

New Liskeard is now using its new post office building and Timmins is still using a structure that reminds an old lumberjack of a "ram pasture" that used to be on one of the Booth limits. Yet, after all, Liskeard is not so much ahead of Timmins in the matter, for The Speaker last week says:—

"Well, the fact is, New Liskeard has a fine, commodious brick post office which was built by one of our citizens, and not by the Government, although we were promised a Government post office eighteen years ago, and several times subsequently."

You cannot stub a mistletoe.

"Mistletoe works wonders."
"Sure, it's the berries."

After Christmas

Voice—"Oh, girls have your got everything off?"

Girls—"Yes, everything!"—and they brought out an old Christmas tree.

Lady Shopper (after clerk has shown almost everything in stock)—
"No, I don't see just the right thing. I want to surprise my husband this Christmas."

Clerk—"Why not hide behind a chair and yell 'Boo!' at him."

ARE THERE ANY OFFERS?

The following conversation is supposed to have taken place at the Pas, Manitoba, some days ago, according to The Herald:—
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"Trying to get something for my girl."
"How much d'you want for her?"

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The mining laws are liberal, fair and just. A miner's license obtained from the Department of Mines or any Mining Recorder, costs \$5.00 and entitles the prospector to stake out three claims in each mining division in any year. After performing 200 days' work on a claim, patent is granted on payment of \$2.50 or \$3.00 per acre, depending on location in unsurveyed or surveyed territory.

Arrangements have been made by which parcels of gold ore will be purchased from prospectors developing their claims or others who may have gold ore to sell. Full particulars may be obtained from A. A. Cole, manager, Temiskaming Testing Laboratories, Cobalt, or the undersigned.

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