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MRS. SKELTON'S BOOK, "THE BACKWOODSMAN"

With the exception of the North American Indians, every soul on the continent of North America is either an immigrant or the descendant of immigrants. The process of immigration, extending from the date of departure from the ancestral home to the date (perhaps a few months, perhaps many years later) when the immigrant really begins to feel at home in his new surroundings, to take root in the saying goes, is a process involving at all times a good deal of mental and physical hardship. To-day the hardship is so mitigated, especially to those whose new home is not remote from the railway and the town, that it is almost negligible. Fifty years ago it was a very serious matter; and if we go a little further back than that, the common sufferings of the journey and of the pioneering stage of settlement were such that it is astonishing that any but the most hardened or the most despairing ever faced them. But the ancestors of the best in our present population did face them, and were greatly strengthened in character and resourcefulness as a result, and we owe to that time of testing and endurance many of the best elements in the typical Canadian character. It is therefore important that the nature and circumstances of that great adventure, the "move to Canada" in the first half of the nineteenth century or even further back, should be kept before the eyes of the present-day Canadian reader, who will not find much about it in the history-books. For even those whose ancestors came out when immigration was really an adventure are rapidly losing the traditions of the exploits of their forebears; and those whose family was transplanted more recently have, with few exceptions, known little or nothing of the old-time struggle save by hearsay.

Canadian literature, one is glad to note, is beginning to attend to the matter. Several novels depicting the Canadianization of various immigrant stocks are now on the market; and there is evidently a keen demand for contemporary records written by the immigrants themselves, such as the Strickland sisters and Dr. Dunlop, for reprints. But their writings are now frequent. But a general sketch of the whole subject, which will probably be adequate for the purposes of most readers while it will stimulate the more curious to further research, is now available in the volume entitled "The Backwoodsman" by Isabel Skelton, just published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, with several illustrations by the best possible artist, Mr. C. W. Jefferys (\$2.50). Mrs. Skelton, as her title indicates, has elected to deal with those aspects of the immigrant life which are concerned mainly with the women and the home of the immigrant, but it is precisely those aspects which have been most neglected by history; the adult male immigrant was chiefly occupied with economic and political problems which have engaged the attention of historians for over a generation. Moreover we now realize that immigration is and always was vastly less of an undertaking for the adult male than for the wife and the mother of a family, and that it was the women who kept burning the light of culture and humanity and delicate family relationships (and often also of patriotism) while the men were clearing the land and establishing the essentials of government.

History has been less unjust to the women of the French Regime than to those of the English settlements, for the glamour of romance has shone upon them very steadily. For one thing, they belonged to that period of the history of the continent when the Indian was still tomahawking on his own account; after the Conquest he seldom allowed himself that luxury except when aiding one section of his European fellowmen against another section, and after 1814 his ferocity becomes little more than a tradition. Hence the first three chapters of Mrs. Skelton's volume, on three of the great "Maries" of French Canada, do not perhaps add very greatly to the knowledge obtainable from the history books. But with chapters four and five she turns to the two great movements of English-speaking families into "the Canadas" (the Maritime Provinces are not included in the scope of the volume), the Loyalist trek to Upper Canada, and the transatlantic migration of 1814 to 1850. These two chapters describing the actual process of transmigration are the longest, and in some ways the most interesting and even horrifying, in the book. In both the picture is enriched with much enlightening detail from contemporary sources. The great quarries which were at the zenith of their power in Great Britain in the 'twenties frequently published letters or articles descriptive of the conditions prevailing on emigrant ships, which were already known to be scandalous; and these Mrs. Skelton has evidently hunted down with scrupulous care. Experienced travellers advised their friends to carry brandy to be used in bribing the cook, not that he might do any cooking, but that he might allow the briber a reasonable access to the stove. Many lived for the entire voyage on pre-cooked food, usually oatmeal cakes. The water was abominable; the Rev. William Bell in 1824 observes that wine would not have afforded him half the pleasure that he obtained from the first drink of fresh water brought out to his ship by the pilot in the St. Lawrence. The Stricklands are not an adequate authority on this subject, for they belonged to the class which travelled cabin, whereas the vast majority of the parents whose children and grandchildren are living in the lap of luxury in Canada to-day came out either steerage or in lumber ships which carried passengers as return cargo, and which were worse than the steerage parts of the liners. The remaining chapters depict the various stages in the establishment of the new Canadian home. Wheat is an admirable foodstuff, but it requires milling; so bad was the transportation and so great the distance to the mill that many a family ate its grain whole in the form of mush. Dandelion roots provided a coffee much better than could usually be obtained at the stores. The worst aspects of the life of the women were undoubtedly due to the preposterous restrictions imposed on them by public opinion—restrictions which had their origin in social and economic conditions utterly different from those of the frontier. Thus until after 1850 it was not proper in Canada for a girl to skate nor to swim nor to hunt; and women were of course completely debarred from the chief centre of social intercourse, the tavern. The majority of them doubtless were sufficiently occupied by their household and family cares to feel little dissatisfaction under these taboos, but the life must have been terrible for any woman with non-domestic inclinations. Mrs. Skelton seems to have been scrupulously fair in drawing her picture, and makes large allowance for the happy side of the immigrant's lot. But the one really mitigating circumstance, that those who lived this life were less sensitive than the men and women of to-day. Probably few of the women of whom she writes were as much disturbed as our author at the idea of "the cruel flogging of the children at school," and one is not sure that "a tavern on every corner" caused more drunkenness than one-tenth the number of taverns, each with ten times the capacity, the condition which existed just prior to the enactment of Prohibition. Drunkenness among the men, we mean, naturally, for we are talking about the hardships of the women. An excellent bibliography shows that Mrs. Skelton intends the book to be taken, as indeed it should be, as a serious contribution to historical knowledge.

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J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., declared world's champion wheat grower for the third consecutive time at the recent Chicago live-stock show, who is now on his way to the Old Country on a demonstration tour. Interviewed at the Canadian Pacific head offices en-route, he said that prize wheat is growing bigger and better each year. Exhibits which rank 15th and 20th now would have won first prize twelve years ago. The secret of bigger grain, he said, is in selection of seed. Only by picking out the biggest and best is the grower able to produce something better than other growers. This selection takes time but is eminently worth while. The selected wheat is not put through a threshing machine, Mr. Mitchell said, but is flailed by hand or tramped out by horses. Although champion wheat grower, Mr. Mitchell is an advocate of mixed farming.

WHY THE WEATHER?

DR. CHARLES F. BROOKS, Secretary, American Meteorological Society, Tells How.

Rain or Snow Curtains.

When a shower is passing at a distance, festoons of rain may sometimes be seen falling from the cloud and trailing out behind. Sometimes these rainstreaks fail to reach the ground; if the air is too dry all the drops may evaporate during their slow fall to earth. In the case of a shower moving towards the observer, then, the extent of the rain streaks gives some idea of the chances of rain.

Occasionally when a thick fairly high cloud is overhead, an hour or two's warning of the arrival of snow or rain from melted flakes may be obtained by watching the appearance of the sky. When the snow begins its downward journey from the cloud, the details of the cloud base soon become blurred and confused, the outlines are no longer clearly visible, there is merely a dark indeterminate mass. If rain begins to fall from the cloud, the warning may be given only 10 or 20 minutes in advance. The indication is longer in advance for snow than for rain because snow falls more slowly, and a rain curtain has to be thicker to blot out the details of the cloud.

Tenth Anniversary Of the Great War

Dec. 18th, 1914.

The British deliver blow to German forces and make an advance of practically two miles.

The Duke of Connaught inspected the Kingston troops for overseas service, on the cricket field. H.R.H. was pleased with the showing of the soldiers. The long service medal was presented to Major D. H. MacLean, of the Foot Guards, Ottawa. The duke leaves Kingston tonight for Toronto.

The third contingent will likely mobilise in Kingston, but for the time being, it will likely gather by companies at a number of divisional points.

An extremely severe battle is in progress near Warsaw. Each side heavily reinforced is fighting hand to hand along the Lovicz.

The French advance near Verdun. Successful artillery firing in Aisne and Champagne district and Argonne.

It is now admitted officially that the German raid on England coast towns caused one hundred deaths.

At Buenos Ayres it is reported that the German cruiser Dresden has been sunk by H.M.S. Bristol. British admiralty reports that the light cruiser and destroyer that attacked the German raiders sustained five killed and fifteen injured.

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