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THE DOMINION ARCHIVES.

W. C. Milner, the Eastern representative of the Archives at Ottawa, who is at present in this province in his official capacity, paid The Guardian a pleasant visit a day or two ago. Although the work of this department is known in a general way it is only when one comes in contact with a specialist acquainted with the inner workings of the institution that an idea can be formed of the great work that is being accomplished. This work includes, in short, the collecting, classifying and indexing of all kinds of documents gathered in from the four corners of the earth that bear in any way on the history of Canada.

The Archives has become a national institution. The beginnings and aspirations of people towards civilization are marked by totem poles or uniform inscriptions recording their deeds. As a people advance in civilization they take more care of their historic documents. When barbarians overrun them they uproot and destroy all evidence of learning and culture. How many libraries of ancient civilizations have met the fate of the famed library at Alexandria? Canada has also suffered, not from barbarians but from lack of care to

protect from destruction public and especially family documents having a public interest. A wooden country is always subject to conflagrations and the destruction wrought by these has wiped out vast quantities of material out of which history could have been woven.

To avoid such loss in the future a splendid fire proof building has been erected at Ottawa to store and preserve our early records. It is a patriotic duty that public institutions and families possessing records that cast a light on old times owe to their country to place those records where they will be safe and available for students and historians. There are many instances when collectors of documents connected with the past have hoarded them year after year only to have them destroyed or scattered and the future deprived of the inspiration they contain.

Dr. Dougherty, a brilliant student of our history, to whom the establishment of the Archives in its present efficient condition is largely owing, appeals to all who possess or control material of a historic character to place it on the shelves of the Archives and thus guarantee its use to future generations.

THE HARVEST CALL.

In the course of a week or two, perhaps a day or two, the Macedonian cry from the west will again be heard in our land, the call for help in the harvest fields. The usual excursions and excursion rates will be given, the usual inducements offered and there will, doubtless, be the usual response—some hundreds will go, if there are so many left to go.

Many hundreds have gone to the west in recent years, on these annual harvest excursions. Some have returned, others would have returned if they had the means, and some have settled there and made good. The proportion of the latter, of those who have done even as well as they could have done at home, is very small in comparison with those who had occasion to wish they had never seen the west.

This may look like eastern prejudice. It is not, nor is it in any way depreciatory of the west. Western Canada is a land of great possibilities and great opportunities; it were folly to say otherwise. But it must not be supposed that wealth is to be picked up without effort, that the opportunities will open of themselves to all who knock or that all succeed who go to the west.

In the matter of possibilities and opportunities, generally speaking, the west has nothing better to offer than Prince Edward Island has, and there are a hundred chances for absolute failure in the west to one such chance in Prince Edward Island.

It will be remembered that every "successful Islander abroad" is heard from. His achievements and his successes are proclaimed in all our newspapers.

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papers and his fellow Islanders are proud to record his success. There is nothing said of those who have failed, of those who broke down under the unaccustomed hardships and who returned either in coffins or as invalids to die at home; nothing said of those who were unable to procure employment of any kind or who slaved at odd jobs which they would disdain to accept at home and would be ashamed to have their friends know about. This is no dream. These things have happened, and to Prince Edward Islanders who took advantage of the cheap excursion rates offered, not by the farmers of the west but by the railways.

The experiences of the past few years should be a warning to those who are looking forward to the annual harvest excursions. It will be remembered that hundreds of young men from the east spent weeks looking for employment on farms, were housed and fed by the cities in which the railroads dropped them and even trapped from one station to another looking in vain for the farmers who had sent out a call for "25,000 farm laborers" only to find that those who wanted the farm laborers were the railroads and the labor they wanted was the railway fare.

If any young man who is tempted to try his fortune in the west will undertake to fathom the possibilities of a few acres of Prince Edward Island soil and put as much energy into the effort as he will be compelled to exert in order to earn his wages in the west, he will find himself in pocket at the end of a few years and, what is of still greater value, he will be his own master with a constantly increasing capital and an assurance of competence and comfort in his old age.

NOTES.

The quick witted Irish nearly arrived at a solution of the suffragist nuisance by capturing some of the obstreperous females and attempting to duck them in the River Liffey. Unfortunately the police interfered. The English are lacking in the sense of humor which would rapidly cure the suffragist evil. So long as the violent, shrieking sisterhood are taken seriously, so long will they continue their mischievous and dangerous pranks. It is only by making them ridiculous that the militant movement can be combated.

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The new Frank R. Heartz Match will be added, and this is the biggest match, financially that the Association has ever had, with prizes ranging from \$25.00 down.

Every Rifleman on Prince Edward Island who can hold a gun should attend, and no one who attends will regret it.

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