

# ANOTHER OX GORED

## Canadians Object to Immigration Agents Working There.

### THEY DRAW FROM THE STATES

#### But When the Tables Are Turned They Think It Very Wrong.

It is all right for the Canadian emigration officials to scour the United States for people to settle the Manitoba prairies, but when the scheme is reversed the wily Canadian howls. It appears that agents of the Northern Pacific have been working through Manitoba, Assiniboia and other provinces in the interests of immigration into the United States and the Yorkton Board of Trade has emitted a prolonged howl. With characteristic board of trade proclivities, it has adopted a resolution which will be forwarded to officials and "the press." In fact, it has already reached the press, and is as follows:

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that a representative of the Northern Pacific railway is at present in this district for the purpose of encouraging the Doukhobors to move to California, we strongly protest against such proceedings on the part of any railroad company which has in the past and may in the future receive government aid.

The question of whether or not the Northern Pacific has received aid from the Canadian government, cuts no figure in the matter. The Canadians might as well object to the Northern Pacific freight agents soliciting business for their line in competition with other Canadian roads which have received assistance from the government.

But as a matter of fact the work of securing emigrants from Canadian provinces to the United States is a very small one and shrinks into insignificance beside the Canadian work in the United States.

The Canadian immigration officials are established in nearly every large city in the United States and especially through the west are canvassing the country districts and persuading the farmers to emigrate to Manitoba and the Canadian northwest. There is an agent in St. Paul, one at Kansas City—in fact, in nearly every important center for immigrant business. The people of the United States are making no protest against this work. If the American farmers want to go to Manitoba they are welcome as far as the government and the public bodies are concerned. There is absolute free trade in this business whatever restrictions may be placed on commodities.

The Canadian northwest expects an immigration of 15,000 this year and a large part of this is to go from the United States. It is expected that 20,000 people will settle in Alberta from the United States alone. In the Moose Mountain district and along the Soo line some 3,000 or 10,000 people are looked for.

Towns are springing up in the Northwest Territory as they did in the early eighties. One place, called Ponoka, on the Calgary & Edmonton road, where a year ago there was not a sign of habitation, has now about 500 people and the authorities have a letter from an immigration agent in Nebraska stating that 500 families, or some 2,500 people, will go from that region to Ponoka this spring and summer.

The following extracts from the Calgary Herald of a recent date suggest that that region is getting much the best of it in any matter of immigration as between the Canadian northwest and the United States:

Three Bohemian delegates, Messrs. Kouba, Froit and Surbanek, arrived from North Dakota this morning to look over Alberta.—John Maloney, an Irish settler, from Iowa, came in from the east yesterday morning and will settle near Calgary.—Mrs. Julius Jacobson, with five sons and two daughters, arrived yesterday morning from Iowa to farm in the north. Mr. Jacobson is following with a carload of stock.—Three carloads of immigrants from the United States, principally from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, went north this morning. They are Bohemians, Germans, Swedes and native born Americans.—William Carrasey, George Weite and H. J. Jones, arrived this morning from Nebraska en route for Ponoka. They have stock and settlers' effects valued at \$1,100. Chris Peterson, from Iowa, went to Bowden with a carload valued at \$400. Oliver Grooble, from Ontario, went to Edmonton with \$700 worth of settlers' effects and Leander Vaughan, from Dakota, went to Wetaskiwin with another carload valued at \$300.

Thomas J. Day, wife and family of five, Paul Baker and G. Apdan, arrived yesterday from Nebraska and left for the north.—A carload of settlers and nineteen carloads of stock and effects came in this morning from Nebraska, Minnesota and Dakota. Two specials leave for the north to-day. Oscar Booth, wife and six children, came in from Minnesota on Sunday and leave to-morrow for Red Deer. Mr. Booth's brother is on the road with two carloads of stock and settlers' effects.—John Ellsworth, W. G. Garris, G. Garris, John Garris and John Garris, from Nebraska, came in yesterday with stock and settlers' effects valued at \$4,273. They will settle at Lacombe and Ponoka.

The following are the arrivals at Immigration hall to-day (Saturday): Norman Meyers, American, Iowa to Red Deer; Daniel Stahl, American, Nebraska to Edmonton; W. H. Mullins, English, South Dakota to Edmonton; Walter Dewhirst, American, three boys and one girl, to Ponoka; M. J. Johnson, Dane, wife and one girl, Manitoba to Red Deer; Mrs. John Harrison and daughter, English, England to Insulated; Archie Silverthorn, Canadian, Ontario to Morley; Robert Sawyers, Scotch, Iowa, to Red Deer; Sidney J. Pringle, American, Oklahoma, to Red Deer; Samuel H. Smith, Canadian, Michigan to Oids; William Whacker, American, wife, son and two daughters, Michigan, to Oids; Robert Burdick, English, Ontario, to Red Deer; George Kay, English, Ontario, to Calgary; Cary Clark, English, Quebec to Red Deer. All are farmers except Clark, who is a carpenter, but will take up land.—C. H. West, A. W. Hall, G. W. Hall, and A. J. L. Clark arrived with four cars of high grade stock and effects valued respectively at \$1,100, \$700, \$300 and \$700, total, \$2,800. They hail from Iowa and went north to settle in the Oids district.

Among yesterday's numerous arrivals were five families with five cars of stock and goods from South Dakota. The heads of the families are C. Gavio, H. and J. Elder, W. Glenn and H. Davis. They were all bound for Edmonton.

The immigration arrivals at Calgary for March, 1900, exceed in number and value the arrivals of any previous month in any previous year.—C. N. Deason, wife and two sons, from Nebraska, went through this morning destined for Wetaskiwin.—W. Welsh and wife with three sons and three daughters, arrived from Nebraska this morning and went to Lacombe.

All this is only part of one day's arrivals at one place and very early in the season, too. But these notes show how people are going from the United States into the Canadian northwest. It is the opinion of those who are watching immigration matters that the Canucks should have "no kick coming."