

CANADIAN CREAMRIES, How They Are Operated and Made to Pay the Farmer.



HIS COMRADES IN SOLITUDE.

Therefore the Convict Wept When
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A correspondent of a Brown
City, Michigan paper writes as
lows: "An industry which is proving very advantageous
to the settlers of North Alberta, Canada, and is likely a boon to the farmers, is the establishment of creameries by the Government at regular distances apart. The Government furnishes the entire plant, puts it in and operates it without direct cost to the farmer. From the sale of that butter the Government retains 5 cents per pound, the balance going to the farmer. This is continued for three years, when the Government turns over the plant and business to the farmers, giving them a clear title of it. Thus these creameries are put in at a minimum cost to the farmer and paid for in a way that he least feels it. When we were there butter was selling at 21 and 22 cents per pound. Cheese factories were being established, too, along the railroad and much of the freight loaded on the cars on our return trip consisted of butter and cheese, as it was in the best season for milk. The produce found a ready market in the mining and lumbering towns and districts beyond the Rockies, through the British Columbia country, where it was, we were told, difficult to supply the demand."

The Klondike is another field now open to the Western Canadian farmer for all produce of the farm, and the officials in the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, are kept busy sending out literature describing this great agricultural country. The agents of the Government throughout the United States are also supplied with literature, which they distribute free.

Six Men Whose Ages Aggregate 493.
The combined ages of six men who acted as pallbearers at the funeral of James Grigsby (himself 95 years old) recently in Indianapolis was 493 years. The men and their ages are as follows: T. M. Child, 86; J. F. Daugherty, 85; G. W. Ryan, 84; D. G. Kern, 79; D. Shearer, 77; J. L. Avery, 82.

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A Total Disability Claim of \$1,650 Paid to a Man Who Was Afterward Cured.

The Monitor, a newspaper published at Mount, Ont., Canada, has discovered this case two years ago, and published it at length, which now seems, owing to the cure of it, to be a miracle. The facts were so remarkable that many people doubted the truth of it. "I can't possibly be true," the paper is mis-taken, and the man, although he may think himself cured, will soon relapse into his former condition, etc., etc. The Monitor, however, has not given up the search for the truth, and the Monitor determined to find out definitely whether the facts were as stated and whether the man would really stay cured. They accordingly kept a close watch on the case for two years after the first article appeared, and have just now

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HEAVY TRADE BALANCE.

Immense Increase in Foreign Commerce of United States.

Revised returns of the statistical bureau of the Treasury Department, just issued, show the value of exports from the United States for the calendar year 1897 to have been \$1,069,743,554, against \$1,005,837,241 for 1896, and imports to have been \$742,031,350 during 1897, against \$681,570,556 in 1896. The total of our foreign commerce for the calendar year 1897 is \$1,842,374,904, a larger volume of business than in any previous calendar or fiscal year in our history. The trade balance in our favor for the calendar year 1897 is \$327,711,202, against \$324,257,685 for 1896. For the two years past the outside world paid the United States a balance of \$681,320,880. This balance was largely paid in gold and in American bonds and stocks, though American tourists reduced the total by \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 left yearly in Europe.

Exports for 1897 were the largest on record, aggregating 189,127,570 bushels, compared with 131,960,500 the year preceding; imports, 69,000,000 bushels in 1896, 41,000,000 in 1895, and 55,000,000 in 1893. The United Kingdom was our largest customer, taking \$1,049,000 bushels, Germany 33,440,000 bushels and France 97,080,000. All Europe took 171,062,000 bushels and British Columbia 12,000,000 bushels. Exports of wheat and flour were 171,092,043 bushels in 1897, against 155,107,091 in 1896. Flour exports fell off nearly 2,500,000 barrels, and raw wheat increased 26,000,000 bushels. English manufacturers are recovering the ground lost during the great depression a few years ago.

The total of lake commerce are as follows: Exports for 1897, \$70,208,508, against \$63,081,720 for the year preceding; imports, \$46,733,700, against \$46,965,529. Statistics of immigration for the first half of the fiscal year 1897-98 (July 1 to Dec. 31) show a falling off of 8,433 from the low water mark of the corresponding period of 1896-97. This is the low water mark since the Government supervision of immigration began in 1883. The previous low water mark was for the fiscal year 1896-97, 230,822, which was a decrease of 112,000 from 1895-96. Italy continues to send in the greatest number of people, Russia next and Ireland third.

Sample Free.
Careful observation and comparisons made by scientists prove that the hottest region on earth is on the southwest coast of Persia, where that country borders the gulf of the same