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French Plan of Long Ago May Be

in the French-Canadian newspapers and the first party of candidates for matrimony will probably leave for Caigary in a few weeks.

The apparent novelty of the scheme has drawn down upon it a large amount of ridicule. Those who are encouraging it argue that it not only does not savor of any impropriety, but also that not even the charge of novelty can be brought against it. They point out that a similar course was followed in France for supplying wives to the earliest French settlers in Canada.

Under the fostering care of Colbert, Louis XIV's great minister of finance and of the colonies, girls were taken from the houses of refuge of Paris and althous and sent out to Canada as prospective wives for the settlers. Mother Marie de l'Incarnation wrote in 1665 that a hundred had come that summer and were nearly all provided with husbands and that 200 more were to come the following year. In 1672 Count Frontenac, the governor of Canada, wrote home to Paris complaining of the scarcity of the supply of young women sent out from France.

"If 150 girls and as many servants," he said, "had been sent out this year they would all have found husbands and masters within a month."

After some of the young women had been married at Quebec it was found that they had husbands at home. The priests became cautious in tying the matrimonial knot and Colbert thereupon ordered that each sirl should provide hersels with a certificate from the cure, or magistrate of her parish, to the effect that she was free to marry.

It is expected that the same qualification will be required of all those who are to be taken to the Canadian northwest under ecclesiastical auspices. Instead of exhibiting for the inspection of suitors for their hands, in imitation of the course adopted at Quebec two and a quarter centuries ago, these new analyses and one the remarked of canada the new arrivals will not have long to wait. Nor will it be necessary to entice or drive the bachelor settlers into wedlock, as was the case of some of their forfathers in Quebec i

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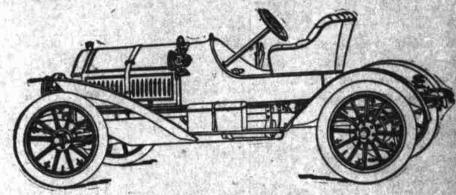
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