

FARMERS COME BACK.

Fifteen Thousand Americans Grow Tired of Canadian Land Experiment and Return Home.

Washington, July 13.—The tide of emigration of home seekers to Canada, which has been the subject of great concern to the administrators of the public domain for the last few years, has turned, in the opinion of officials of the reclamation service. Thousands have returned and a great many more are expected back soon.

Clarence J. Blanchard, statistician of the reclamation service, reports that he has interviewed a great number of settlers in Montana who had tried the Canadian experiment, but were glad enough to return home. They stated that practically every American farmer in the neighborhood of Alberta, where the Canadian government maintains its irrigation project, was anxious to get back if he could sell his holdings.

The American settlers were dissatisfied with the character of the land, the crops from which, they alleged, consisted principally of alfalfa and such hardy grains as winter wheat, and even these were not sure. The form of government did not appeal to them, and they considered the railroad freight rates exorbitant. The climate was a source of dissatisfaction, ice and snow in August and September of last year adding to their discontent.

During the last nine months it was said at the reclamation service today, 15,000 settlers have returned to the States from Canada, and the prospects for a general backward movement were bright.