

Many years ago, the Hudson Bay Company placed steamers on the Saskatchewan which was made navigable with a few improvements. The Valley of Peace River is also remarkably rich and the explorers speak highly of it. They say that a numerous population could also subsist there by cultivating the land.

Beds of coal were discovered there several years ago.

We may add that salt is also found abundantly in the North-West.

Now, what might we reasonably predict for the future of the Canadian North-West? Let us imagine, for a moment, those immense territories inhabited by millions of producers and consumers, and flourishing cities springing up here and there on the plains traversed by the railroads and along the courses of water and lakes united by canals: trade and industry put in activity and sustained by enormous agricultural products; the completion of the C. P. Railway which would permit an easy exportation and intercourse with other countries, and finally (if the project be practicable), the establishing a port at Hudson Bay which would bring Liverpool nearer to us by many hundred miles!

In 20 years more, we shall in all probability witness a complete transformation not only in Manitoba, but the North-West generally.