

in 1843. By way of interlude, in the march of time, she has stricken off the shackles that bound 4,000,000 of human beings held in complete slavery. She has carried civilization across a continent nearly 4,000 miles wide and bound together the two ocean shores in bonds of iron, making the

PULSATIONS OF NATIONAL LIFE
harmonious by steam and electricity, through the whole length and breadth, north and south, east and west of this Great American Republic. During these years, she has solved and made an heretofore unknown record of rapid, christianized human development. In doing which, 'tis true, she has made some foolish experiments. This grand march has been made, without a single similar example. As a whole, it has been by peaceful means, with hard, honest work, guided by free men, free lands, free homes and free schools as the grand advancing causes. Now her successful, practical example is before the world. The States did not enter upon the period of their

RAPID GROWTH.
until about 1830, about which year, by means of steam navigation of the Great Lakes, the Ohio River and the opening of the National Road, (highway) built by the Government from Baltimore to St. Louis, she peirced the

forest that originally was unbroken, from the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, to the eastern and southern boundary of the State of Illinois.

The period of her great growth began when her people struck the eastern edge of the great common, United States and Canadian Continental Prairie Belt. It is from the

THE FERTILE PRAIRIE,
subdued by civilization, that the United States has grown, not only in her national resources, but her national greatness and power, that though young in national life as she is, makes evident that in a near future she will soon be an unmatched national power. The population of the United States to-day, is from 47,000,000 to 50,000,000; that of Canada about 4,500,000.

No where else on earth can this exhibit of national growth be repeated, but in

THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST.
Nowhere else is there a sufficient area of generally fertile land, well watered by navigable streams and lakes sufficient for it.

Now that steam and electricity have removed the hitherto isolation of the old Provinces, from the magnificent area for many new ones, it is but

A NATURAL PROPHECY,
that a homogeneous people, common in their ancestry, speaking the same language, with an example before them in which every error made by their brethren can be avoided, can and will, successfully repeat the human advancement that has already carried hope, cheer and happy realization, to so many millions of hitherto, care-oppressed human souls. By the record of the past nearly one hundred years, during which time these neighboring nations have dwelt side by side without a drop of blood being spilt, 'tis safe to say, that they ever will, as heretofore, joined hand in hand, carry westward the twin stars of the Republic and Dominion and that to the north of the States, will soon develop a "Greater Britain."

TO YOU, SONS OF OLD ENGLAND, OF YOUNG CANADA

and of the United States, who are ready to take a man's part in life's real and remunerative actualities here, I know that many of you will come to make homes in this beautiful MANITOBA, (The "Spirit Straits" of the Indians) or perhaps still beyond her borders, in this real,

NEW NORTHWEST.



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