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The City of Winnipeg, the Metropolitan city of the Northwest, has now a population of 20,000—and when we take into consideration the fearful crucible through which she has passed, and her position to-day, it is incontrovertible proof to us that there must be a combination of forces at work to sustain her, which though material in their nature, are not apparent to the cursory observer.

In the year 1857, when a commercial crisis of a paralyzing character, drove fifty thousand Canadians from Ontario and Quebec in eighteen months to Uncle Sam's Dominions, (our great Northwest was unknown at that time), the cities of Hamilton and London suffered a shock from which they did not fully recover for five years; and during part of 1858 there was many a splendid store in the main street of Hamilton for which no one could be found to even pay the taxes. Within the last three years the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have been convulsed in land transactions and speculations, that would have decimated any Eastern city had they occurred there, but after the collapse of Edmonton (we wish to immortalize Edmonton as the climax or End of an old Era of speculation), although those immediately connected with some of the biggest swindles at that time did weaken for a short while, the merchant, manufacturer, and general business

man did not suffer any more than the men in the same lines have been suffering through the same periodical commercial depression all over America. There must be an elasticity, vitality, and backbone to this country that is not seen, but which is, nevertheless, being felt, and of which we will speak further in some subsequent number of an early date, when we shall bring Winnipeg more prominently before the world.

NOT A DISTURBING ELEMENT.

We wish it to be distinctly and emphatically understood as clearly as language can express it, that the object of the Northwest Immigrants' Protective Association is not for the purpose of endeavoring to unsettle the minds of farmers in the Eastern Provinces or Great Britain, who are already comfortably placed, but specially for the purpose of attracting to this country those who contemplate a move in some direction. In the Eastern Provinces there are thousands of young men who are going West every year, and it is to turn the attention of these young men to this country by giving them monthly, in this Journal, full and honest information concerning it, and its superiority in many respects over the American States to the south of us. The remarks just made to the young men in the Eastern Provinces are quite as applicable to the young men similarly situated in Great Britain. It will still be in the memory of those who have been resident in Canada for the last 28 years that in the year 1857, and after the completion of the Grand Trunk