

lative Assembly. The Executive power consists of a Lieutenant-Governor, a Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, an Attorney General, a Minister of Public Works and Minister of Agriculture—who ordinarily discharges also the duties of President of the Council. The Manitoba Act sanctions the use of the two languages—English and French—in the Legislative Assembly and in Courts which are presided over by three Magistrates. Moreover, this Province is represented in the Federal Parliament by four members and two Senators.

#### RELIGION

Missionaries of the Gospel have for a long time extended their pastoral visits through the plains and forests of the West; and especially so since the country has been annexed to Canada. It is not then a matter of surprise to find that works associated with religion have been vigorously promoted. Churches have sprung up in all directions as if by magic, and moral progress is keeping pace with material progress.

#### EDUCATION

The system of education is the same as that in the Province of Quebec, by which, on the one hand, Protestants have absolute control of the education in which they are interested, and, on the other hand, Catholics also enjoy the same rights and privileges. There is a general Council composed of both Protestants and Catholics, which concerns itself with the general interests of education, but has no power to interfere with the principles of the law, nor to modify the regulations of the Protestant and Catholic particular councils. All the schools being subsidized by the Government, therefore, wherever a settlement springs up sufficiently large to maintain a school, it hastens to establish one, towards which parents have to pay only a light annual tax. Two superintendents are appointed to watch over the working of this educational system so well organized.

#### THE POSTAL SYSTEM

The postal system is very complete throughout the North West; there are now established 130 Post Offices.

#### THE CLIMATE

The climate of this Province is most healthy, which is especially due to the dryness of the atmosphere. In the summer the