

because I had the figures made up only a short time ago. The deaths there are only 70 per cent. as large as the tables should show." That is a satisfactory result; and I think, when that is the commercial value of life in Canada, those of you who desire to prolong your days cannot do better than proceed thither. Then comes the question of whether the soil is suitable. Well, I do not suppose there is any gentleman who hears me—and especially when there are many gentlemen around me with a knowledge of Canada—will think I need say much upon that point. We know it is capable of producing all the cereals that are raised in the British Isles; we know that it produces them in profusion, and that it has also a large export of them—not so large as it will be in the future, still sufficiently large to show what may be expected. I have myself within the last four months travelled in that new country, Manitoba, and the Great North-West. I travelled a thousand miles right round from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains, for the first 500 miles by a railway constructed within that one year, and I do not think I saw one single mile of country that would not have made an excellent farm. That extended north and south, and east and west. And if you consider for a moment the vast extent of country that represents, I think you will be of opinion with me that no doubt for ages to come there will be room for as many of the sons of Scotchmen as choose to go out. I do not wish—it would be unfair—to make anything like a lengthened speech. I only wish to illustrate a statement I made in Edinburgh that it is the best field—I do not mean Canada alone, and I particularly desire you should not understand me so, because I believe that other colonies will bear examination quite as well as Canada—except that Canada is more accessible, and I take Canada because I am speaking from a personal knowledge of fifty years. I have lived both in Ontario and in Quebec, and I travelled for two years in the north-west, and therefore I speak with perfect personal knowledge when I say that in regard to climate and soil I never saw a finer country in my life. However, that might be true, and yet it might not be the best field for your surplus labour. It might be that there were other countries, foreign