

future. That they are satisfied may be inferred from the fact that the majority of them have taken the oath of allegiance and are sending for their friends in Europe. I understand that, according to your directions, returns will be made as to the percentage of those who have arrived in the Dominion, who have gone direct on to the land. I think these returns will prove in a marked manner, the wisdom of still further encouraging an immigration of this kind to supplement the meagre immigration of purely agricultural labourers and small farmers which can be expected from the British Isles. In most of the colonies I met settlers I had known in Europe, and after being shown their farms and stock, I felt confident that with one or two favorable seasons, you will have no more prosperous or contented settlers in the whole Dominion. In the most northerly settlement I visited, that at Langenburg in the North-West Territory, I was shown samples of mangel wurtzels, swedes, cabbages, cauliflowers, potatoes, indeed all kinds of roots and vegetables, as well as cereals, which would have done credit in point of size and quality to any portion of the older Provinces, and which could only be equalled in a few favoured portions of Europe; their Red Fife wheat, for instance, being graded No. 1 Hård at Winnipeg. The Germans, indeed, were producing lentils, horse beans and several crops that are not usually grown in the Dominion, in several instances growing their own chicory, and this of first-rate quality.

From Langenburg I proceeded to Regina and renewed my acquaintance with Mayor Mowatt, of that place, and gained a great deal of information from him anent that district. I afterwards went on to Medicine Hat and Calgary. At the latter place I was very well received by Mr. Micquelon, the agent of your Department, and by Mr. Amos Rowe, Dominion Land Agent, a friend of some twenty years standing, who kindly drove me round the whole section of country. From these gentlemen I gained a large amount of information which I am sure will be of service, not only to myself but to that district. I am preparing information for them in reference to the dairy and live stock trades, with a view of an export trade being established in the former produce to the Pacific Coast, China and South America, and in the latter, and more especially in horses, to this country. I have promised my co-operation in securing markets for any horses or stock which may be shipped to Europe. After leaving Calgary I paid a lengthened visit to New Westminster, Vancouver and Victoria, and I received the greatest attention and courtesies from Messrs. Sutherland and Jessop, your agents, and obtained from them most valuable information respecting British Columbia.

I had reluctantly to abandon my contemplated visits to other points on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, owing to my having to return to Eastern Canada with a relative who had been taken ill in Victoria. I had, however, two long interviews with your very energetic agent at Port Arthur, Mr. McGovern, and from him gained a great deal of knowledge respecting the state of the labour market and the opportunities for the investment of capital in that district.

I may state briefly that I was deeply impressed by the progress made by the Dominion during the past decade in all the parts I visited, and it was impossible for any agent in my position to form an idea of the magnitude of the country, its resources and the opportunities it offers to intending emigrants, without paying it a visit. I am sure that the knowledge gained, during my three months' sojourn in Canada, will prove of the greatest advantage to the different Canadian interests which I have the honor to represent at this port. I was accompanied in my journey to the west by my old friend, Mr. Biggar, one of the Tenant Farmers' Delegates in 1879, and by Mr. McQueen, both landed proprietors and farmers in the south of Scotland. Mr. Biggar was amazed at the progress made during the ten years, and we had ample proof of the advantages held out in the North-West to the energetic settler possessed of some small capital. Mr. Biggar left me in Vancouver to return *via* San Francisco and the United States, and he has since informed me that in no part of the Western States, and he has made several visits in former years, did he see such good land or better opportunities for the practical farmer, than in our own Canadian North-West.