

## The Climate of the North-West.

THE article in our last number on this subject, by Rev. Dr. Davidson, met with a sad misfortune in falling under the disapprobation of a Montreal paper called the *Herald*. The author, whom in its haste it accused of being a "medical gentleman," and the *Globe* which copied the article from our columns, each receive a share of censure, direct or implied, for endeavoring to propagate "bosh." No doubt they both feel very bad; and perhaps they will not offend any more—and perhaps they will. Another person has gratuitously committed the same offence. As he lives in Utica, N. Y., and is consequently under a foreign jurisdiction, he may not be seriously affected by the *Herald's* displeasure. We append an extract from his letter:

"From actual experience I can fully endorse the article on the climate of the North-West, having spent the greater part of two summers and two winters in the territory, exploring the whole country, lakes, rivers and prairies, from Lake Superior on the east to the elbow of the South Branch of the Saskatchewan on the west—and from the 49th parallel or northern limit of the U. S., to North Saskatchewan and the north end of Lake Winnipeg on the north. The climate, and soil, and productiveness, are infinitely superior to Minnesota, which is considered the most healthful and the best wheat-growing state in the Union. I explored and surveyed over 4,000 miles of territory in about nine months, most of the time, especially in winter, sleeping without even canvass over my head. In this mode of life, in that country, it seems *impossible* to catch cold; and the health and vigor of body and spirits attain a very high standard, so that we were enabled to work from fifteen to seventeen hours *every* day without excessive fatigue. In fact, in the language of the trainers you get into "*suberb condition*." Doctors would starve there if they attempted to live by their physic alone. When I was in the Red River Settlement, with a population of 12,000 inhabitants, there was only one old doctor who resided in Fort Garry—in the Hudson Bay Company's service—and he was seldom called out, except in case of accident, broken bones, or something of that kind.

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[It will be understood, of course, that our correspondents only speak of climate—they do not guarantee settlers from disease. When the country becomes populated, unless people change their habits very much, there will be plenty of room for doctors; but it will be to a great extent the fault of the people and not of the climate.—ED.]