

will be any barrier to the building up of a homogeneous nationality.

With reference to the second objection, that the severity of our climate will militate against us, those of us who have lived here all our lives can afford to smile. But for those who do not know our country so well, we might say, that as the Manitoba wheat has secured the highest rank in the markets of the world, and Canadian cattle carried off more than their share of prizes at the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo, so when the time comes for an international exhibition of men, those fed on Canadian bee: and flour will give a good account of themselves.

One of our less known Canadian poets has rebuked the revilers of our climate in a couple of stanzas, which I shall quote :

"She has woods of pine and maple,
Where England might be lost ;
She has ports that are ever open
To ships that are tempest tossed ;
She has fields of wheat unbounded,
Where the whole horizon glows,
And the hot sun laughs to hear her styled
'Our Lady of the Snows.'"

"She has vineyards hanging heavy
With clustering purple and white,
And the velvet peach, in its swaying nest,
Fills the gardener with delight,
She can pluck if she will at Yuletide,
In the balmy air, the rose,
And the people smile when they hear her called
'Our Lady of the Snows.'"

—ARTHUR WEIR.

Taking for granted that a great population will fill our land in the not distant future, what precautions should be taken by the present generation, to prevent the introduction and perpetuation of an undesirable and vicious element? The following illustration may assist us in solving this problem, or suggest a *modus operandi*. Suppose one of our large and progressive farmers should come suddenly and rather unexpectedly into possession of an extensive and fertile tract of land, which would produce sufficient for ten times the number in his herd. Say any of the prize winners at our Provincial exhibition, for example, Black, of Cumberland, with his Herefords, Stairs, of Cornwallis, with his Polled Angus, or Archibald, of Truro, with his Ayrshires.

Under such supposed circumstances what would these men