

"indications alone. The air is in general pure and dry, and the cold is on this account much less felt than in countries where the atmosphere is humid and laden with moisture. I spent the whole of December and part of January in Manitoba last year, and I am convinced that the winters there are bracing and eminently healthy. Moreover, I have frequently observed in my journeys the sturdy, vigorous appearance of the inhabitants. As regards myself, I always found the cold agreeable, and suffered no personal inconvenience whatever, though I wore the same clothing as I am accustomed to wear in Amsterdam, New York, and elsewhere. The climate of Manitoba and the Canadian north-west in summer and autumn is healthy and agreeable in every respect. The days are warm and the nights cool—conditions particularly favourable to the production of the best class of grain. The crops of Manitoba are, indeed, of a better quality than those of the United States, the grain being as a rule harder and heavier, and consequently commanding a higher price. At the International Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, a gold medal was awarded the wheat of the North-west of Canada."

Owing to the influence of the Chinook winds, spring commences three weeks earlier in the Qu'appelle Valley than in the Red River Valley, which lies to the east, and winter sets in correspondingly later, thus giving the farmer the advantage of a longer working season than is allowed to his brethren in Manitoba. Should he desire to exchange the steady dry cold of the winter for a warmer climate he can, on the completion of the railway, within 48 hours and without change of cars, reach British Columbia, where, in the latitude of the Channel Islands, and under the influence of the warm winds which blow down the Pacific coast, he has the choice according to locality of greater dryness or greater moisture.

Description
of the
Edgeley
Estate.

The purchase of the Edgeley property was made on favourable terms, as the proprietor undertook to bring under cultivation a considerable portion, and thus create a revenue for the railroad. The land having been purchased with a view to cultivation and re-sale, portions of the estate, both cultivated and uncultivated, are now offered for sale (without any conditions of further cultivation being imposed on the purchasers) at prices ranging between \$4 (16s. 8d.) and \$8 (33s. 4d.) per acre for the