

This would also be modified, when another source of income which I have not yet noticed, developed itself; for, by a railway, *people* as well as *things*, would be carried, and the former source of income would be an important element in the reduction of the transport of goods. Bring the Red River settlement within 40 hours of Lake Superior, and this element will soon shew itself; there will no longer be the feeling of isolation and banishment which, in the eyes of all emigrants and particularly the better class, is the great stumbling block. From Montreal it will be no great journey either for the colonist or man of business, and many will go there merely to judge for themselves before deciding upon settlement. It will soon be known that there is no land superior to be found, and no climate on the continent more salubrious, promoting hearty and robust health, and not the yellow skin and dried appearance which those settling in many of the richest Western States of the Union acquire in so short a time.

A railway for emigrants, business men, and travellers generally, is absolutely necessary unless it is intended that all these should go and come by the States, and not only these, but the produce and supply also. The Americans have their line already two-thirds of the way through Wisconsin and Minnesota and all the distant States are developed by this means of communication, and the Red River Settlement will practically add another to the number, unless the commerce of Canada can have equal facilities and advantages. If there is nothing to oppose to their railway up to Fort Garry but a line of lake, canal and common road communication, the experience of other countries ought to be accepted as it has shewn the result to be expected. Russia is covering her great surface with railways, in fact no two nations can run a fair race if one is to ride on a locomotive and the other in a canal boat.

What then is the great impediment suggested as likely to interfere with placing the country in this position? *The difficulty of raising the money necessary* for carrying out the work! And is this