

wheat, the advantage on the side of the British North-West is enormous.

For these reasons, when one reads in one of the London monetary papers that it would cost seven bushels to carry one of wheat from the British North-West to England, it is charitable to fancy that the writer does not know what he is writing about, and not that he is intentionally deceiving the public.

A few words on the crops raised in the North-West, without a farthing being spent in manure. Enquiries among the farmers produced the following statement : Oats average 60, and in some cases even 80 bushels to the acre. Barley averages 40, and 70 bushels have been reaped from one acre of land. Peas reach about 38, and rye 40 bushels the acre, while potatoes show in some cases the extraordinary yield of 600 bushels, but average 300 bushels an acre. In root crops, the average for turnips is 100 ; carrots, 300 ; while onions reach as high as 270 bushels. In cultivated grasses, the yield is $2\frac{1}{2}$ to three tons an acre, but owing to the abundance of prairie hay it is not grown to any great extent. These wonderful results of the not most careful farming, because most of the farmers are poor men with limited appliances, are produced without any manure. *Crops have been grown there for 40 years without manure.* In fact, the soil is so rich that manure does more harm than good, and such will be the case for many years to come. The facts stated above are gathered from practical men, and taken from districts as far north as Cumberland House, and as far west as Edmonton.

Now, as to the climate. It is astonishing to simple people how much pleasure some persons find in labouring to do evil. Great pains have been taken to represent the climate of the Canadian North-West as utterly unsuited for settlement. An article—called by courtesy a leading article—in a London newspaper, in reference to a Canadian winter, said it lasted seven months. In London it often lasts longer, and is followed by little or no summer to speak of. This statement was utterly false, as winter in the North-West commences between the middle and end of November, and lasts till March, a little more than four months. Farmers frequently begin ploughing during the latter days of March, and rarely later than the beginning of April. When they do, it is called a very late spring. Now for