

WESTERN CANADA

COMPOSED OF

MANITOBA, ASSINIBOIA, ALBERTA AND
SASKATCHEWAN.

THE COUNTRY TO SETTLE IN.

The Dominion of Canada is the largest of all British possessions. That part of it known as Western Canada, which includes the Province of Manitoba and the districts of Assinibola, Alberta and Saskatchewan—the latter three generally known as “The Territories”—contains an area of 440,000 square miles, or about two hundred and eighty millions of acres, nearly all of which lies within the fertile prairie region.

The superior quality of the wheat and other cereals grown upon these lands and the greater yield per acre, when compared with any other portions of the continent, are now universally acknowledged, and, while the crops obtained are greater, the amount of labor required to produce them, owing to the nature of the soil, is less than in any other country. The climate and natural pasturage are both highly favorable to stock-raising, and as a result no finer cattle are to-day shipped across the Atlantic to the English market, than those which have matured upon the plains of Manitoba and the North-West territories.

The capabilities of the country have been thoroughly tested during the past ten years, and it is no longer a question for the intending settler whether it is a good thing to go to the Canadian West, but simply in what part of that great country it will be best to make a home. The work of pioneering is ended, and go almost where one will, he will find that settlement has preceded him.

The following pages if carefully read will impart a sufficiently accurate knowledge of the vast territory that is comprised in the words Western Canada. The reader will learn what the general features of the several divisions are, which localities are preferable for grain raising, for mixed farming, and for ranching. He will learn from this book where to seek that kind of land he thinks the best, which are the chief towns, markets, etc., for each division, and will find general information concerning the best way of getting to the west, and full particulars of government and railway land regulations, with other information bearing on the subject of settling in Western Canada.