

ore. A region which, situated as it is on the highest table-land of this continent, enjoys equality of mean temperature, freedom from many forms of epidemic and malarial disease, and immunity from the cyclones which have become, from their frequency, the terror of the inhabitants of less elevated regions south of our border; navigable rivers traverse its length, and a great and growing system of railways carries its produce to the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific. It is a land of interest and profit to the tourist, the angler and the hunter. Great waterways drain it to the Pacific, to the Atlantic, to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Sea; in its bosom is found coal, gold, silver, iron, copper, salt, sulphur, petroleum, asphaltum, and most of the granites, marbles, clays, lime and sandstones, which are of constructive use, while on and near its surface amber and some of the precious stones have been found. The well known climatic law "that the nearer we approach the limit of possible cultivation of all cereal plants the greater will be the yield and the finer the quality," also ordains that the frost of winter, accompanied as it is by an absence of moisture, and by light snowfall, shall make it pleasant and healthful for man, while aiding him in his work by its deep penetration, pulverizing the soil as it thaws, and giving gradually back to the upper crust the imprisoned moisture.

"Your Committee are of opinion that the Northwest Territories will produce all of the necessaries and many of the luxuries of civilized life, and that \* \* \* this great region, a kingdom in extent, in resources, and in undeveloped wealth, is fitted for the prosperous and happy homes of many millions of men of all races, who will acknowledge with us the sway of the British Crown."

#### GROWTH OF THE NORTHWEST.

"Half a generation ago, Winnipeg, the flourishing capital of the Northwest, was a mere outpost in the wilderness, only to be reached by a laborious advance through the trackless forests and almost unexplored waters. Now it is a great city, full of activity and enterprise, from which no less than seven railways radiate. The growth of Chicago itself was not more rapid in the corresponding period of its existence."—*London Times*.

The substantial growth of Manitoba has kept pace with that of Winnipeg. Great as both have been, it is no marvel to those who know the country. Soil and climate unite in making it naturally great, and those qualities will secure for it, in spite of prejudice or ignorance, a population of enterprising, contented, and prosperous people.