

tremble for their laurels if they had been compelled to enter the lists in competition. The horses and ponies, carriages and buggies, and, in fact, everything else belonging to them, were so many plain indications of an unusually comfortable, well-to-do society; and as I observed these numerous evidences of wealth, while I inwardly congratulated the fortunate possessors on having their lines cast in such pleasant places, I could not help regretting that so little, so very little, has yet been practically accomplished in the way of bringing in a sufficient number of desirable immigrants, to share this goodly heritage with the present residents, and thus increase its value an hundred fold to them and to all the rest of the Dominion.

In the matter of railway accommodation the capital of the North-West is not much better off than any other town in the Territories, though she is probably as well off as her present circumstances require; and it certainly is not wise to unnecessarily increase the

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of the country, or to multiply roads for which there is not the smallest likelihood of being able to procure traffic for many a long year to come. There does, however, seem to be a growing need for a line to the north and north-west from Regina, and this road will probably be pushed through as rapidly as may be found needful. The railway now runs as far as Long Lake, to the north of the capital, and it is intended to run it through to Battleford and Edmonton, on the North Saskatchewan, with branches to connect with important points on either side of the main line. The projected route lies through an exceedingly fertile country, embracing a large area of excellent wheat lands and an immense ranching district, well watered and abounding in luxuriant grasses. It will certainly open up an enormous expanse of country for settlement; but that is not what is really wanted in the Territories—there is no lack of valuable land, but, unfortunately, there is a plentiful want of valuable immigrants to settle on it.

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