

Manitoba seems to be taking up again the scheme of the Hudson's Bay Railway. She understands her own interest and her own business better than we do: The most authentic information which we can get is that the passage can hardly ever be said to be entirely free from ice. In that case there seems to be little prospect of success. Of the line of seven hundred miles, over which the road is to be carried, very little can be remunerative, so that the port must be all in all. Since the abolition of C. P. R. monopoly and the opening of railway connection with the South, the special reason for a desperate effort to find an outlet at the North has ceased to exist. However, we repeat, Manitoba knows her own business best.

—The re-election of Mr. Rykert with the brand of Parliamentary infamy fresh upon him, and the letters, worthy of Jonathan Wild, in which he depicts his own character still under the public eye, may be a blessing to us though it comes in the ugliest disguise. It may, and if anything can it will, spur us to reform. This infamy, astounding as it is, is the natural fruit of the system of Government by debauching the people with their own money, which has now been carried on for many years, and which has profoundly corrupted the political character of a community originally as worthy as any community could be of free institutions. The county of Lincoln richly deserves to be disfranchised, and in a sound state of public sentiment disfranchised it would assuredly be. No constituency can have a right to pollute the council of the nation. But to how many other counties would justice have to mete the same measure? The politics of the Maritime Provinces, as Dominion elections show, are mere corruption, fed by government works and grants. That corruption reigns in Quebec we did not need the McGreevy scandal to tell us. Corruption tampers with the representation of Manitoba and turns it into an instrument for defeating the claims of the Province. The character of Mr. Rykert is not a sudden revelation. It