

that, in the parts of the Dominion he visited, he did not find that cattle required to be housed longer than in Scotland.

Several of the delegates refer to the question why farms may be bought in the older provinces, and why the land is so cheap. In so far as respects price, in the last named portion of the Dominion, it is to be observed that the value of occupied land in the older parts of a new country like Canada must necessarily, to a great extent, be governed—first, by the cost of clearing new forest land in the wooded parts; and second, by the facility with which prairie land can be obtained free, to the extent of 160 acres, on the simple condition of continuous settlement for three years. It must be plain to all men that the fact of vast areas being open to settlement on such conditions will largely affect prices of occupied land a few hundred miles distant, to which there is connection both by water and rail.

A fact to be remarked is that the farmer who migrates from the British Islands to any part of Canada does not change his flag; nor does he, except to a very slight degree, change his mode of life or his companionship. He goes among his own people to conditions of life and society the same as those he leaves behind. He is not obliged to swear—before he can exercise the rights of citizenship, or in some States hold land—that he “renounces for ever all allegiance and fidelity” to his Sovereign and the land of his birth.

The farmer who migrates from these Islands, moreover, has the satisfaction of feeling that he is assisting to build up a great British Empire, having for its seat the northern half of the continent of North America, occupying a space as large as the whole of Europe, and containing agricultural, mineral and commercial resources to be developed in the immediate future of almost illimitable extent; and, as the reports of the delegates will show, certainly beyond popular conception in this country.

The public lands of Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory are in the hands of the Dominion Government; and those of the older provinces in the hands of the Provincial Governments. The regulations, as respects the Dominion lands, stating the conditions on which homesteads are given to settlers, and the prices at which other lands are sold, including the railway lands, are appended to this publication. Any further particulars on any point may be obtained by correspondence with a Government agent.

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