

# P R E F A C E

## TO SECOND REVISED EDITION.

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Three years have now elapsed since the writer devoted himself to the task of preparing—from his own experience in the country, as well as from that of others, native-born—a small work, which would afford reliable and practical information to those requiring such; for deciding upon the superiority of the advantages offered by the Province of Manitoba and the Great North-West of British America, over that of the Western and North-Western States of America, the latter of which have attracted so much attention, for many years past, by an energetic and liberal system of advertising the sale of Railway lands.

This having been the *first* guide of the kind, *issuing from the country*, it has been eagerly bought up, and quoted from by the Press, and other writers abroad.

Since the date of the first edition, however, many changes have necessarily taken place in the Territory, which necessitates the present issue of a carefully revised and enlarged edition, which the author trusts will meet with general appreciation.

Its present value, as a reliable means of information to the Emigrant and Capitalist abroad, is enhanced by the fact, that, with the liberal policy of a new Government, a broad field of commercial activity is now open before us, with the commencement of the great Canadian Pacific Railway; and its connection with the Railway system of the United States, will be the main artery and life's blood of British America's Great North-West, not only bringing the prosperous farmers, but the hundreds of thousands who will follow by attraction to this promised land, into triumphant competition with the agriculture of the world, in its central marts.

In conclusion the writer would only add (in addition to a resolution passed by a Joint Committee on Agriculture of both Houses of the Local Legislature of Manitoba, and which is quoted in the preceding Preface) the following opinions, which were omitted in the first edition.

FROM LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ARCHIBALD.

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Fort Garry, Dec. 26th, 1871.

I have read Mr. Spence's Pamphlet entitled "Manitoba and the North-West of the Dominion, as compared with the Western States," with much interest. It draws the comparison with much force and discrimination; and altogether the pamphlet is a valuable contribution on the subject of the North-West, and of particular value to the intending Emigrant.

(Signed,)

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Lieut.-Governor.