

Since the addition of the North-Western Territories, of which Manitoba forms so important a part, the extent of the Dominion exceeds the area of the United States by 12,800,000 acres. More extraordinary still, it nearly equals in dimensions the whole of Europe. The area of the whole continent of Europe is about 3,900,000 square miles, and the extent of the Dominion is 3,530,000 square miles. And there is one important fact to remember, that the 3,530,000 square miles in Canada is virgin and not exhausted soil, while the European land is nearly as much played out as the military despotisms which are driving all the people away, who do not believe that pride and pipeclay are the only true divinities; and that the truculent Bismarck is high priest.

Why, in the Canadian North-West alone, there are about 100,000,000 acres of good land, capable of producing about 30 bushels of corn to the acre, while the average yield in the United States is now 15 to the acre. Some people say it is more difficult and expensive to get this produce to the English market. Not a bit of it. The distance is less from Montreal to Liverpool, than from New York to Liverpool, and the former will be the future great shipping port for wheat from the North-West.

From Port Moody, the terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway (over 700 miles of which, into the heart of the grain growing district, counting both sections, are now finished), to Montreal is 410 miles nearer than from Port Moody to New York; and it is 481 miles further from San Francisco to New York, than from Port Moody to Montreal. Now that the Canadian Pacific Railway is finished west of Montreal to Thunder Bay on Lake Superior, there is direct water and railway communication between Montreal and the grain fields of the North-West. Already wheat has been carried from Winnipeg, *via* the United States, at 30 cents per bushel, or 2 dollars 40 cents per quarter. From Montreal to Liverpool, add, say, one dollar, which brings the cost of carrying wheat from Winnipeg to Liverpool to about 14s. a quarter. So that the carriage of wheat from the North-West costs less than from the United States, and even if it should cost a little more, as in the former place the soil produces a far larger yield, not to speak of the quality, which is worth more in the market than United States