

the winter we find some very singular differences. Those who do not live in the district, proclaim their opinions as to what the conditions of discomfort must be, and on the other hand those who do live there, say that their winters admit of very much happiness and enjoyment. For my own part I am more disposed to accept the statements of those who speak from a personal knowledge of the facts, than from the loudly proclaimed opinions of those who really know nothing about it, except the conclusions of their own imaginations. Certain enquiries naturally spring into the mind on observing this conflict of testimony, such as:—What difference can it possibly make to outsiders, so long as the people of the North-West are satisfied? Are there any private advantages to be gained by all this systematic mis-representation of facts? Does a pure-minded benevolence alone induce these persons to pay a regular staff of correspondents to continue throwing discredit upon the North-West? It is unnecessary for me to express any opinion upon this point, especially as I feel that it would be impossible for me to give more exact information upon this subject than is conveyed in the following remonstrance which the Board of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba has issued. It may be confidently stated, that the members of this Board, are amongst the most honoured agriculturists in that province, and they possess the confidence of those who have the privilege of their acquaintance.

"The attention of the Board of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba, established under the authority of an Act of the Legislature, was called to the systematic attacks which have lately appeared in some newspapers in England upon Manitoba, and its capabilities as a proper field for emigration from the Old Country. The statements made in those newspapers have asserted that the climate of Manitoba is so severe in winter as to prevent out-door work of any kind, and to be injurious to the health of men and animals; that the summer is so short and with such little warmth that crops cannot properly mature, and that nothing but disaster can follow any attempted settlement of a large portion of the country. Resolved—That this Board protests in the strongest possible terms against statements so utterly devoid of truth, and so opposed to the real facts. That this Board is composed of members appointed for each of the 29 agricultural divisions into which the Province of Manitoba is divided, and that nearly all its members are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and have been so for periods ranging from two to thirty years. That the climate of Manitoba in winter is in every respect healthful, * * * and from the dry character of the air not so severe in its effects as much less