

THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.



Few of our readers but have within the last two years heard of the great prairie country of the north-west, of which Manitoba forms the south-eastern portion, and the gateway from the whole Eastern World, and yet but few have any comprehensive idea of the vast extent and unequalled richness of the lands contained therein. We say within the last two years, for it is only a very few years since it became the interest of great corporations and monopolizing companies to give these facts to the world, although white settlers have been located within the limits of this great fertile land for nearly three-quarters of a century, and the present population of Manitoba comprises a very fair proportion of the hardy descendants of these first settlers.

Now that it has become the interest of wealthy corporations and powerful organizations connected with the North-West to publish and proclaim the unbounded wealth of the country they have so long and so studiously misrepresented, they find the evil they formerly accomplished deeply rooted, and that they have furnished valuable material for the use of parties interested in emigration to other parts of the American continent, and to antipodean lands, so that the system of misrepresentation, instead of ceasing with their interested conversion, has merely passed into the hands of much shrewder and more unscrupulous agents, who continue the same with redoubled energy.

We are safe in asserting that no country under the sun has been more outrageously misrepresented to the public of Eastern America and Europe than the Great Canadian North-West, and nowhere has