

"Walking down Main Street on my way to the Pacific Hotel, I could hardly realize that I was in a city incorporated so recently as 1873, and supposed to be far beyond the confines of civilization. The street is 132ft. wide, and it is lined with shops, churches, and public buildings which would do credit to a much older and more famous place. The solid look of the majority of the edifices is as noteworthy as their ornamental design. They are built of white brick. As a rule, it is at a comparatively late stage in the growth of a Western city, either in the United States or Canada, that the structures are composed of anything but wood; hence, a stranger in one of them is apt to arrive at the conclusion that what he sees has been erected for a temporary purpose. Here, however, the effect is the reverse. The Town Hall and the Market, the Post Office, the Dominion Land Office, and the Custom House, to name but a few of the public edifices, are as substantial buildings as can be desired. No one looking at them can feel here, as is so commonly felt in other places of rapid growth on this continent, that the citizens apprehend their city will decay as rapidly as it had sprung up. While the progress of Winnipeg is one of the marvels of the Western world, there is good reason for believing that it will continue at an accelerated rate, and that Winnipeg will hereafter hold in the Dominion of Canada a place corresponding with that now held in the United States by Chicago."

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### RAILWAY LAND INVESTMENT.

In the railway reserves, each block contains a square mile or 640 acres. The homestead lots are 160 acres each, which can be secured by actual settlers on payment of a fee of £2 and three years' residence. Pre-emption lots are the same size, costing 10s. per acre, the first payment to be made three years after settlement, and the balance in six annual instalments with interest at six per cent.

Let us suppose that a family, consisting of father and grown up son, together with the usual assortment of women and children, decide to take up land in the North-west. They sell out, and, after paying all debts and providing for moving expenses, have £600 to the good. Arrived in the North-west, they determine to locate immediately along the line of railway and pay the highest price for their lands. The father homesteads lot C, and the son lot F, each putting up a shanty and breaking a certain quantity of