

our front door ; to-day, at the same hour, it was 26° below zero, and in a more exposed situation, outside the city, on the open prairie, the thermometer was at 38° below zero in the early morning. There are good boys' schools at Winnipeg ; one of these, St. John's College, is under the personal superintendence of the Bishop of Rupert's Land, who is the head-master. As I see by English papers that have been forwarded to me that the degree of frost in Manitoba has been under discussion, it may be new to some people to hear that all the meat in the butchers' shops is frozen as hard as marble, that milk is sold by the pound as well as by the quart, and that greengrocery is carried round for sale in a small wooden house mounted on sleigh-runners ; the stove which is kept burning within keeps the vegetables in good condition. Ice-carts are now busy on the Red River getting up the ice in huge blocks of a lovely sea-green colour, to be stored for summer use. In October we had very variable weather, frost, thaw, snow, and rain in succession, the temperature resembling that of an English December. About the 10th of November the rivers froze over, and when the snow fell it no longer thawed. It is not expected to disappear till the end of April. At present, however brilliant the sunshine, no alteration takes place in the dry crispness of the snow under foot, but the increasing solar heat is telling on some of the housetops, the edge of the roofs being decorated with a thick fringe of spear-like icicles, of different length and thickness. In spite of its severity the Canadian winter is much enjoyed, its dryness is a preventive of coughs and sore throats, and though the sky is not always blue the bright sunny days are more numerous than the gray ones ; there is but little wind, and when it snows no Winnipegger thinks an umbrella necessary, for the dry, small flakes shake off immediately. As the temperature in the winter never rises so high as freezing point no rain falls. There are no evergreen shrubs ; they could not resist the intensity of the frost, and there are none of the early flowers that delight the English eye in January and February—a dazzling white mantle of snow covers everything. I enclose my address for the present, to be given if asked for.

ANGLIA.

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READINESS TO WORK THE GREAT NECESSITY.

The *Weekly Budget* publishes the following, and thus introduces it :—" It gives practical information upon matters certain to interest those of our readers who think of trying to improve their present condition by emigration. It will be seen that in our correspondent's opinion there are chances for those who will work hard and put up with privations. It is no good whatever for any one to go out expecting a life of ease and luxury. The *only* road to success in the New World, as in the Old, is the one of hard work and persistent perseverance, with a definite and plain object in view " :—

SIR,—It is only when one gets to a far-away region like this that he can appreciate the dear old *Budget* at its true value. I have to pay 25 cents (1s.) for its carriage from Calgary here—100 miles. I thought this rather exorbitant at first ; but when the mail-carrier came into camp on his last trip, with hands, feet, and face frozen, I was willing to concede him the point. I am half afraid you will not find enough of interest to warrant the insertion of this letter, as everything becomes so commonplace as you get acquainted with the country. After I left Corey's Camp, I passed