

THE LAND OF PROMISE.

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We print this morning a report of an interview which a reporter of the *Winnipeg Sun* had with Mr. Kendrick, a farmer from Staffordshire, England, on the subject of the prospects of settlers in the North-west. Mr. Kendrick came to Canada last spring, and was at once attached to one of the examining parties of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. This gave him the opportunity of making a very thorough examination of the lands within the railway belt, as far west as a few miles beyond Moose Jaw Creek. Having had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. Kendrick, we have no doubt that his statements are to be quite relied upon. He is evidently a man of more than ordinary intelligence; has been at farming all his lifetime; and is very careful not to state anything but what he believes to be within the truth. He appears to appreciate, what is too often lost sight of by those who give information in relation to fields for immigration, that the emigrant is apt to take a somewhat optimist view of everything

that is said, and that, on this account, the most scrupulous care has to be taken to say nothing which would lead to disappointment. There is nothing more disheartening to a newly-arrived immigrant than to find from his first impressions of his new home, that he has been deceived by too highly-coloured representations. We have seldom met anyone who appeared more fully to realise this than does Mr. Kendrick. He has great faith in the North-west as a home for industrious settlers. He is thoroughly convinced that a man willing and able to work, and who is prepared to face and overcome the initial hardships which are incident to pioneer settlement in all countries, cannot fail of success. And he has come to this conclusion from a personal examination of the country and of the conditions of settlement in it. Such testimony as this—testimony the honesty and candour of which is attested by the fact that he proposes to settle in the North-west himself—very valuable; and we commend his statements, with great confidence, to our readers.