

when, in the order of Divine Providence, these wild animals disappeared, having served their purpose, they left their immense rich pastures for the occupancy of economic and civilized man."

To-day in Manitoba and the North-West there is computed to be 350,000 head of domestic cattle: given twenty acres per head, and there is room in this vast pastoral country for fifteen or sixteen millions. The drop of the continent to the east and north is such that every stream is a succession of water powers, while the rain-fall in the months of June and July is, as a rule, large and the dew plentiful. Gold, silver, iron, copper, lead, and vast quantities of coal, form part of the wealth of the country. Though Manitoba and the North-West cannot compare with either the Eastern Provinces or British Columbia, yet the timber supply is not to be overlooked. Even in the more southerly portion, a region of about four hundred miles long and about two hundred miles wide, the Moose, Wood and Cypress Mountains are well wooded; while all the rest of the country is more or less timbered—prairie and wood land alternating with each other. With reference to scenery, there is sufficient to satisfy every variety of taste. Does the reader desire a vast level plain, with a horizon fading away in cloudless obscurity? then Manitoba, from Rat Portage to Portage la Prairie, and from the boundary to Lake Winnipeg, will be your choice. Would you rather see undulating small hills, broad valleys and graceful slopes? then from Portage la Prairie to Calgary, and from the boundary to Fort Edmonton and to Battleford, you can have your choice in almost