

It abounds with lakes, lakelets and running streams, in the neighbourhood of which the scenery in many parts has been described as rivalling the finest park scenery in England.

Throughout this splendid country the Canadian Pacific Railway, already commenced, will be built within 1883 from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, thus opening it for settlement, and placing its farmers in direct communication with the Eastern markets. It is already built 640 miles west of Winnipeg. From this time, therefore, immigrants in the North-West will not be obliged to go very far in advance of the railway, but should they desire to do so for the purpose of choosing fine locations, every care will be taken to guide and assist them in their journey, a fact which we will more clearly demonstrate later on.

Professor Macoun, who during the past year has carefully explored a large portion of the country in the Souris and Qu'Appelle districts, has stated that there are fifty million acres of land in that locality, not only fertile but also presenting a most inviting field for immigration. Many parts are described as "rolling prairie with good clay soil," level plain with dark rich loam, and clumps of woods, and lakes and streams are said to abound.

The land in Manitoba has frequently been described as very rich, a black loam from 2 to 4 feet deep; and now we find the country lying north of the Assiniboine as being of similar character. In a north-easterly direction the country is very fertile, often exceedingly beautiful, interspersed with forests and clumps of wood, and in some spots with marshes covered with luxuriant and nutritious grasses, the prairie abounding in lakelets or ponds, with wild fowl very plentiful. Westward of the Assiniboine the same description of fertile country, interspersed with woods and abundantly watered by ponds and streams, extends a hundred and thirty miles to and beyond the great and little Touchwood Hills.

Professor Hind, in speaking of the country in the neighbourhood of the Touchwood Hills, says:—"We reached the summit plateau, and then passed through a very beautiful undulating country, diversified by many