

large numbers have been attracted from the liberal terms which have been granted to emigrants, and the fertile character of that country.

I continue as in the past to act in hearty co-operation with the various steamship companies. We mutually find this beneficial, and keep them supplied with various descriptions of our literature as they may require them.

The Canadian Pacific Railway in a variety of ways attracts the attention of the people of this country more and more to the Dominion. The line of route across the continent by this railway is found so satisfactory and comfortable in every respect that it bids fair to quite eclipse the various lines through the United States, especially in passenger and freight traffic for Japan, China and Australasia. The fact of the new steamships which they are having built will, when they are completed, give an additional attraction to this line of route. It is to be hoped, in this connection, that a faster line of steamships may soon be established from this country to some Canadian port, so as to satisfactorily compete with the various lines at present in existence to various United States ports.

The Hudson's Bay line of route has not been attracting as much attention as usual, though very many people think it is only a question of time when, with all the difficulties connected with it, a line of steamers will be established to run from here to what is found to be its most suitable port.

I have, as in the past, had many Canadians calling here in reference to trade matters, obtaining knowledge as to stock and people, on pleasure trips, and have invariably afforded them all the information in my power. In every way this office is continuing to be a place of call for people from our various Provinces.

I have come in contact with a considerable number of people with capital who have consulted me in regard to investing in various ways in Canada, and there seems to me to be an increasing desire for investments in the various stocks, &c., of our country. I have also been consulted by many with means as to the best mode of applying these when they go out, which, in the great majority of instances, they propose doing early next spring.

In order to show how well the country has been appreciated by those who have gone out, I insert extracts from several letters which have been received in this country. The first is from a family which went out from Orkney, and appears in the *Scotsman* of the 28th January last. It is to this effect:—

"The country has come fully up to our expectation. The land is easy to break up, and is of excellent quality. It is astonishing how soon a farm can be got into working order compared with the old country. All kinds of live stock thrive well. We think the country is best suited to mixed farming. The climate, so far as we have seen, is healthy. The heat in summer is not oppressive; the autumn is delightful. The winter, so far, has not been very cold, although it sometimes has been 20 degrees below zero; it is so dry we do not mind the cold. We have worked out every day of the winter so far, cutting and drawing rails for fencing and getting home firewood. The house is warm and comfortable.

"We think many of the farmers in the old country, with small farms, and especially those with large families, would do well to come out here; and as long as work is as plentiful as it has been this season there is no fear of them getting on, so long as they keep steadily at work.

"There are no hardships to undergo, now that the railway has come so near the settlement.

"(Signed)

HENRY MEIL, SR.,  
"HENRY MEIL, JR.,  
"JOHN MEIL."

"SALTCOATS, N.W.T.

The second is from a letter of J. W. Sandison to the *Scotsman* of date 18th February last. He says:—

"In choosing a farm, strangers to the country would do well to rely more upon the disinterested counsels of a resident there than be guided by their own judgment, the appearances of good and bad soil being, in many cases, utterly unlike what