

Our Northwest Territory.
The following, written by a well-known member of the Presbyterian Church at Guelph, on a visit to Canada, to the Mayor of Guelph, contains much valuable information on the subject of the capabilities of the Northwest. Just at the present time, when the settlement of the Hudson Bay Company's rights are the subject of discussion in the House of Commons in England, and when the progress of the Northwest are attracting attention of our people, the information given in this letter by a highly respectable gentleman will be of interest. He writes—

You are aware that I have been in country, not as a scientific explorer, but as a Christian missionary. For four years my residence was at the Red River settlement, a district with its centre at Fort Garry, where the Assiniboine empties its waters into the Red River. The district extends sixty miles in each direction from Fort Garry, and is thus one hundred and twenty miles square. It is only a portion of the territory concerned in the settlement at which an arrangement has been come to with the Indians, but as I am aware. There are settlers in other places, but I do not suppose they have any title whatever to the lands they occupy, nor do I suppose they can obtain such a title until some arrangements have been made with the Indians, either the Hudson Bay Company or by any arrangement that may hereafter assume territory.

The fertility of the soil in that district has often been the subject of remark in Canadian papers, and justly so, although I think that certain recent letter writers have stretched it to the utmost limit. I am not aware that fall wheat has yet been tried there; whether the general fertility of the winter would not be fatal that crop I cannot say; but all manner of spring crops do well. All sorts of berries and wild fruit grow luxuriantly. The usual description of vegetables and fruits grown in Canada can, with care, be produced in that district; but attempts at cultivating fruit trees have thus far failed. In the older portion of the settlement considerable difficulty experienced in procuring building materials; stone and lime must be conveyed a distance of ten or fifteen miles, and pine timber from twenty to thirty miles; but a proper system of transportation by the rivers might in a short measure overcome this evil. There are excellent fisheries on the lakes and rivers, and salt can be made to any extent within sixty miles of Fort Garry. Sheep farming and cattle raising, the district is admirably adapted, being nearly all open prairie—timber being confined to the immediate vicinity of the river.

In the settlement, artisans of all sorts are very much wanted. A woolen factory might do well considering the vast quantities of woolen fabrics and blankets that are annually imported for the Indians as well as for sale in the settlement.

What I have said of the Red River district is generally applicable to all that part of the country over which I have travelled, which extend more than a thousand miles west and north of that district. There are many large sections well calculated for settlement, with plenty of building materials and excellent soil, particularly in the valley of the Saskatchewan and around the numerous lakes to the north thereof; but there are no hundreds of miles that would be fitly for sheep runs, unless there were railroads or a railway to bring building materials from a distance.

It is perfectly well understood that with very little trouble a continuous water communication could be had from Fort Garry on the Red River to within a short distance of the Rocky Mountains, and in all that distance I have seen no engineering difficulty in the way of constructing a railway. I have myself given a spring wagon all the way from Fort Garry to within a short distance of Edmonton House, a distance of, I believe more than a thousand miles.

On the Saskatchewan gold has not been so abundant as was at first supposed, still those who are contented with steady work can make from ten to twenty dollars a day during the spring and fall months; prospecting is still going on in the eastern slopes of the Rocky mountains.

I would not advise settlement on any extensive scale beyond the bounds of the Red River district until some regular system of Government shall have been established, so that the Indians may be properly treated with as to possession. I am sorry that some letter writers have lately spoken in very harsh terms about the Indians, stating that it is necessary to go about with loaded rifles, &c. That is not my experience. If the Indians are kindly treated they are generally friendly and to be trusted. I have often chided my tent in the midst of their camps; I even slept in their tents without the least apprehension. I knew that the outskirts of the Red River settlement some minor depredations have been committed by the starving Indians of the Sioux tribe, but that has nothing to do with the general character of the Indians of the Hudson's Bay Territory, who always respect white men especially if they are long to Britain, and if they have not got anything to forfeit that respect. But, here I have almost written a lecture and more than I intended when I sat down. I would only say before I close, that I hope the recent publication of Mr. Davidson's report on a line of communication between Lake Superior and Fort Garry will speedily lead to some practical result. It would be a saving of so per cent of time and money to those who are obliged to travel between Canada and the Northwest, and would open up the whole trade of that country to Canada, which trade is already worth looking after.

You are at liberty to communicate the contents of this letter to my friends in the town of Guelph and the town of Nottawasaga in any way you think best.

I am, Sir, yours very truly,
JAMES NESBIT.

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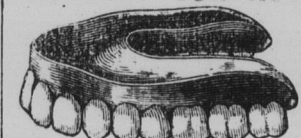
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Guelph, 2nd August, 1867. (dw-ly)

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