

North West above the sea level—the most of the prairies are not more than 730 feet above the ocean—the influence of the warm westerly winds from the Pacific Ocean—and from the Gulf of Mexico, through the Mississippi valley, all conduce to this end. The Rocky Mountains, which have an altitude of 10,000 to 14,000 feet above the sea south of 49° north latitude, suddenly fall to 2,500 feet north of that latitude, and offer no serious obstacle to the passage over them of clouds laden with moisture and warmth from the evaporating and boiling caldron—the Pacific. The mean summer temperature, based upon several years observation, is at Toronto 64°; while at Red River it is 68° and to the westward several hundreds of miles, although on an elevated plateau the winters are so mild that buffaloes, mustang ponies, and cattle feed and keep fat during all the year. The climatic line which passes through Ontario reaches far north of us. Need any more be said of this interesting land?

Our defences will yet be to us a serious matter. We have a subtle, crafty, active power near us, anxious to annex us, and using all the pressure of hostile tariffs to make us discontent with our relations.—This state of things has been to our benefit, for we have found other markets, and have become more self-reliant, but, a crisis may come, and hostilities may arise from Imperial or Colonial complications, that will compel us to draw the sword.