

North-West we shall have to look chiefly to Old Canada and the United States, and to find, if possible, in England occupants for the farms which the Canadian settlers will leave vacant. In that case, it is to be hoped that the first comers from England to Canada will fall into good hands, and be well advised in their purchases. Every one who has been connected with a Loan Society knows what tricks have been played in the way of factitious assessment and colourable sales to put up the apparent value of land.

The course which the flow of population is likely to take in the near future over the whole world is a profoundly interesting question, though too large for discussion here. We are inclined to think that it is by a series of historical accidents, such as the occupation of the South by great military empires, than by choice, that man has been compelled to settle in the realms of winter, where, besides the suffering, much of the produce of his labour is expended in fuel; and that when the barriers raised by those accidents have been removed, a process which is rapidly going on, there will be a return of the current towards the regions of the sun.

—If the North-West fills up, it will make four or five large Provinces, to which self-government must be granted. What will these provinces do when they get their power, and when they awake to political life and a sense of their own interests? Above all what view will they take with regard to the land? Will they allow that it is the property of the Dominion, to be used in building the Pacific Railway and for other Federal purposes, or will they claim a special interest in it and a special voice in its disposal? Legally, no doubt, it belongs to the Dominion, which purchased it on the transfer of the country; but the North-west Provinces will in time be a powerful portion of the Dominion and in a position to extort, by their votes at Ottawa, and if they fail there, by threats of disunion, whatever they may deem their right. We fancy we hear the voice of