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Bishop's Court, Manitoba, Canada.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE AND MOST REVEREND
THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

My Lord Archbishop,

Our Provincial Synod, anxious to connect our young branch of the church as closely as possible with the Mother Church of England, recognized the Primacy of the See of Canterbury. I, therefore, venture through this letter to your Grace, as our Primate, to lay before the Church of England the peculiar circumstances of this Diocese.

I am happy to feel that I am not writing of a land still altogether unknown. Various circumstances have in the past year been bringing to the knowledge of the people in England its fertility and vast extent. It is also known that an emigration is coming to us, already considerable, but, to judge from the experience of the United States, likely to assume in a few years vast proportions. Still I would place before your Grace a few very weighty facts.

1. The land disposed of by Government from the establishment
of a Land Office in 1872 up to October 31, 1877, was . . . 1,400,000 acres.
In the single year ending October 31, 1878 . . . 700,000 "
" " " 1879 . . . 1,000,000 "

Besides this large amount, mainly taken up in Homesteads and Pre-emptions, nearly two millions of acres have been granted to meet claims by half-breeds and old residents.

The vast amount of land owned by the Hudson's Bay Company is also now in the market. Emigrants are, by purchase, entering on land from both these sources.

2. In 1870 there were 16 Protestant Common School districts established.
" 1877 " 38 " " "
" 1878 " 100 " " "

The number is continually increasing—showing the formation of new settlements of sufficient population for a school.

3. In 1870 there were 19 post offices established.
" 1878 " 58 " "
" 1879 " 120 " "

A considerable number have been opened since.

4. The City of Winnipeg, which had in 1871 only a population of 300, besides the military temporarily stationed in it, has now a population of 10,000. It stands ninth in the Dominion of Canada in the list of Ports for the collection of duty—leaving behind such cities as Ottawa and Kingston, and being only doubled by Quebec. This shows the amazing extent of business passing through it.

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