

rail to Winnipeg, and had an opportunity to see the entire line by daylight.

The track is in most excellent condition. Many of the temporary bridges across the larger streams have been replaced by substantial masonry and iron structures, and others of this description are now being erected.

The country through which the road passes appears to be rapidly filling up with a farming population, and evidences of thrift and prosperity are seen in all settled parts. This country yields abundantly wheat, oats, barley, rye, potatoes, etc., and will soon become the great wheat-growing country of America.

I know of no country in the United States of the same area that equals this for the growth of wheat and other grains adapted to the climate. By comparison of samples taken from fields of standing grain, ready for the harvest, six hundred and eight hundred miles west of Winnipeg, with like samples from the Red River country in Minnesota, the merit was largely in favor of the former, and, judging from appearances, the yield will be much greater.

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