

drains over 65,000 square miles of Canadian territory. The lakes and rivers of which we have spoken are all navigable, and boats ply on the water of all with comparatively little expense, but great success.

The class of settlers now in the Northwest come from the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion, Ontario contributing by far the largest portion, composed principally of the very flower of her agricultural population. The arrivals from Europe are principally English, Scotch and Irish, including farmers, laborers and others, a majority of whom readily adapt themselves to their new life. There are also a large number of Germans and Scandinavians, hard-working, law-abiding citizens, whose co-patriots have proved themselves to be among the most valuable settlers in the United States.

The utmost religious liberty prevails everywhere in Canada. Churches of nearly all denominations exist, and are in a flourishing condition, and where a settlement is not large enough to support a regular church, there are always visiting clergymen to do the duty.

Means of education from the highest to the lowest, everywhere abound in the Dominion. There are 425 free-school districts in Manitoba, where excellent education is given; and the road to the colleges and higher education is open and easy for all. In no country in the world is good education more generally diffused than in Canada. It is on the separate school system, and receives not only a considerable grant from the local government, but there shall be 1,000 acres in each township set apart by the Dominion Government, the proceeds of which, when sold, are applied to the support of schools. There are a large number of superintendents in the Province, and teachers are required to pass a rigid examination before they are appointed. A high class of education is, therefore, administered.

The Northwest is divided into municipalities as fast as settlement progresses sufficiently to warrant it. These organizations take charge of the road, school and all local taxation, so that every man directly votes for the taxes he pays; and all matters of a municipal nature are administered by the reeve and council, who are each year elected by the people of the incorporation.

THE CEREAL PRODUCTS.

Wheat is the principal cereal grown in Manitoba, but oats and barley are a good crop. The quality of each is unsurpassed. Some 4,500,000 bushels of wheat found a market in the Province last year. While the yield is materially less, per acre, this year, the increased acreage will have a tendency to swell the total at least 1,500,000 bushels, and conservative estimates place the yield of 1886 at 6,000,000 bushels. The quality of the wheat last year was