

village, homestead after homestead furnished with all the conveniences and incidents of European comfort and of scientific agriculture. While on either side of the road corn fields already ripe for harvest and pastures populaced with hundreds of cattle stretches away to the horizon.

Nor was my visit to the Icelandic community less satisfactory than that to our Mennonite subjects. When we take into account the secluded position of the Icelandic region for the last thousand years, the unfavourable conditions of their climate and geographical situation, it would be unreasonable to expect that the colony should exhibit the same aptitude for agricultural enterprises and settlement as would be possessed by a people fresh from intimate contact with the higher civilization of Europe.

They are well conducted, religious and peaceable. Above all they are docile and anxious to learn. Should the dispersion of these young people lead in the course of time to the formation of more intimate and tenderer ties than those of mere neighbourhood between the Canadian population and the Icelandic colony, I am safe in predicting that it will not prove a matter of regret on the one side or the other.

I cannot help remarking the satisfaction on the extent to which a community of interests, the sense of being engaged in a common undertaking, the obvious degree in which the prosperity of any one man is a gain to his neighbour has amalgamated the various sections of the population of this Province, originally so divers in race, origin and