

# MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

## *A FIELD FOR FORTY MILLIONS OF INDUSTRIOUS SETTLERS.*

In the preceding sections we dwelt upon the advisability of emigrating from the overpopulated portions of Europe, and upon the advantages of locating in British North America; but in this section and the remainder of the pamphlet, we intend to show the especial advantages of locating in the Canadian Northwest. From frequent conversations the writer has had with residents of the country, who have made visits to the old countries, to the scenes of their younger days, it is evident that the ignorance in the east as to the advantages and offerings of this country is alarming. Very little, notwithstanding all that has been written on the subject, is known in a practical way of the enormous resources of this country, of its producing powers, of its comparatively mild and undisputably healthy climate and of the general advantages it offers to the industrious emigrant who comes to the country with a determination to take off his coat, endure the drawbacks of pioneer life, to earn a competency in the future such as can be secured with the same labor and capital in no other country on the face of God's creation. The writer of these pages is in no way associated with railway companies; has no connection whatever with land companies; is under no instructions from the Government, and under no auspices

other than his own free will; and from a lengthy residence in the country where he has been a careful observer of all passing events and in daily contact with all classes of the community, he writes from a purely practical point of view, and with a desire to show things as they are to those in quest of countries and localities in which to better their condition in life.

In many instances, during the past three years, since the progress of the Canadian Pacific Railway gave new life to this country and practically commenced its career of progress, many came here expecting to make fortunes up in the thousands in a year or two, without capital and with the intention of enjoying them in the east the rest of their days; others again came with the expectation of securing land in the vicinity of cities and towns to spring up on railways yet to be located, as if by magic, and to seize a mine of wealth in that direction. Another class came to the country with means too limited for their ambition; they put in greater areas of crops than their resources would enable them to handle, under the least adversity; and so on of a hundred and one different classes whose expectations were out of all reasonable hope of proper fulfilment, and because many of these have been disappointed

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