

WINNIPEG'S PROSPECTS.

It is usual in writing of the prospects of a western city, especially on the other side of the International Boundary, to extend an invitation to all who will come, and hold out alluring inducements to men of every station in life. Such a system, however, is usually the one followed where speculative aims dictate the invitation, and the profit of a few schemes is all that is desired. As this sketch is published under the auspices of a purely trade organization, and with a view of benefiting only trade interests of a legitimate character, such a course cannot be followed. It is only justice to those who have any desire to locate in the Northwest to frankly acknowledge that in mercantile pursuits the city of Winnipeg holds out little attraction to new-comers. In short, that field is filled at present, and to add materially to the number of purely mercantile institutions in the city would not be to the profit of either those now here or those about to come. The acknowledgment is doubtless an unusual one; but it is an honest one, if it is unusual.

It must not be concluded from the above concession that there are no openings for business enterprise in Winnipeg. On the contrary, there are few cities on this continent where greater advantages are offered for industrial undertakings. The days of extortionate prices for everything are gone in Winnipeg, and there is now an opportunity for a large laboring population to live comfortably, with a moderate remuneration for their toil. The food for a working community can be produced here cheaper than in any other part of the Dominion; so that the objection of too high labor cannot now be urged. Male, female, and juvenile help can now be secured,