

seem to deteriorate under a course of cropping, as does the lighter soil of States in the south.—*Harper's Magazine*, September, 1881.

Well might the late Hon. William Seward, whilst Prime Minister of the United States, write thus his impressions of Canada (**that region nearly equalling in size all Europe**, which even many of us have looked on as the rag-end of America, a waste bit of the world): "Hitherto, in common with most of my countrymen, as I suppose, I have thought Canada a mere strip lying north of the United States, easily detached from the parent State, but incapable of sustaining itself, and therefore ultimately, nay, right soon, to be taken on by the Federal Union, without materially changing or affecting its own development. I have dropped the opinion as a national conceit. I see in British North America, stretching as it does across the Continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in its wheat-fields of the West, its invaluable fisheries, and its mineral wealth, a region grand enough for the seat of a great empire."—*Mr. R. G. Webster, I.L.B., at the Royal Colonial Institute, November 22nd, 1881.*

This Winnipeg, the capital, is at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red River of the North. I think it is the St. Louis of the North from the fact that it collects at its wharves the navigation of the Red River of the North, 800 miles; Assiniboine, 500 miles; the Saskatchewan, 1,100 miles, and of Lake Manitoba, 300 miles. It is the commercial centre of a great fertile basin, extending from the north end of Lake Manitoba to the source of the Red River on the south; from the Lake of the Woods on the east to 1,000 miles west of Winnipeg.—*St. Louis Republican.*

TESTIMONY OF THE MARQUIS OF LORNE AND EARL DUFFERIN UPON MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The following are extracts from the speech of His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne at Winnipeg, 10th October, 1881:—

Unknown a few years ago, except for some differences which had arisen amongst its people, we see Winnipeg now with a population unanimously joining in happy concord and rapidly lifting it to the front rank amongst the commercial centres of the world. We may look elsewhere in vain for a situation so favourable and so commanding, many as are the fair regions of which we can boast. There may be some among you before whose eyes the whole wonderful panorama of our provinces has passed. You may know the ocean garden island of Prince Edward, the magnificent valleys of the St. John, and the marvellous country, the home of "Evangeline," where Blomedon looks down on the tides of the Fundy, and over tracts of red soil, richer than the Weald of Kent. You may have seen the fortified paradise of Quebec, and Montreal, whose prosperity and beauty is worthy of her great St. Lawrence, and you may have admired the well-wrought and splendid province of Ontario, and rejoiced at the growth of her capital Toronto; and yet nowhere will you find a site whose natural advantages promise so great a