

these animals be prevalent in these countries and not in the North-West, the Hudson's Bay route might be available when all others were closed.

For heavy or bulky imports, the short route by Hudson's Bay would stand unrivalled. For example, most of the railway and other iron and of the coal required in the North-West would be brought in by this route, the vessels taking back agricultural produce, of which in the future vast quantities will be seeking an outlet. Experience shows that the price of coal in any part of the world depends not so much upon distance as upon the exigencies of trade. Coal from Britain might be laid down cheaper in the North-West prairies than from any other source.

The increase in the value of such immense tracts of land, which would be due to cheapened transportation, is a matter well worthy of the consideration, not only of the Government, but of all parties interested in real estate in the North-West.

For immigrants to the Canadian North-West this route presents advantages offered by no other. To say nothing of the saving in time and money, it is really the only independent route to these territories which we possess. The original colonists and traders of Manitoba came this way, and it has been found throughout America that the course of trade and travel pointed out by nature, and first adopted by the pioneers, is sure to become eventually the great highway of the region. Immigrants destined for our North-West Territory, in passing through the United States, as is well known, are induced in large numbers to abandon their original intention and settle in that country. They are beset by these agents with equal freedom in passing through Quebec and Ontario, and even on board ship on the voyage out; and there is no means of preventing this great loss except by bringing the immigrants direct to the land of their adoption. There is every probability that a great emigration to our North-West Territories will take place in the near future. We see, on the one hand, most of the countries