

themselves seemed to have little faith in the future of their own country. They appeared to look forward without emotion to the time when they would be inevitably absorbed by the United States. When in Quebec, Montreal, Toronto or London, one spoke of taking Horace Greeley's advice and going West, the reception was generally discouraging. What is the use of going West? There is not sun enough there to ripen anything. The winter in the great North-West was proved to be as severe as it is in the Maritime Provinces. None there is not a Canadian that does not scoff at the idea of the Dominion ever joining the United States, and the prevailing boast is that the great North-West is the granary of the world. The claim is literally true. The average yield of wheat during the past four years has been over 25 bushels per acre per annum, and there are 25,000,000 acres of land in Manitoba alone pre-eminently suitable for wheat growing. Drought is not a contingency with which the farmer has to reckon, for the rainfall is regular and ample, and the country well watered. Without a doubt, Canada is booming. The tide of emigration is flowing in a strong stream, not only from Europe, but also from the Western States. During the past two years, tens of thousands of American farmers have crossed the line and taken up land in the fertile regions of the Canadian North-West, where it is calculated that, given fair luck, a wheat farm of 400 to 500 acres will pay for itself and all working expenses in three seasons.

Canada is also a land of grand old men. Nowhere else could be matched Lord Strathearn (the Canadian idol), the Hon. R. W. Scott (Secretary of State, and the author of the famous Scott Liquor Law), and Sir Sanford Fleming (the life-long advocate of an all-British cable system)

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