

# WHAT WOMEN SAY

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## CANADIAN NORTH-WEST.

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WITH the mother, wife or sister, very often rests in a large degree the answer to the first question: "Shall we emigrate?" and also to the second question, "Where shall we make our new home?" And in order to obtain reliable answers to these questions, from actual settlers, letters were sent in the month of September, 1885, to as many women throughout the Canadian North-West as could be addressed with accuracy. No selection was made in sending out the questions, for none was possible; and in the publication of the replies on the various points, every care has been taken to preserve the thoroughly representative character of the pamphlet by giving the replies just as they were received. They tell their own story in simple but forcible language, and the public are earnestly and confidently invited to a careful perusal of what women think of our Great North-West.

### SHALL THE FAMILY ACCOMPANY THE INTENDING SETTLER?

This is an important matter, the settlement of which confronts the intending settler at the outset. The question addressed on this point asked, "Would you recommend an emigrant to bring his wife and family with him, or leave them behind till he has a home ready for them?" It will be seen from the replies that many advise that the family shall accompany the new settler, as in a large number of cases they are found a comfort and an incentive to energy and speedy settlement. If the intending settler has sufficient capital to allow of his placing his family in comfortable lodgings in one of the towns or cities of the North-West while he himself is "locating" his farm and erecting comfortable quarters, then it may, in most cases, be advisable to take wife and family in the first instance. If, on the other hand, the intending settler has little or no capital, but intends, by becoming a farm hand, to assist some resident farmer, and thus gain experience and capital, it then becomes a question whether the wife and family are accustomed to farm work, or could be of assistance on a farm. If so, little difficulty should be experienced during the season in securing situations for all—it may be on one farm—and the family circle could thus be maintained until the head of the family has launched out into farming on his own account.