

"Happily in no part of her Majesty's dominions are the relations existing between the white settlers and the original natives and masters of the land so well understood or so generously and humanely interpreted as in Canada, and as a consequence instead of being a cause of anxiety and disturbance, the Indian tribes of the Dominion are regarded as a valuable adjunct to our strength and industry."

"In close proximity to Winnipeg, two other communities - the Mennonites and Icelanders - starting from opposite ends of Europe without either concert or communication, have sought fresh homes within our territories; the one, of Russian extraction though German race moved by a desire to escape from the obligations of a law which was repulsive to their conscience - the other, bred amid the snows and ashes of an arctic volcano, by the hope of bettering their condition.

Although I have witnessed many sights to cause me pleasure during my various progresses through the Dominion, seldom have I beheld any spectacle more pregnant with prophecy, more fraught with promise of a successful future than the Mennonite settlement. When I visited these interesting people they had only been two years in the Province and yet in a long ride a took across many miles of prairie which but yesterday was absolutely bare, desolate and untenanted, the home of the wolf, the badger and the eagle, I passed village after

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