

plant which belong to the Temperate Zone, and that with a fullness, fineness and luxuriance which are extraordinary.

The gateway to the Canadian North-West Territory is the Province of Manitoba. Manitoba has a regular form of representative Government, consisting of a Legislative Assembly of 24 members, with the administrative functions vested in a Lient-Governor and Council of five Cabinet Ministers. The local Ministers are responsible to the Legislative Assembly, holding office subject to its confidence. The Province is divided into 26 Municipalities, each having its properly organized Council, one of whose principal duties is to see that the roads and bridges within the district are kept in a thorough state of repair. Law and order and protection to life and property are thoroughly looked after, efficient police forces and a numerous staff of constables and law officers being employed for the purpose under the control of an Attorney-General, and with a Chief Justice and two Judges to administer the law. Educational interests on the Separate School system are very carefully attended to, there being as many as 102 Protestant schools, with an attendance of over 5,000 children, and 27 Catholic schools with over 2,500 children. A university and three large colleges are also established, besides which there are well-conducted ladies schools, and several private educational establishments. The principal business centre in Manitoba is the City of Winnipeg, situated at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, which has a population to-day of over 10,000 souls, while in 1870 it only counted 215. Winnipeg is well laid out and has wide, handsome streets and broad sidewalks throughout, lined on each side with elegant brick and wooden buildings. It can boast of whole blocks of splendid stores, with plate-glass windows—some of its private residences cost as much as \$50,000, and it has amongst other public buildings a fine City Hall, Custom House, Post Office and Land Office, all of which are built of brick—in fact the manufacture of brick is now so extensively carried on in the neighbourhood of the city that it is taking altogether the place of wood for building purposes. Handsome churches adorn the city, and next year splendid Parliament Buildings and a Governor's residence are to be erected. It has two large daily