

they justly say is the most direct from Europe to Asia. It will thread its way over the Rocky Mountains, at a much lower level than its rival the Northern Pacific, and will not be so subject to a blockade by a snow-drift as the Central Pacific to San Francisco.

The grants along its course will sooner or later be taken up; and spreading North and South, if the Government is alive to its best interests, will be a net-work of colonization-roads properly looked after, and on whose flanks the lumbermen will, we trust, be in future more restricted in their dealings with the wood of the new colonists, a matter that has caused so much trouble in newly opened districts.

On this line, as on other lines of railway, the Government will issue free passes, and letters of recommendation. If it were to put a higher tax on the whisky made in these parts, it would be a politic move. The removal of the "capitation tax" on emigrants lately resolved upon is a step in the right direction, and if the Government will seriously turn its attention to the developement of the immense resources that lie west of the thriving province of Ontario, and give ample information to us who depend upon private enterprise for our guidance, what is our cause and what should be theirs will be greatly advanced. Manitoba, Muskoka, the Red River, the Saskatchewan, the shores of Lake Nipissing and Lake Winnipeg, must soon command their attention. Immense as these tracts of territory are, even the fact of the presence of a Governor, located in a central spot, though perhaps with only a semblance of power, will be of inestimable service to the cause of the Dominion. A letter written from the shores of Lake Winnipeg lies before me, full of hope for the future, from a man whose name is too well known for me to take the liberty of mentioning it here; and I have just parted from the author of "The Great Lone Land," who has gone to revisit the scenes so vividly described in his pages that now form part of the History of the New Dominion. I would refer my readers to this most interesting book for the story of the rebellion in the Red River Country, the murder of Scott,