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## Notes and Comments.



NEVER in the history of the country has the prospects looked so bright and encouraging for the future as they do at present. Thousands of settlers are coming in, like the Israelites of old, taking possession of the land. Soon the prairie with its untilled soil will be teeming with millions, and the smoke of a thousand villages and towns will guide the traveller on his way. The magnitude of our crops and the great capabilities of our soil is attracting attention throughout the world, and ere long Canada with her noble heritage will be the equal of any nation on earth.

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THAT Manitoba is not the worst place to live in, is practically demonstrated every day by the return of people who formerly lived here, but sought to better their fortunes in another clime. "There is no place like Manitoba after all," is the general comment of these experienced travellers. Manitoba offers to the indus-

trious and thrifty a home, and competency, but to the loafer and idler she turns a *cold*, a very cold shoulder. Her people are anxious to get along and will extend the right hand of fellowship, to those who will come in and partake of her bounties.

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A LARGE number of Dakota farmers are abandoning their farms and moving to Manitoba, which is putting the cause of annexation on the other foot. Should these do well, we can look to the United States for a large share of our immigration, for between the political strifes, combines, trusts and exorbitant interest charges they can hardly be said to own their own soul.

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THE C.P.R. Land Department has been kept unusually busy this spring owing to the demand for farm lands. So far several thousand acres in excess of previous years have been disposed of, and the rush is not yet near over. Should the demand continue, it will not be very long ere all the choice lands will have been disposed of. As the people are aware of this, is, perhaps, one reason for the great sales now being made.