

would average, including bachelors, from 150 to 200 in that settlement. I wish to say that this is some distance from the Mormon settlement. There is nothing that would give me more pleasure than to have Government send about 1,000 men and 2,000 women. This would be the grandest thing that ever happened to that country. I say when a man goes out to that country or to any country he should take his wife with him. If he has not a wife he should get one. Many persons insure their own failure by going out for a year or two to get things fixed up and send back for their wives and families. A woman who cannot do as much as a man and a-half in fixing up is not much of a woman. I am worth a little, but my wife is worth ten times as much as I am. If you want a downright enthusiast in reference to the country, if you have money to spend for immigration purposes, she will do the work. When she went out to the North-West Territories, six years ago, the doctors were anxious in reference to her change of living. She had never been well in the Lower Provinces for many years. Now she is a robust, strong woman. I know also Mrs. Nelson, wife of the Rev. Mr. Nelson, who has also regained health. I am only mentioning these facts to show that the climate cannot be so rigorous and so fatal as some people would like you to believe. That is not the case. I do not want to disparage this country, but taking even the low reading of the thermometer for the last few days in the North-West, I will take the climate indicated in preference to what we have had here for the last two or three days. I have not had a cold or a sore throat for the last two or three years till I came to Ottawa. It would be foolish for me to say that it is not cold in the North-West. You do feel the cold there, but at the same time you don't feel the cold to the extent that you might imagine from the reading of the thermometer. We have not lost a solitary day all winter in consequence of cold. My sons have gone three and four miles to work in the coldest days we have had, and children play out of doors, in the bracing atmosphere, unless the temperature is very low indeed.

By Mr. Innes :—

Q. What is the average range of the thermometer in winter ?

A. I can hardly tell just offhand, but this winter, I believe, the