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As this is the first time that the Canadian Medical Association has met in Manitoba, I would like briefly to call attention to the future of the province. With less than ten per cent. of the arable land under cultivation, our farmers this year have a crop estimated to yield \$5,000,000 bushels of grain. In the Territories west of us, about one-tenth of one per cent. of the available crop area has as yet been touched by the plow. Between the Laurentian hills on the east and the Rocky Mountains on the west and north of the forty-ninth parallel, it is possible to grow the total amount of the wheat now used in the whole world. We want population, and we hope to make each of you a willing immigration agent.

Winnipeg is a growing and vigorous infant, but I must not delay to point out its many interesting features. I have seen it almost from its birth onward, and would probably be paternal in my estimation of its charms. Babies have their moments of repulsiveness, and you will find many things to criticize in this growing city, but I trust you will:—

Be to its faults a little kind, Be to its failings ever blind.

It is within the scope of an address to a medical association, to refer to the work performed for the purpose of making the city a healthy one. Notwithstanding the level nature of the land, an excellent system of sewers has been introduced through all the streets. Arrangements have been made for regular flushing by means of tilting basins at the upper