

## NAVIGATION OF THE SASKATCHEWAN

Nor is this vast North-West unapproachable. You can, to-day take rail from Duluth to Fort Garry, Manitoba, 600 miles by river (about 400 miles by land). At Fort Garry take a lake propeller (like those on Lake Erie and other eastern lakes) through Lake Winnipeg, 275 to 300 miles to its north-western end; then take a river steamer and go up the Saskatchewan, and its northern branch, to Fort Edmonton and beyond, 1,400, or within 450 to 500 miles of the waters of the Pacific Ocean; and when you get there you can go ashore and telegraph the same day to your homes in England. These are facts. The wires are up, and the boats are there and running.

## LATEST REPORTS OF THE HARVEST, 1879.

### MANITOBA WHEAT.

The *Toronto Globe* says:—"Manitoba seed wheat will likely be largely sown in the spring by the farmers of Ontario, a considerable quantity having been imported from the Red River Valley through the enterprise of Steele Bros. & Co., of this City. Frequent charging of seed is well known to be highly beneficial, and the excellent quality of the North-Western grain is highly favourable to its use for this purpose."

On this point we have the opinion of a very high authority on the subject, viz.: J. W. Taylor, Esq., U.S. Consul, at Winnipeg; than whom no man has studied the subject with closer attention. He says, "that on a recent visit to the East he was surprised to find that Minnesota spring wheat, when forwarded and sold separately in the eastern market, commanded 6d. more than wheat of Canada and New York State."

An extraordinary fine sample of wheat grown by Adam McKenzie, of Beautiful Plains, has been shown us by Robert Rolston. The wheat, of which two thousand bushels were raised, is hard, plump, and bright; and is said to have averaged from 66 to 68 lbs. per bushel. Some taken to C. P. Brown's mill, Palestine, produced 46 lbs. of flour to the bushel.

"ANOTHER SAMPLE OF FINE WHEAT.—A sample of the finest looking spring wheat we think we ever saw, has been handed us, raised by Mr. Joseph W. Johnston, of the Boyne. From a bushel and a half's sowing, forty bushels were harvested. The kernels are large, and the skin is very light in colour and thin. It weighs sixty-four pounds to the bushel. We do not know the name of the variety."