

"In my opinion a very great future awaits Manitoba and the Canadian North-West. Its boundless prairies will soon be brought under cultivation, and when opened up by railways, and also by water communication through the Hudson Bay to this country, it will become the granary of the world, and be able to supply the wants of many peoples with the staff of life, and at a price that will be a blessing to our struggling millions, but will bear hard on the occupier of grain-growing lands in this country."

Mr. R. W. Gordon, delegate from Dumfriesshire, presented a long and elaborate report from which we make the following extract:—

"The soil is nearly all of the same formation, although in some places the variation in depth is very considerable; but as the ground was frozen, we had less opportunity of testing this than we desired. We, however, never saw the subsoil turned up by the plough, and where there were water runs or holes dug, we noticed as great a depth as four feet. We were told that it is found even nine. The subsoil in most parts is of deep clay, and of such a rich friable nature that we could fancy it would grow wheat without the assistance of the surface soil. There lies hidden in that soil a treasure in fertility which when developed will sustain millions of the human race."

Mr. Peter Imrie, delegate from Cawder Gult, Marghill and Lanark, declares that Manitoba is a real agricultural paradise.

Mr. Hugh McLean, of Rhu, Tarbert, N.-B., delegate from the Kintyre Agricultural Society, sums up his report by saying that "Manitoba seemed to him to have a more fertile subsoil than all the other provinces."

Mr. Biggar, delegate from Dalbeattie, Kirkcubrightshire, prefers Manitoba to Dakota, because, he says, the land is cheaper, the soil richer, wheat better and the yield larger."

Mr. Joseph Price, an Englishman, wrote to the *London Times*, recently, that there is no better country in the world for the farmer than Manitoba.

Our neighbours themselves are forced to acknowledge that the fertility of the Canadian North-West is vastly superior to that of their own country.

Last summer, a correspondant of the St. Louis (Mo.) *Republican* wrote that Winnipeg was the St. Louis of the North, and would ultimately carry the palm over its rival; and he added that the wheat harvests were superior to any other country in the world.

Mr. Horatio Seymour, late Governor of the State of New-York, who has visited Manitoba, thus expressed himself in a letter:

"I saw thousands and thousands of acres of wheat clearing 40 bushels to the acre, weighing 63 and 65 pounds to the bushel, and was assured by un doubted authority, that on Peace river, 1,200 miles northwest of where I was, wheat was being produced