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MANITOBA AND ITS CLIMATE.

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The pictorial papers have ever illustrated Canada by winter sketches, ice palaces, snow shoe exhibitions and other like scenes, making very charming pictures, but all suggestive of arctic regions and an intense degree of cold, so that Canada, particularly Manitoba and the Northwest, is ever associated with frost and snow and rigorous winter. Whereas, for six months in the year along the chain of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, the boundaries of this vast dominion, stretch millions of acres where the artist's pencil can find innumerable scenes of sylvan beauty, wood and waterfall, which faithfully portrayed would give a more correct idea of Canada when limned in a temperature of semi-tropical warmth. Two months of what in England would be denominated bracing weather, when the whole face of nature presents a phantasmagoria of bewildering beauty, when the woods and prairies are gorgeous with the varying hues of nature's decay—a scene which sight can alone realize, for the words of the poet, the pen of the traveller, or the brush of the artist, must fall short in depicting, describing and portraying the glorious beauty, the innumerable

blended tints of vegetable decay presents. Then come four months of undoubted winter, no rain, snow falling principally at night, days of bright sunshine, particularly in Manitoba and the Northwest, when the warm rays of "old sol" make themselves gratefully felt through an atmosphere commonly registering thirty and reaching fifty below zero, and then during the mid-day hours not unpleasantly cold, for this low temperature is attended by almost perfect aereal stillness and the absence of all superfluous moisture in the surrounding atmosphere renders the cold far less penetrating than that of a foggy November day in England. This is no exaggerated sketch of Manitoba's climate. There are no doubt, days in winter when the elements are masters of the situation and to defy them is to court destruction, but where is the climate and where is the country to be found entirely enjoyable throughout the year, free from all drawbacks. We know of the scorching rays of the sun in Hindostan and the monsoon; the hot winds of Australia; the sand storms of Africa, and the simoon of Arabia. All countries have some points unfavorable, there is no perfect climate under the sun. But the climate of Manitoba and Northwestern Canada places this portion of the Dominion above all other countries as the most favorable for transplanting the Saxon race and perpetuating that stalwart physique which is characteristic of the inhabitants of the British Isles. It is, however, in an hygienic aspect we desire to draw attention to the climate of Manitoba, feeling sure that if the advantages to be derived by a residence here were better understood that the physicians of Europe would gladly avail themselves of adding another field to those already known where climatic influence is chiefly depended