

our trip was beautiful. The clear exhilarating atmosphere gave us all good prairie appetites ; on all hands we were assured that the North-West was a most healthy country. We heard little of early frosts affecting the crops, and when we did the statement was always accompanied with suggestions how to escape them. Many said they preferred the North-West winters, though cold there was no humidity. The wheat grown is harder and heavier, and will command a higher price than the softer sorts further East and South. Vegetables grow to perfection, and we were told that it would yet be a great country for hops and flax. There will be a great dairy farming interest yet in Manitoba and the North-West. In many cases where people perhaps turn up their nose at certain lands, it is because the comparison of such with the millions of acres of faultless land simply makes it not as good as the best, yet capable with proper culture of being as fertile as any. No doubt there is plenty of land that will be passed over, but it is trifling compared with the great extent of territory.

In closing let me quote the eloquent words of Lord Dufferin in his speech at Winnipeg in relation to the future of Canada, as suggested to one's mind after travelling over this illimitable country.—“From
 “geographical position, and its peculiar characteristics, Manitoba may
 “be regarded as the keystone to that mighty arch of sister Provinces
 “which spans the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was
 “here that Canada, emerging from her woods and forests, gazed upon
 “her rolling prairies and unexplored North-West, and learnt as by an
 “unexpected revelation, that her historical territories of the Canadas,
 “her eastern seaboard of New-Brunswick, Labrador and Nova Scotia ;
 “her Laurentian lakes and valleys, corn lands and pastures, though
 “themselves more extensive than half a dozen European kingdoms,
 “were but the vestibules and antechambers to that till then undreamt
 “of Dominion, whose illimitable dimensions alike confound the arithmetic of the surveyor and the verification of the explorer.

“It was hence that, counting her past achievements as but the
 “preface and prelude to her future exertions and expanding destinies,
 “she took a fresh departure, received the afflatus of a more imperial
 “inspiration, and felt herself no longer a mere settler along the banks
 “of a single river, but the owner of half a continent, and in the magnitude of her possession, in the wealth of her resources, in the sinews