

APRINTICES

TO THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST

Much has been written and spoken about the North-West, but a vast deal of the most important is locked up in official reports and blue books, which are open to comparatively few. It is also a fact that the popular idea is, that when the North West is spoken of, it means only the Province of Manitoba, or at most the country contiguous to the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. I have, therefore, in my humble way, tried to bring before your notice the much vaster country, which is the heritage of Canada—"The New North West"—in the hope that before long the railway I allude to will be built and this vast and rich region be added to our civilization and commerce. I have condensed and compiled these pages from the writings of Mackenzie, Butler, Howson, the reports of the Geological Survey of Canada, and Mr. Sanford Fleming's reports on the railway surveys, besides extracts from various newspapers, so that all that is placed before you in this little *brochure* may be considered as having been taken from the most reliable and independent sources. All of which is fully corroborated in report of the Select Committee of the Senate of Session of 1888, appointed to enquire into the resources of the great Mackenzie Basin and the entire section of country which is to be traversed by the proposed W. & N. Pacific Railway, herein described.

Your obedient servant,

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