

and Pelican Lake districts, where nature has furnished an illimitable extent of lands, whose fertility might rival Old Eden in its days of purity, and where a chain of clear, crystal lakes follow the course of the Pembina River, and their sparkling waters abound in fish of different species. Still further west the traveler reaches the valley of the Souris River, where the most valuable coal fields of the North-West have been discovered, and where the great workshops of the North-West are likely to be located in the future.

Nature has scattered these blessings profusely over Southern Manitoba, and now the onward march of industry is fast adding to the attractiveness and wealth. Already numerous promising towns are springing up over these lately trackless prairies, and the shriek of the locomotive will soon be heard through the centre of this promising country. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have commenced the construction of their Pembina branch, which starting from Emerson will traverse all the rich country already described, and will continue on its way towards the Rocky Mountains. The Manitoba South-Western Railway Company have also commenced their work of construction, and their lines will also traverse this country westward to the Souris Valley coal fields. The work of connecting the great district of Southern Manitoba with the older centres of civilization is therefore under weigh, and the years are but few, until it will be difficult to locate within its limits, and be out of hearing of the sound of the locomotive's whistle.

The advantages of Southern Manitoba for settlement and profitable investment together with her prospects of speedy railway transportation within her limits, we have endeavored to show, and we shall notice the inducements offered to emigrants to locate therein.

Both the Canadian Pacific and Manitoba South-Western railways have extensive land grants throughout this country, and both companies offer these lands to settlers on terms by which any poor but enterprising man, who understands farming may secure a home and farm, and in a few years reach comfort and independence. The prices at which these companies offer their lands, and the long terms they fix for payment are specially favorable to the agricultural settler of limited means, who wishes to secure a farm, while