

men of practical experience, and although gifted with skill in writing, are not the best judges of what is the most suitable for a farmer. Pamphleteers, moreover, who are employed to write up lands, are too apt to be unscrupulous in their efforts to please the men who engage them, and too often either misstate matters or conceal defects, so as to entice immigrants, hoping thereby to gain a few out of their many dupes.

We are prompted to give this warning to intending emigrants because we know that Great Britain and Europe are inundated at the present time with pamphlets, which in too many cases are not reliable.

The purpose of the present work is to endeavour to give as clear and straightforward a description of the advantages of the Canadian North-West as possible, and to support the same by the statements of farmers who have settled in the country, who know from experience of what they speak, and who can have no object in trying to deceive others.

One naturally desires first to obtain a general outline of a country ere he proceeds to examine into its details; and for this reason we will give a short sketch of the Canadian North-West as it is to-day.

Lying north of the 49th parallel of north latitude is an immense area of fertile land which for many years was regarded as only fit for the trapper and hunter, but which now is known as a country teeming with richness, and possessing a soil and climate peculiarly adapted to the successful cultivation of grain, and raising of stock.

This valuable tract of country, which commences at Red River and extends westward to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of nearly one thousand miles, containing as nearly as can be estimated between two and three millions of square miles of as fine land as can be found anywhere in the world, is the portion of the Canadian North-West to which we purpose confining our remarks.

The entrance to this great country is through the Province of Manitoba, which within the last few years has become well settled by a very superior class of farmers.

The "fertile belt" is principally prairie land, some of it being level, while other portions are rolling, or undulating, with clumps of wood, and lines of forest here and there.