

where it is to be found, that British Columbia will yet send its millions of worth of gold from its shores.

Silver, copper, and iron have been found at various points of the island, and it is confidently expected that, as time still further develops the industries of the country, further discoveries will be made which will give an immense impetus to the mining interests of the provinces.

At the present time, we could hardly advise a family to settle in British Columbia for the purpose of agriculture; but the enterprise shown by the inhabitants will undoubtedly, in a few years, change the aspect of affairs.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES,

The extent of which amounts to no less than the astounding figures of about 2,614,000 square miles, and it may be surprising to many to learn that this immense and fertile territory has only been opened up within the last thirteen years. The land was granted in the year 1670 to the Hudson's Bay Company during the reign of Charles II., for the purpose of hunting and trading, and was held by them and the North West Company until 1821, when these two companies amalgamated, and in 1870 their rights were transferred to the Dominion.

The soil is of great depth and very rich, and is covered with grass. The climate in summer is decidedly hot, and in winter decidedly cold, but the climate is, nevertheless, very healthy, in fact it is said to be the most healthy climate in the world.

Winter may be said to end about the beginning of April, and when the snow disappears ploughing begins, and the crops generally are harvested in August and September.

Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, was but a little village twelve years ago, and now it is a flourishing town, with a population of 25,000, and is rapidly increasing. Indeed the enterprise which has hitherto been shown by the inhabitants is marvellous; contracts have been made for building of various kinds, amounting to many hundreds of thousands of pounds, and so rapidly are these contracts being fulfilled, that at no distant date Winnipeg bids fair to rival in enterprise even Chicago itself.

There is no doubt that there is an excellent field for the enterprising emigrant—every temptation which land can offer is here offered—and a country so fertile, where land is so easily attainable, to what may a pushing man aspire? The dreary experience of the past is lost sight of in the great field before him, where only hard work and a determination to battle manfully with the difficulties before him will assuredly bring him competence and a social position, which will fully compensate him for the labour which he bestows.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, runs through these vast territories, and is not only the shortest line but also the line which possesses the greatest of the Rocky Mountains. The railway also passes through what is called the "fertile belt" of North America, instead of through

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