

# THE CANADIAN NORTH WEST.

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In presenting our readers with the first number of the CANADIAN NORTH WEST, we feel convinced that we will receive the support of every person having the interest of Manitoba and the North West at heart. Our object is simply to diffuse knowledge of a practical nature concerning the country, in order that it may prove of service to those who contemplate making their homes in our midst. In the selection of information on all subjects we intend to use great care, and, as will be seen by reference to our list of contributors, we have some of the best writers on our staff. With such men contributing their knowledge to this journal from time to time, we cannot fail to be an authority on all matters connected with the development of the country. If at any time it should become necessary for us to find fault, we will endeavor to do so in a way that will rather tend to remedy the evil than to cause any obstruction to progress. Our pages will be open at all times to aid and encourage any enterprise which, in our opinion, will advance the interests of the country; but, at the same time, we desire it to be perfectly understood that we will not allow ourselves, on any consideration whatsoever, to become the tool of any individual or corporation to further their own special interests, if by doing so we feel that we will be jeopardising the welfare of the community at large. In conducting this journal we will not allow ourselves to be biased by any political opinions. We have no political object in view in publishing this magazine, and, while we will be found supporting and aiding the federal and local authorities in the prosecution of public works and the development of the country, we will at the same time keep ourselves free to discuss such matters on their

own merits, without being hampered by party distinctions. In this way we hope to be of great service to the country; for, with the knowledge that no desire exists on our part to embarrass the Government, our views on any subject will be received with respect by the authorities at headquarters, and will naturally have considerable weight. The strife between political parties too frequently tends to embarrass and retard the progress of development in a new country, and to counteract this evil will be one of the objects of our publication. Large sums of money are annually expended by the Government, as well as by corporations and private individuals, on "immigration pamphlets," for the purpose of diffusing information in regard to the North West; but in a short time these books become useless, because they cannot keep pace with the rapid development and constant changes going on in the country. It is to take the place of such pamphlets that the CANADIAN NORTH WEST will be published in future from month to month. The progress and development of the country will be regularly recorded, and valuable information given in a concise and readable form. The intending immigrant, or the capitalist looking out for an investment, will thus be able to ascertain the state of affairs here as they are, and not as they used to be; and as it is our intention to circulate this journal extensively in the other Provinces of the Dominion, and also in Great Britain, the advantages to be gained by encouraging and assisting us in our work, can easily be calculated. As can be ascertained by looking over the pages of this the first number of our magazine, the information it contains is of a general nature, and our intention is in the future to keep fully up to the mark in this