

would pass between Fort Garry and Yellow Head Pass, with a climate not more severe, and covered in winter with even less snow, a thorough exploration of the North-West should at once be set on foot.

3. That as the rivers of the North-West can, at little expense, be rendered navigable, this should be done; and they should be used as channels of transport, not only while exhausting surveys and explorations are under way, but while the experiment of the settling of the Territory is being made.

4. That when there is a certainty that

what will be produced there will supply with freight a line to Lake Superior, then that division of the woodland or eastern section should be built.

5. That as the road is to be built as a national undertaking, for purposes of domestic improvement, and not primarily as a through freight road, although in the hope of obtaining a share in the Asiatic trade, every effort should be made to curtail the distance from terminus to terminus as much as possible. This should be regarded as of secondary importance.

THREE ANGELS.

THEY say this life is barren, drear, and cold,
Ever the same sad song was sung of old,
Ever the same long weary tale is told,
And to our lips is held the cup of strife;
And yet—a little love can sweeten life.

They say our hands may grasp but joys destroyed,
Youth has but dreams, and age an aching void
Which Dead-Sea fruit, long, long ago has cloyed,
Whose night with wild tempestuous storms is rife;
And yet—a little hope can brighten life.

They say we fling ourselves in wild despair
Amidst the broken treasures scattered there
Where all is wrecked, where all once promised fair,
And stab ourselves with sorrow's two-edged knife;
And yet—a little patience strengthens life.

Is it then true, this tale of bitter grief,
Of mortal anguish finding no relief?
Lo! midst the winter shines the laurel's leaf:
Three Angels share the lot of human strife,
Three Angels glorify the path of life—

Love, Hope, and Patience cheer us on our way;
Love, Hope, and Patience form our spirits' stay;
Love, Hope, and Patience watch us day by day,
And bid the desert bloom with beauty vernal
Until the earthly fades in the eternal.

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