

In summer the heat is sometimes very great, but the evenings and nights are always cool and comfortable, and the North-West can boast what few other portions of Canada can boast: No ague-breeding marshes nor miasmatic infections taint the atmosphere. Fever and ague is unknown in the North-West; the climate generally, both that of summer and winter, being more conducive to health, invigorating and calculated to inspire physical activity than that of any other portion of the continent. During the summer months heavy thunderstorms are frequent, clearing the air and tempering the heat. They are usually heavy while they last, the lightning being very brilliant and the thunder loud, but they do not last long and are followed by most refreshing breezes.

Taken as a whole, the climate of the North-West is salubrious and invigorating. In winter the snow seldom exceeds a few inches in depth on the open, and the snowfall is much lighter than it is in Eastern Canada or in Minnesota or Dakota. With warm

clothing and shelter, settlers laugh at winter and pronounce it the most enjoyable season of the year. There is none of the slop, and no raw, moist, cutting winds like there are in Eastern Canada, the old settlers in the province being unanimously of opinion that the climate of Manitoba year in and year out cannot be surpassed, and now that both hard and soft coal have been found scattered over the plains in inexhaustible quantities, what at one time seemed to be a serious question is settled. It is only a matter of a few months when coal will be so plentiful and cheap in the market that the poorest will be able to lay in a plentiful supply. No one coming to the North West need be afraid of the climate.

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The newspapers contain, every day, notices of the resumption of work by important manufactories. That prices continue low is probably an element of safety. If "good times" come gradually they will remain with us all the longer.—*Railway Age*.

