

brother in Canada of the fact, the latter cabled him to come out at once, which he did by the first steamer, and the two went out to Manitoba with another friend to look out for a tract of land which they could colonize under the government plan. They saw what would suit them, and our friend returned to Ireland, and this spring he brought out with him 186 settlers, all of whom have settled around Souris, and are happy and satisfied that a prosperous future is assured to them. Mr. Kirchoffer feels that one of the best things that ever happened to him was that he was boycotted and led to look to Manitoba.

All of our party made a point of ascertaining the opinions of settlers in regard to the country, as we came in contact with them, and we failed to find one discontented individual—all were pleased with their prospects and with the action of the Government in its dealing, with them. That all is not a bed of roses is true, but as Principal Grant in his "Ocean to Ocean" says:

"Looking fairly at all the facts, admitting all the difficulties—and what country has not drawbacks? It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that we have a great and fertile North-west, a thousand miles long and from one to four hundred miles broad, capable of containing a population of millions. It is a fair land; rich in furs and fish, in treasures of the forest, the field, and the mine; watered by navigable rivers, interlaced by numerous creeks, and beautified with a thousand lakes; broken by swelling uplands, wooded hill-sides, and bold ridges; and protected on its exposed sides by a great desert or by giant mountains. The air is pure, dry, and bracing all the year round; giving promise of health and strength of body and length of days. Here we have a home for our own surplus population and for the stream of emigration that runs from northern and central Europe to America. Let it be opened up to the world by rail and steamboat, and in an incredibly short time the present gap between Manitoba and British Columbia will be filled up, and a continuous line of loyal Provinces extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

We returned to our homes greatly delighted with our trip, and thankful that this journey of between four and five thousand miles had been made without the least mishap. The arrangements made by Mr. Osler with the several Railway Companies for changing our car from one system to another, ~~was arranged~~ like clock work. The weather throughout

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