

tural products, and within so easy reach of the other great nation to which it is akin, is the most ready field for British emigration. With laws like our own, under the same Sovereign, with a people who in race are our brethren and in characteristics our compeers, is it a foolish fancy to look forward to the time when this shall be the greatest suburb to the metropolitan centre of the British Empire? Let us now take a comprehensive glance at the Dominion in regard to some of its general characteristics. The superficial area of Canada, including Newfoundland, is over 3,500,000 square miles, or about 150,000 square miles less than the whole of Europe, in the latitude of the greater part of which it lies. The whole of the United States, including Alaska, is only 3,390,000 square miles, or 110,000 less than Canada; and, as we have repeatedly to recognize, Canada has a larger territory fit for population than the United States.

In a few sentences I may disabuse your minds of erroneous ideas regarding the Canadian climate, which are very prevalent. For the production of cereals the climate of the greater part of Canada is superior to that of the United States, and is equal to that of the best grain-growing countries of Europe. Over the latter it has the advantage of higher summer temperature, and more summer rain—this is the secret of its superiority over the Republic. The western half of the United States from the 100th meridian is desert—scorched by similar hot summer winds to those which, commencing on the West Coast of Africa, blow across the vast eastern continent, creating a band of death and desolation. “It is questionable whether there is an acre of what a Canadian or English farmer would call good land for wheat and cultivable grasses between the Mississippi and Pacific slope.” Now, grain and grasses ripen best in a summer of 60 to 70 degrees. The summers of a vast region across the centre of the Dominion are in this fertile range, with a summer rainfall shown by tables to be ample. The summers of such States as Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, whither too many English farmers and labourers have gone, are 10 degrees to 15 degrees higher than those of the best grain and grass