

land had been purchased by speculators (from the half-breeds to whom and other crops, the lands were originally granted), who were holding over for better prices. Most of this land is not only admirably adapted for farming, for stock and raising of the highest class, but is well watered, and contiguous to railway stations and elevators. It is, moreover, in direct communication with the big city of the West, Winnipeg, and within easy reach of such thriving towns as Brandon, Regina, and Calgary. Besides which, there are plenty of excellent settlements, well supplied with stores and every convenience, such as Elkhorn, Wolseley, Indian Head, Moose Jaw, and Moosomin. A great deal of the to contentment I am able from soil is of a deep black vegetable mould. In other parts it is a different parts of deep rich loam, sometimes approximating to clay, at others to sand, nents expressed but usually capable of bearing heavy crops. Between Winnipeg and those experience Regina these classes of soil are constantly found, and they extend gh the physical in all directions, being sometimes bisected by thinner soils, or soils of England, where a less fertile description, sometimes too dry for successful farming, at e quality of the other times too wet. Naturally, the richest lands contiguous to towns a considerable and railway stations are first taken up; nor can it be expected that ble than others farms should be easily obtainable in these positions. Those who this difficulty occupied the best lands in the early days were the pioneers, who are troubles which now reaping their reward; similarly, new settlers are taking up land en be obtained in other parts of the provinces, and, as the population increases, they in y Mr. Johnson, their turn will have profited by obtaining remunerative results. It illion acres of appears to me that, directly a few settlers set up their camp in a and the North-suitable district, they are followed by storekeepers, hotel-keepers, the Dominion livery stable keepers, post offices, and the rest; and this system of the s now found to aggregation of people, and the building of towns in the wilderness, will tlement. That probably continue until the whole earth is settled by man. If the new n is shown by settler is determined to farm in a district which has been occupied, he ho have bought must pay a relative price for his land, or wait his chance; and his best eford, and long plan is to "homestead" as near to the district he has chosen as remely easy to possible, and to seize the first opportunity which is afforded. A young land through Englishman hailing from my own town took up a section a few years ssary in order ago, and at a considerable distance from a town or station. He eate the crops accustomed himself to the life of the Manitoban farmer, and paid his relation to the way, keeping his eyes open to the chances which occasionally occur. He was in due course rewarded. An excellent farm, in a thriving and eat throughout important district, near the railway, came into the market; the ey is occupied: occupier, as I understand, having failed to complete the conditions part of it is upon which he took it up. Such chances constantly occur, and the Then we cross, very best land is sometimes obtainable for a mere song, but at all erub, and over times good farms can be purchased, if the buyer is willing to pay market tween Canada price, which is simply a fair sum in payment for value which competition recognise that, has enhanced. With regard to the soil, then, we may conclude that aken the same it is better than the soil of England—although, of course, it cannot by the people always remain so—and that there are probably millions of acres of Winnipeg, the land of very high quality still unoccupied; but that, as in other unbroken; and countries, such land is practically all occupied in the vicinity of centres are thousands, of population, and of railway stations. The new-comer must be same primitive prepared to go further afield, and this he will only be able to do by fact that the following the example of those who have preceded him.