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In this Pamphlet the compilers aim at furnishing to the immigrant seeking a new home and a fair field for his industry, a true and not in any respect a too highly colored sketch of that portion of the Fertile Belt, of which Prince Albert is the centre and distributing point.

They do not herein inquire into the reasons why railway facilities have been so long withheld from this great district. It is gratifying to know that, at last, the true policy is in the ascendant, and that the region so long known to geographers and travellers as the "Fertile Belt" will soon, through the extension of these facilities, be enabled to justify its name.

Already wheat culture and sheep and stock raising have assumed large proportions at Prince Albert Settlement. But the scope is unlimited; and the incoming railway will speedily place the whole region in the front rank as a safe and profitable field for enterprise and investment.

