

tion; but we enjoin on our clergy to bring the province of Manitoba prominently under the notice of such as are afraid or unwilling to undergo the hardships of clearing bush-lands to make for themselves new settlements. . . .

"By emigrating there, our compatriots will not be cut off from us; they shall still be Canadians under the same religious and civil institutions; placed where their faith shall not be imperilled; where, on the contrary, they shall be enabled to spread the light of the Gospel over the vast deserts of the West discovered by their sires with no other desire."

Alas! This national appeal, so prophetic in spirit, was disregarded; and Manitoba, that might have become a French-Canadian province is, to-day, for them a proscribed land.

We have reason to believe that this circular was the work of our archbishop; he deserves our felicitations in consequence. We are also pleased to state that this circular clearly refutes the slanderers of Mgr. the archbishop of St-Boniface, who accused him of hostility to emigration directed to our Canadian North-West. It is there shown that, in 1871, when the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway seemed an idle dream to many, Mgr. Taché was untiring in his efforts to induce his countrymen to settle in Manitoba.

If the space allotted to this work were not limited, we could cite many more interesting pages in testimony of our illustrious prelate's pastoral labours; of his teachings relative to varied questions of political and social interest, and others of equally vital importance touching the duty of the clergy during elections, mixed marriages, and education.

It was an inspired thought that caused this compilation of the words of the Quebec bishops to be published. There shall our future historians find a rich mine of unadulterated materials to draw from; and when His Eminence shall be enrolled on the records of all climes and times, there shall prosperity find his latest and brightest wreaths.

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