

other ranges that ought to have been seen, some of them in the glitter of their perpetual snow.

"Undoubtedly, Banff is a place of unrivalled capabilities, and in days to come will be looked on with delight by many a Canadian and other eye. The sulphur springs which gush from the rock near it are said to be a powerful remedy for rheumatism, but it is the lovers of wild, lovely, picturesque nature that will form its great constituency. The Dominion Government is liberally disposed towards it, but even the handsome grant of \$25,000 at a time cannot do much in the way of constructing mountain roads and otherwise opening up the glories of the scenery. We look forward to a time when the whole Park will be intersected with beautiful drives, and the place visited by hundreds of thousands. This year the medical men of Canada chose it for their annual Congress; between one and two hundred attended, just about the time of our visit. We met many of them, all very kind and pleasant, and we heard no difference of opinion as to the unrivalled beauty and interest of the place.

"We have no space for further comments on the Canadian Pacific Railway. One fact of great interest connected with its history we cannot pass over. During the whole period of its construction not a single crime of violence was committed—no case of murder, or of the robbery of the train, ever occurred. This is surely most creditable to Canada, and contrasts favourably with the history of similar undertakings in the United States.

"British Columbia is not conspicuous as an agricultural region, but I believe there are sundry portions where excellent crops are to be got. It is lumber and mineral wealth that constitute its outstanding features, both to a large extent undeveloped, but inviting the capital and the enterprise of the future.

For agriculture, Manitoba is undoubtedly the great attraction. Though many have flocked to it, it is only a fringe of it that is occupied; there remaineth much land to be possessed. Five hundred miles of land capable of cultivation in one direction, and seven hundred in another, are still waiting for the arrival of settlers. No doubt the winter is severe, but many say it is not distressing, and generally among those who have settled in Manitoba contentment reigns. The Crofters, too, who have gone from our Highlands there, are said to be doing well. Oh, for a great wave to waft to this wide and productive country many of the thousands who are so pinched at home.

"I have been greatly pleased with Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba. It has fine wide streets, and is marked by an air of substantiality and of comfort and content. Though it advanced suddenly with a great rush, followed by a great depression, the spirit of order and good behaviour still prevails. Seldom have I seen a more church-going community. Two Presbyterian congregations to which I preached exceeded a thousand each, and had a very fine appearance, and others share the prosperity. Every one bears testimony to the activity of the Presbyterians in the Canadian west. Manitoba College was begun almost as soon as Winnipeg itself, and is at this moment the branch of the Manitoba University, which contributes by far the largest number of graduates. A kindly spirit seems to reign among the different denominations. Manitoba has a liquor license law, different alike from prohibition and high license. It gives to the residents in a particular locality a great degree of power in connection with licenses. If a license is applied for in a particular place, and five out of the nearest twenty inhabitants object, the license is refused. This gives rise to some murmuring against the power conferred on minorities, but it keeps down the number of licenses, and it contributes to the peace, the good order and the prosperity of the city."—B.

There are also a series of capital letters from Mr. Charles Innes to the *Scotsman* on "Caledonia to Vancouver," but these are too copious to quote from. Doubtless, however, when they are completed they will be published in book or pamphlet form, as they afford an immense deal of valuable information regarding all the various Provinces, and will prove especially interesting to Scotch people.

As regards the prospects for next year, I think from what I have indicated heretofore in this report that there will be a larger number of the better class of