

interests of the Grand Trunk. But if this reply should be insufficient, we would say that Canada having made a practical gift of about £3,100,000 stg. to the Grand Trunk, considers that she thereby bore a fair share in the losses of the original proprietors; and when that earnest "Seeker after Truth," the *Money Market Review*, will furnish a statement of the losses of the present proprietors, who have probably bought their property at 50 to 75 per cent. of its present value, she will set to work to consider the amount of her indebtedness to them also. We fear, however, that it will not be found so large as to entitle them to have the railway policy of the whole Dominion, from Atlantic to Pacific held subservient to their interests as the *Review* would fain have it.

Having professed its friendship for the Grand Trunk, the *Review* proceeds to disclaim enmity to the North-west. It assures us that, "Not only is there no desire at home to injure the North-west as a field of immigration; but even the balance of prejudice, if any such there be, must necessarily, amongst Englishmen, be on the side of exalting the advantages of a British Colony to an extent beyond, perhaps, what should rightly attach to them. But in these matters let us, above all things have truth; let us have the facts as they are; let us not have disadvantages in point of distance, of inaccessibility, or of rigour of climate, cloaked and concealed to the ultimate distress of innocent people—unhappily an oft-told tale." Pray how often has the tale been told, and by whom? Old Canada has furnished a good many immigrants to Manitoba, and we do not find very many of them coming back. They all, indeed, state that the thermometer falls to a lower point there than here; but they add that so much more clear is the air that the suffering from cold is certainly no greater than in Ontario; and this is now pretty well understood, even in England, not to be rigorous. As to the "inaccessibility" of the North-west, seeing that the Land Company proposes to add its efforts to those of the Pacific Railway and the Dominion Government to render it increasingly accessible, we should have thought that this object would have secured for it the support of an authority inclined to cast "the balance of prejudice" on the side of a British colony. And as the means are already provided for bringing Manitoba's surplus produce,