

CONSULAT DES DEUTSCHEN REICHES,
MONTREAL, 14th June, 1881.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been requested by the Chancellor of the German Empire, by letter dated Berlin, 27th May, to give full and reliable information regarding the Dominion of Canada.

Knowing as I do that you are in possession of the most reliable data, and that you are at all times anxious to further the interests of Canada, I take the liberty to ask your kind assistance, so as to enable me to send a complete and reliable report. More especially please answer the following questions:—

- I.—Can you give some specific information regarding the Extent, Resources, and Capacity for Settlement, of that region in the Canadian North-West, which is generally alleged to be best adapted for agricultural pursuits, and is commonly designated the "Fertile Belt" ?
It would be desirable to include a statement of meteorological and climatic characteristics.
- II.—Do you think the comparatively inexpensive methods presently adopted by farmers in cultivating the lands in the North-West will continue to be effective for many years;—or will they be supplanted by more scientific farming, and the use of improved implements, phosphates, &c. ?
- III.—1. What are the prospects for Stock-Raising, as a distinct branch of agricultural enterprise in the Dominion?—and what are the resources upon which the future export trade in Cattle may legitimately hope to draw ?
2. Are there any lands, in the older Provinces of the Dominion, adapted for Stock-Raising and Dairy-Farming ?
3. Are the climatic conditions more favorable in any one part than another of the Dominion for Stock-Raising ?
- IV.—What were the total values of the different kinds of Products exported from Canada to all countries, during each of the past five years ?
- V.—What were the principal articles exported during each of the past five years ? and what were the differences in values (*increase or decrease*) in the leading articles of export ?
- VI.—What do you feel warranted in considering to be the prospects for an enlarged export trade from Canada in the future ?
- VII.—What will the probable effect of the building and completion of the Canada Pacific Railway be upon the trade, home and foreign, of the Dominion ?
- VIII.—Whether do you think the settlement of the North-West Territory by a numerous population, will increase or lessen the volume of Canadian export trade,—especially in cereals,—to countries in Europe ?
- IX.—1. What are the present and prospective means of Internal Communication between the Atlantic sea-board and the interior, for the transportation of passengers and merchandise ?
2. Are the rates of inland transportation in favor of the Canadian as against the United States routes to the interior.
- X.—What are the chief difficulties encountered in the navigation of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence ?

Awaiting your esteemed reply, I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

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WM. C. MUNDERLOH,
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