

CANADA NORTH-WEST RAILWAY,

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IN laying before the public the following Report on the projected North-West Railway, the Directors feel that it is scarcely necessary for them to say anything additional to what is therein expressed, in order to show the vast importance of the contemplated undertaking. At a meeting in July last, they nominated Mr. Fleming to examine the country, preliminary to more minute surveys,—to collect as much information regarding its features and capabilities as circumstances would admit, and to report generally on the merits of the project: the results of his enquiries as herein given are most satisfactory and encouraging. The Report enters very fully into the merits of the enterprise, describes the nature and extent of a rich district only very partially known, and illustrates from undoubted evidence the great benefits which the construction of the work would confer on the country it is intended to serve, as well as on the Provincial line of Railway, and the City of Toronto. To the first it would form an outlet for its productions at all seasons, enhance the value to a marvelous extent of every acre of land, and hasten the full developement of its natural resources—to the second it would be a feeder of no small value—and to the last it would add another