

otherwise, yet at all events the area of the sugar-producing regions will be greatly extended by the introduction of these plants.

In again recommending their immediate and extensive introduction, I should be sorry to be understood as detracting from the importance or discouraging the cultivation of Wheat and Corn. It is undoubtedly on these crops that our commercial prosperity has hitherto mainly depended, and must continue to depend. The soil and climate of Western Canada are peculiarly well adapted for their growth, and they must ever be regarded as the staple, and as it were, the legitimate products of the country, as Sugar, Cotton and Rice are of the more Southerly latitudes. However discouraging or depressing may be the prospects of the wheat trade, from the experience of the past two years, the circumstances which have produced these reverses must be regarded as temporary and remediable. Still, however, there is "ample room and verge enough" both in the extent and natural capabilities of the Province itself, and in the enterprise and energy of its inhabitants, for the development of this new branch of agricultural industry. In thus acting as pioneer, and endeavoring to remove some of the obstructions lying in the path, I shall be happy if my humble efforts should have the effect of leading to the cultivation of the new Sugar Plants on an adequate scale, and of inspiring intending cultivators with that degree of hope and confidence which is the best earnest of a successful issue.