

joy at heart. I undertake to say that there are very few of those who have spent six months in the North-west who would, if the offer were made to them, take £50 to leave the country on condition that they never returned, whether they are farmers or labourers.

If a man has some capital and wishes to purchase land, I would advise him to call at the Canadian Pacific Railway Land Office at Winnipeg, where he can see the reports which are sent in by the examiners of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and so get an idea of the nature of the land he wishes to purchase, and also of the surrounding neighbourhood.

STARTING LIFE AS A SETTLER.

The amount of expense incurred for breaking and back-setting the sod (which is all that is required to make a good seed bed) varies according to the locality. A man with less than £100 capital would do well to work, earning, say, from 30 to 40 dollars a month, and save until he has got sufficient to go into farming for himself with comfort. But with from £500 to £1,000 he can with ease undertake to purchase either 320 or 640 acres subject to cultivation, and get the rebate for cultivation and take up the adjoining quarter section as a homestead, from Government, with pre-emption if it is not already settled on. An industrious man can make a good start upon a homestead with £100 to £150, and obtain a living and secure comfort for old age. It is easy to locate yourself upon the section you have selected, for all sections are indicated by a mound in which a stake is either fixed or on which a tin plate is attached, with the numbers of the adjoining section, the township,

and the range on the S.W. side indicated. The lines run exactly N. and S. and E. and W. one mile apart, the road's allowance being first marked out.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

The breaking plough used in Canada is similar to an ordinary English plough, except that the beam is of wood to ensure lightness, and the share is a broad steel share, which is kept sharp by filing. Ploughs, harrows, and waggons can be bought at Winnipeg from the agents of American, Montreal, and Toronto makers, who import them by the car load. Timber for building, tents of all sizes, cooking apparatus, and utensils can all be bought at Winnipeg. There will be an advantage in getting grain for feeding purposes by railway this year.

DEMAND FOR LABOUR.

Teamsters are paid from \$30 to \$40 a month, with board. Each man must work according to his means. Every man who means to work can always obtain employment if he is willing to do an average agricultural labourer's work. Mechanics also of all kinds are in demand. In 1882 I think I can safely say that £2,000,000 were spent in Manitoba in erecting buildings, and that in itself is a sufficient proof of the prosperity and growth of the country.

COST OF LIVING.

Beef averages from 6d. to 9d. a pound; bacon, butter, and cheese are the same price as, and flour cheaper than, in England. Manufactured articles are somewhat dearer than in England, in consequence of higher wages being paid.