

St. John, Molyneux

1879-1882

Some 20 letters by this agent of the Manitoba Road, mostly from England, ~~are~~ full of data on emigration to western lands in Canada and U.S., affording data on the nationalities and numbers of emigrants, the advertising methods used by St. John and other agents to lure them to migrate, and much other information. Among the advertising methods were articles in Field and Graphic and other periodicals in England, exhibitions of a panorama, "A Trip from Liverpool to the Red River Valley in Minnesota," with accompanying lectures, and a series of pamphlets. Other topics discussed in the letters are: Lord Dunmore's purchase of lands in the Red River Valley; colonies of settlers, es-

pecially those engineered by Dunmore, Lord Elphinstone and other [redacted] British landlords in behalf of their poverty-stricken tenants; Sir Alexander Galt's anti-American campaign in Gt. Britain; the competition of the Nor. Pac. rr., Can. Pac. Ry.Co., and the Atcheson, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads for settlers; Kansas, Ark. Mo., Texas, Oregon, and other states' campaign for immigrants; cost of advertising for them; the Erie railroad's cooperation with the Manitoba Road; Donald Smith; Geo. Smith; the election of 1880 in England; a Duluth land co. speculation; &c. 1/17/80

General Correspondence by Date, under dates of 9/27/79; 3/5/80; 2/3/80; 3/26/80; 4/8/80; 4/22/80; 5/4 & 5/21/80; 6/7/80; 7/31/80/8/10/80//9/13/80; 9/23/80; 10/2/80; 11/12/80; 5/19/81/and 8/9/82. 9/11