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## Canada West: Useful Information for Settlers (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Canada West: Useful Information for Settlers The agricultural settlement of the Province, aside from the Selkirk colony already referred to, may be said to have commenced when Manitoba was first linked up with the outside world by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the early eighties of the last century. Hardy pioneers had been flocking into the country even in advance of the railways, and, driving their yokes of oxen, with their wives, children and worldly possessions loaded on waggon or Red River cart, they plodded day after day into the wilderness, seeking the most favourable location to establish a home. The land they received free from the Government on condition that they carried out certain residence and improvement duties, but the lot of the early pioneer was by no means an easy one. The fertility of the soil was unbounded, but until settlement became somewhat general the ripening crops were frequently destroyed by early frosts, or the harvested grain was licked up by prairie fires which swept over the leagues of unbroken plain. The farm machinery...



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