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[To which is added the Speech of His Excellency, Lord Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, given at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sept. 29th, 1877.]

Trusting that a better knowledge of our neighboring government, which extends over a country, far more extensive than we are prepared to extend to the north of us and which occupies an area larger than our own, will beget a better understanding, a better acquaintance, a better friendship and a fuller sympathy in the hearts of the Advertiser's many thousands of readers, I give the following:


On the History of Canada as a Whole.

"Canada was first discovered in 1497 by Sebastian Cabot; but the first settlement made by Europeans was in 1606 at Port Royal, Acadia (now Annapolis, Nova Scotia). In 1609 a permanent settlement was made at Port Royal; and the present site of Quebec, Canada, then being called New France, and the mode of colonization was semi-religious. Between 1614 and 1713 Acadia was several times taken by the British and again restored to France, but in the last named year it finally became a British possession, together with Newfoundland. The first Legislature of Nova Scotia met in 1758. In the following year the ill-fated Wolfe captured Quebec, and the country was then for a quarter of a century in a state of disturbance. In 1773 a Legislative Council, consisting of twenty-three members, was appointed to assist the Governor. After the revolt of the American colonies now forming the United States, an army of rebels invaded the province; and in 1775 Montgomery was killed in Quebec, where Montgomery fell in 1775. In 1784 the present limits of New Brunswick were divided from those of Nova Scotia and erected into a province. In 1791 New Brunswick was united to the British Crowns, and the administration of which was committed to Governor Carleton. In 1791 Quebec was divided into two Provinces, a representation of government introduced, an event which, though far from satisfying the French Canadian party, was nevertheless a step in that direction. The first Legislature of Lower Canada met in 1791, that of Upper Canada in 1792. In 1812 the two Provinces had another war with the United States, but at the close of which the latter remained in possession of the Upper country, with the Mother Country. When we come to the immediate period of Canada's history. In 1822 a project for uniting Upper and Lower Canada was proposed, but the consular governments were rejected from the inferences and a plebiscite. In 1837 the British Parliament met at Toronto, as the Canadian government was in Toronto, and in 1841 the government was transferred to Montréal. In 1849, although the Parliament buildings there were destroyed by a mob, the government was accordingly removed to Toronto. In 1851 the Parliament buildings were burned by the sessions of Parliament were to be held for four years alternately in Toronto and Quebec. This system being found very inconvenient, Parliament resolved on a permanent site; but, being unable to agree as to its location, the decision was left to the Queen, and her Majesty in 1855 fixed upon Ottawa, formerly known as Bytown.

At this time party government became well nigh impossible. In the successive elections which had been held within the preceding years, the hostile majority from other Provinces in Parliament had increased rather than diminished. In 1864 the feeling of the nation reached a crisis, and the outcome of this situation was the drawing of an altogether brighter era, for the remedy for the existing difficulties of the Reform league was to be found in the Federation of Canada, suggesting the adoption of a federal system. These overtures were not only accepted, but a Coalition Government was formed, pledged to the introduction of such a scheme. By a fortunate coincidence, within a few months after the formation of this Ministry, a conference was begun arranged at Chol at Town to discuss the expediency of a union of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, under a single government and legislature. The Canadian Government was empowered to send delegates. Their request was granted, and they duly met the Maritime delegates. The conference met to discuss the question with which the Canadian delegates had come, namely, the proposal to unite the Maritime Provinces was looked upon as impracticable; but the delegates were of opinion that a union on a larger basis might be effected. On several occasions the Maritime delegates a further conference was agreed on, to consider the possibility of accomplishing a federal union. It met at Quebec, and was held on the appointed day, and after a session of eighteen days the scheme of Confederation was placed before the public. After a time it was duly accepted successively by the legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Delegates were then sent to the Union Act was submitted to the Imperial Parliament, passed that body on the 26th of March, 1867, and on the 24th of May Her Majesty's proclamation was issued that the Dominion of Canada should come into existence on the 1st of July, 1867. By the terms of the Act, old Canada was divided into the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec for the purposes of local legislation. In 1870 the Province of Manitoba was erected, and the Northwest Territories, out of which the Province of Manitoba was erected; in 1871, over great portion of British Columbia; and in 1873 over Prince Edward Island. The Dominion of Canada now includes, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories. The people of this vast country are not only attending to the perquisites of the land, but are engaged in a great race. To the reared from the following from Mr. Grant's valuable work, "Ocean to Ocean": Travel a thousand miles up a great river; more
than another thousand along great lakes and a succession of smaller lakes; a thousand miles across rolling prairies, and another thousand through woods and over mountains, and you have traveled from ocean to ocean through Canada. And this country is a single colony of the British Empire; and th's colony is to-day dreaming magnificent dreams of a future when it shall be the "Greater Britain," and the highway, across which the fabrics and products of the world shall be carried to the eastern as well as the western side of the Atlantic."

THE HISTORICAL PART

of these middle two thousand miles commenced with the organization of the Hudson Bay, in 1670, during the reign of Charles XI., to traffic on the shores of Hudson's Bay and the streams flowing therein, in a section then called Rupert's Land, in honor of Prince Rupert, a brother, I think, of the king.

THEIR CHARTER,
as was the custom of those days, was exclusive, really giving them this territory in vassalage to the Crown, with rights to make laws and carry on a form of government, of course to be approved by the Crown, and the control of any trade therein—at least, they have claimed this, and so acted, which action has at least been tacitly admitted by the Imperial Government. For nearly one hundred and fifty years they confined themselves to the shores of that bay, not pushing their trading posts into the interior, or at least not into the Red or Saskatchewan valleys, or what is now known as the

NORTHWEST TERRITORY AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Varennes de la Verandrye, with an expedition fitted out by himself in Lower Canada, in 1734, came up the St. Lawrence and the lakes to the Hudson Bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior, and from there by the rivers and lakes of what is now known as the "Dawson Route," to Red River. He landed here, and on the south bank of the Assiniboine, built a fort at the point of its juncture with the Red River, nearly opposite the present Fort Garry, which is on the north bank of the Assiniboine. He called this post Fort la Rouge, and it was doubtless the

the name of this Red Fort on its banks, that in early days gave the name of Red River to a stream whose waters and clay subsoil of its banks are most decidedly whitish. (For further explorations of De la Verandrye, see notes on St. B., hereafter.) Following these first white men in this valley, came others, until, as early as 1762, Fort La Rouge was known as an established trading post, frequented by the Couriers des bois from the French establishment at Mackinac, Lake Michigan, who came here to trade with the Omahas and Assiniboins. Although by the Verandrye treaty, in 1763, the French were obliged to give up their North American possessions to England, they still, with others then British subjects in Montreal continued in increasing numbers, their trade in this section, coming by their old original route, via Thunder Bay, and also via La Pointe, on Madeline Island, near Bayfield, south shore of Lake Superior, and up past what is now Duluth, to the head of St. Louis Bay at Fond du Lac, and so across joining the Thunder Bay route on Rainy River. These adventurers, however—belonging to individual enterprisers—pushing their trade north, came in contact with the employes of the Hudson Bay Company.

This condition of affairs continued, the French or Canadians, still increasing their trade for some twenty years, when these, until then, individual traders, or the principal of them, in 1785, formed a powerful combination, called

THE NORTHWEST COMPANY.

This was not a chartered but a private corporation. They increased very largely their previous area of trade, extending even through to the Pacific. Their trading boats loaded with goods or furs traversed the continent every direction through the connected rivers and lakes from Montreal to Puget's Sound on the Pacific.

Some idea of the extent to which the Northwest Company have pushed their trade may be seen in the fact that in 1845 they had some sixty trading posts in this region, principally in the valleys of the Red Saskatchewan, Athabasca, etc. This condition of trade and occupancy of this section, continued undisputed, at least so far as the Red River was concerned until 1811 when, at the solicitation of Lord Silkirk, one of the stockholders of the Hudson Bay Company, that company laid claim to the exclusive jurisdiction, under their charter, over this immense region and in 1812 they established their first Fort and Trading post on Red River near this place. Coming thus into so close daily competition the state of affairs went from bad to worse, resulting in great injury to both companies, and finally bloodshed. In one of their affrays the commanding officer of the H. B. Company was killed. The result of this regular battle brought both companies to their senses, and soon after in 1821 these two competitors formed a coalition continuing under the chartered name of the Hudson Bay Company. The company so consolidated, continued in undisputed possession until 1866 when they sold their right to their exclusive trade and jurisdiction claimed under their old charter over this entire portion of British America and British Columbia, receiving some $1,500,000 cash, and one-twentieth of the land with especial reservations about some of their posts, fully 50,000, acres.

So great this Northwestern area, hitherto known as Rupert's Land or Hudson Bay Territory has really been open to settlement, occupancy and general trade only since 1871, as I believe the terms of relinquishment were not fully complete and made practical until that time.

THE SILKIRK SETTLEMENT.

In 1805, Lord Silkirk, a visionary but kind hearted Scotchman and a member of the H. B. Company, penetrated in his wanderings from the company's forts on Hudson Bay, as far as the valley of the Red River. He was charmed with the country that he conceived the idea of starting colonies here. In 1811 he succeeded in obtaining a grant of land for that purpose, from the H. B. Company along this river, and in the Autumn of 1812 he reached here via Hudson Bay and Lake Winnipeg with a small party of Highland Scotchmen. They at once commenced building, but were stopped by the H. B. Company's competitors, the Northwest Company, were driven
away and obliged to spend the winter in tents at Pembina, some 70 miles south. The following spring they returned and after putting in a crop, which was maturing finely, in September were again driven to Pembina, where they remained the second winter, returning again the next spring. By September 1814 they numbered some two hundred. They built houses and called their settlement Kildonan, after their old Parish, in Scotland. In the spring of 1815, trouble again came upon them. Their storehouses were broken open and robbed; their Governor arrested and sent to Montreal; dissatisfaction became so general, that under the guidance of friendly Indians, they started in June of that year for Lake Winnipeg, intending to return to Scotland, but meeting officers of the H. B. Company, they were induced to return the following spring, under the especial care of that company. In 1816 Lord Silkirk accompanied by more emigrants reached the settlement and by his presence and prompt action in arresting some of the aggressive Northwest Company's leaders and sending them to Montreal, restored the colony to peace. The next year he returned to Scotland, but the crops of that year were insufficient and they were obliged to hunt Buffalo to get through the winter. In 1818 and 1819 their crops were badly damaged by grasshoppers (their first visitation here) and in the winter of 1819 and 1820, a party was obliged to go on snow shoes to the nearest settlement, across Minnesota to Prairie du Chien on the Mississippi river nearly to the north line of Illinois a full thousand miles, for seeds to plant the coming spring. They obtained three Mackinaw boat loads, and on the 15th of April, 1820, started homewards up the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Minnesota river, just above where St. Paul now is, up that river to Big Stone Lake, then across a small portage to Lake Traverse, the source of the Red River and down that stream, reaching Pembina on the 3d of June. This was the beginning of the Commerce with the States.

In the following year, 1821, the two
great trading Companies amalgamated and peace at last came to those hardy pioneers. It was the case; indeed, that all the leading figures of various parties along the Mississippi Valley, in the States. Some opened farms on the present site of St. Paul and also at Fort Snelling, where the junction of the Mississippi with the Minnesota river then an unbroken wild, other settlers bought out some of the Indian reservations, and by 1822, the city now known as Minneapolis, was founded. By 1824, the settlement had grown to a size of about two acres, and the name Minneapolis was given to it. The city continued to grow and expand, and by 1890, the population had reached 7,500.

The city was incorporated as a town in 1867 and a city in 1886. It became the capital of Minnesota in 1854 and the territorial capital in 1855. The city has a history of expansion and growth, with a population of over 400,000 people today.

In 1851, the city was home to a small community of settlers, including the Minneapolis School District, which was established in 1852. The city was incorporated as a city in 1867, and its population grew rapidly due to the influx of new residents. The city has a long history of growth and expansion, and today it is a major economic, cultural, and educational center.

The city was also home to the University of Minnesota, which was founded in 1851. The university has a long history of excellence in education and research, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration. The city is also home to a number of other institutions of higher education, including Hamline University, St. Paul College, and the University of St. Thomas.

The city has a rich cultural heritage, with a variety of museums and cultural institutions, including the History Center, the Minnesota Museum of Art, and the Minnesota Zoo. The city is also home to a vibrant arts community, with a number of theaters, galleries, and music venues.

The city of Minneapolis is located in the central part of the state, on the banks of the Mississippi River. The city is home to a number of parks and natural areas, including the Mississippi River Greenway, the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, and the Como Nature Center. The city is also home to a number of historic districts, including the Mill District, the Folwell District, and the Lowry Hill East neighborhood.

In conclusion, the city of Minneapolis is a vibrant and dynamic place, with a rich history and a strong sense of community. It is a place where people come to live, work, and play, and it is a place where innovation and creativity thrive. The city is a testament to the power of community and the importance of investment in our shared future.
its native members, it is but a simply natural result that his administration is the success it is.

CIVIC ORGANIZATION.

Immediately upon the extinguisement of the H. B. Company's title, the Canadian government, to effect a civil organization for that part of this immense area of some 1,000,000 square miles lying west from the boundary of the Province of Ontario, about midway of the north line of Lake Superior and about 100 miles west of Thunder Bay, and going west along the northern boundary line of the United States to British Columbia, in longitude 120 west of Greenwich, thence north to the Arctic Ocean, has for the purpose of organizing a Dominion governmental supervision, been divided into three departments.

The oldest and smallest of these is the Province of Manitoba, the merest fraction of it is great space—only some 14,340 square miles—being about 125 miles east and west, by 100 miles north and south. Then comes the district of KEEWATIN, which extends from the western boundaries of Ontario, above mentioned, up to the eastern boundary of Manitoba and along to the north of it to the one hundredth parallel of longitude (west of Greenwich) and north to the Arctic. This region was made a district in '76, with the present governor of Manitoba as ex-officio governor. As yet it has no located seat of government, but its governmental business is transacted at Winnipeg. This is a region of LAKES, FORESTS AND MINERALS, with but little prairie or table lands. All the rest of this great section lying west of Keewatin and Manitoba, and extending west to the eastern boundary of British Columbia, is embraced in the NORTHWEST TERRITORY, in which a government was organized last year, with Hon. David Laird as Lieut. Governor. He, with his council, will reside at the new seat of government at Battleford, which is charmingly located at the junction of Battle River with the north branch of the Saskatchewan. Here some twenty government buildings are being erected beside, of course, many buildings belonging to private individuals, stores, dwellings, etc. Branches of the different church missionary establishments will be established there. The government will be removed there this fall, as all of their buildings will be finished then. The government is at present temporarily located at Fort Pelley, some 250 miles west from here and 200 miles east of Battleford. Fort Pelley is the headquarters of the territorial mounted police, a very efficient semi-military organization, that are stationed at different posts along the national boundary and through the northern Indian line along the frontier. The country embraced in this territory may be truthfully called the REGION OF PERFECTION.

With a pure atmosphere, a genial, healthful climate of early springtimes and soft, hazy summers; with dry and steady winters and light snow falls; with streams and springs of the purest water; with no malaria, because there is nothing to develop it. The earth, sky, water and altitude are all conservatory of health, insuring new cur- rants from distant lands even, against the acclimating sickness attendant upon their coming into more southern and less perfectly situated sections, while here in this health-giving air—summer or winter—their strength continues and improves, from their arrival.

This great territory is also the LAND OF MAGNIFICENT PRARIES and great rivers, with fine navigation from the eastern almost to the further western and northwestern boundaries, by the Saskatchewan with the Peace, Athabasca and McKenzie, whose navigable waters, running through the Arctic, furnish ready routes of transportation. Two steamers are now running to the Saskatchewan and another one is on the way for the Athabasca. These boats of course are but the pioneers, the half-awakening dreams, preceding a soon coming, actual fleet that will traverse these rivers. With the already finished telegraph line across it, and officially located and soon to be built railway, civilization—already there in a measure—will soon enter more largely, being already supplied with every modern means of communication and transit into this.

GREAT NATURAL GARDEN, with great forest tracts along its eastern, western and northern borders and another great body thorough almost its centre, between the Saskatchewan and Athabasca; while a liberal growth of timber skirts the scores of lesser streams, with valleys of proportionate and even greater beauty and fertility. There are GREAT COAL FIELDS also in this Territory. Explorations have shown that north of the 59th parallel there are fully 2,000 square miles underlaid by true coal, while on the north and south branches of the Saskatchewan, Battle River, Red Deer and streams in its middle and southern part, are extensive deposits of coal in strata of from two and a half to twelve feet thick.

GOLD AND IRON, and other mineral deposits of great extent and richness, are also known to exist there. The richness of the gold fields along the eastern as well as western part of the Rocky Mountains, from latitude 50 to 55, is well established, d a. d long known.

INDIAN TITLE, or claims to all this section, as has been before mentioned, have all been satisfactorily purchased or settled—except a small tract in the southwest corner—and I understand the terms for the settlement of this have already been made and only await the gathering of the tribe to the fall hunt to be ratified. The uniform good faith kept by the British and Canadian governments in...
all of their treaties with the Indians has been as honorably maintained by these forest children, and I have yet to learn of the first instance of their ever committing any outrage upon peace- 
and order. On the contrary, their record of kindness and assistance to suffering white men is large and instances numerous. These treaties were made with the Indians in this section in 1871, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76, are known as treaties one to six, respectively, and were mostly made under the present governor.

CLIMATIC.

In view of the statements already made and the facts that follow concerning this

GREAT FERTILE BELT

that comes sweeping down through this great section and Province, and south into the States, as will be shown hereafter, the fertile belt begins here and the reasons should be given right here, why this so-called belt should continue, as it already has become—nearly up to the boundary line—the great highway along which the homes, farms, towns and cities will stretch continuously across the continent and to further explain what may cause debate or be condemned without examination, this actual fact wants to be borne in mind. It is that the great

MIDDLE BELT OR ZONE

in which is found most of the intellect, and that crowning result of the highest civilization, progress, does not follow the

LINES OF LATITUDE.

For, starting in Europe, we find it between the 45th and 60th parallel, in which is embraced most of France, all of England, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, the southern part of Sweden and Norway, etc. That the same climate, in crossing the Atlantic, descends the 60th degree as a north line, to—at a very liberal estimate—as low as the 45th in America, which line would take in the mass of Nova Scotia or Maine, the same line forming the northern boundary of New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, while the southern parallel of this—Saskatchewan—go as far south as the 35th parallel, which is the northern boundary line of North Carolina, and I think it should go even to the 30th. But these boundaries do not hold good from the Atlantic to the valley of the Mississippi river even, the north line—particularly in winter—falling nearly south of the lakes. But, after passing the great lakes, the same climate rises rapidly to the northwest until at the Pacific Coast it is fully the same as in Europe, viz: 45th and 60th parallel. The causes of these deflections are simple and natural, when properly understood. Strong Arctic currents that flow south along both coasts of Greenland, composed of the icy waters of the eastern seas around the North Pole, bearing in them those mighty masses of ice, called icebergs or mountains, down past the coast of Labrador until this current meets the warm water of the gulf stream on the banks of Newfoundland—which here turns the waters of that tropical stream to the northeast, causing it to pass near to the shores of Ireland and east of Iceland—and so on down; millions of which are lost in the freezing waters of Nova Zembla. The waters of this Greenlandic current are in turn deflected and thrown to the right, along the eastern shores of the

Dominion and the New England States of the Union. But these great masses of ice do not easily lose their momentum, but go on into the Gulf stream and across it into mid-ocean until it is swept up by the mighty air and the heavy seas of the Atlantic. The European coast has no such Arctic current, or at least none of such magnitude.

The Pacific Ocean has no Arctic current, but the great Japanese stream sweeping its mighty current, four times the size of the Gulf stream north from the Equator, past the Chinese and Japanese coasts, on out into the Pacific until in its northward course, it reaches the curved line of the Aleutian Islands that stretch away out from our Russian purchase of Alaska, nearly across to the Asiatic coast, off Kamptaka, causing this mighty Oceanic river, with its rapid current of four miles per hour and its accompanying trade winds, to deflect to the east, striking the Pacific coast of this continent to the north of the 60th parallel of latitude, while the low altitude and narrower area (from east to west) of the ranges of mountains allow these

WARM TRADE WINDS

to come over into the valleys of the Peace, Athabaska, Saskatchewan and Red rivers, with an elevation of less than one-third of that of the United States, directly south along the line of the present great Union and Central Pacific Railway. And it further explains the fact, well known to all residents here, that spring comes to Manitoba from the northwest, and why cool weather in the fall is earlier in that Province than in the above named valleys.

Again, about in a north line from the Eastern part of the State of Ohio, or Collingwood, Ontario, the cold waters of the frozen Arctic Sea come down into the country through Hudson's Bay as far south as latitude 51, while the north line of Minnesota is only 49. It is from this cause, doubtless, that the
cold northerly winds of winter cause the depression of the thermal line south of the great lakes in those months, and that the warm

TRADE WINDS OF THE PACIFIC

which come down through the river valleys heretofore named, do not go easterly, near the Atlantic coast, but deflect southwestwardly into the States.

Once more we find as we go westward over the present railway from Chicago to San Francisco, Cal., that there is a gradual rise in the surface of the country after passing the Missis- sippi river towards the Pacific, until in the western part of Nebraska it reaches an altitude of 3,800 feet, a point several hundred feet higher than the highest point on the Canadian Pacific Railway. A short distance beyond the Rocky Mountains proper, begins, and for the next 1200 miles,

FOUR GREAT RANGES OF MOUNTAINS

have to be crossed by the present Union and Central Pacific Railway, at elevations of 5,242 feet, 7,383 feet, 6,118 feet, 7,017 feet respectively, going west. Now, as it is well known that altitude is equivalent to latitude, it is easy to be seen why the great middle zone of temperature does not run with the latitude across the Atlantic and across the States to the Western Ocean. It is because it can't.

The Arctic currents, constantly flowing from an eternity of ice in the one case, and the four great ranges of mountains of immense height (many constantly snow-capped, for the altitudes above given are merely those of the passes through them) and their great extent east and west, in the other case, proves the popularly believed story of wise emigration, "keep in your native latitude," to be incorrect.

Of course, here and there, between these mountain ranges, are warmer valleys, but these grand and mighty formations of the Divine Architect, act as so many condensers of the clouds and moist winds passing over them,
particularly when there is added a fifth wall of mountains skirting the immediate coast of the Pacific, called the Coast Range. Whatever moisture there is in the rains from that mighty ocean of rest, well called the Pacific, is completely taken out of them before they get abroad. The precipitation of the Advertiser's confessions from that number was seventy-two, they were appointed by the Queen direct. Subsequent additions and occasional vacancies are filled by nominations made by the Governor General and Council, which nominations are confirmed by the Queen, who is sovereign of the Province of British Columbia. Vacancies may occur by death, resignation, absence for two consecutive sessions, bankruptcy or conviction of infamous crime.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS now consists of about two hundred members. They are elected by the people, on a basis of population and are chosen for a term of residence, is not a requisite for a candidate in the district in which he may choose to "stand," but he may represent a district other than the one in which he resides.

Associated with the Governor General is a cabinet of the Ministry of thirteen members, known as the QUEEN'S PRIVY COUNCIL, FOR CANADA, who hold the portfolios of the different departments under the title of ministers of the Crown.

The formation of this cabinet is made by the Governor General asking the recognized leader (in the House) of the majority party in the Legislature to confer with him in naming the members of the cabinet, which selections are made both from the Senate and House, with the advice and consent of the Cabinet. The Members of the House, so named, if they accept, at once resign and again are called to take their own or other places, as the Premiers see fit, in their own party or in any other House constituency that may be vacant if they so desire, for re-election to the House; him if re-elected, they take their place in the cabinet. This is done to assure a full accord between the ministry and the people. If the member so named fails of re-election, he is out of both house and cabinet, but he is not barred from running again for the house only. If the originally nominated member falls in the cabinet, another is named until the number is complete.

The senators, being for life, do not require re-election, and they lose their seats in any event. The members of the House originally called by the Governor General to aid in forming the council, are chosen by the Governor, or in the Dominion government.

THE PRIME MINISTER, and the government so formed is usually known by his name. As the rule of the day, the Prime Minister, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, the government is called the MACKENZIE GOVERNMENT.

When the organization is completed, the Queen gives commissions to all of them as Her councillors. To these ministers is generally accorded the privilege of making appointments to office, or the Royal assent, or the legislative consent, as the case may be, to any law, or the removal of any public servant from the department among their immediate deputies or clerks, or in any of the departments in any of the Provinces; though the Prime Minister is responsible for all such officers and has a right to name them, still he usually has the authority to confirm the appointments of his ministers. The courtesy of naming the candidates for any of the Provincial vacancies is usually accorded by the minister of what is called the viceroy department it may be in, to the member of that Province whose politics is in accord with that of the ministry. Such subordinate appointments both in the head departments as well as in the legislative government.

MADE FOR LIFE, or during good behavior. The recipient is supposed to thereafter keep himself clear of all political questions, either by his vote or otherwise; they are expected to perform their official duties and to make their future reputation or advancement by their efficiency and courage and because of the ministry and political party under which they were appointed, may lose position and power, it does not effect the same here. They are the deputies, etc., in the department home office in Ottawa. Changes in the ministry put out of position only the ministers themselves.

But to resume. The Governor General has the privilege of calling upon any of his ministers to resign, and of calling another member to such department, or he may dissolve the entire cabinet. All measures for parliamentary action are taken by the minister of the department from which it would be proper to emanate, and when the government fails to support in the Legislature any of its measures, it is usually expected they will resign; or if a direct vote of want of confidence in them is given by the House—which the House can do by a petition to the Governor General to name a new Premier who is usually the leader of the opposition, in the House—upon such a vote the Premier and Council so defeated resign their commissions, which are accepted, and the Lieutenant Governor names a Premier to take their places; those from the House going before the people for re-election as at first.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS are appointed by the Governor General and Council, with the approval of the Queen, with the title of Lieutenant Governor, such appointment being for five years. In the Provincial Parliaments there are no senators, the body being composed of the Legislative Council, appointed by the Lieut. Gov. and the Legislative Assembly elected for four years. The Lieut. Governor names a Premier, who selects with the Governor General the Executive Council; it being selected and governed by the same rules as the Privy Council in the Dominion. Subordinate provincial officers are for life, the same as in the Dominion. Three of the provinces have done away with the nominative body or legislative council and have only one, the elective or legislative assembly. This is done by the executive council, performing the provincial governmental functions.

The provinces having only the one are Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

The Dominion of Canada does not pay one cent of tribute or taxes to the English or home government, in any way, but is independent of any other country. The Governor General charges her just the same customs tariff on her merchandise, etc., coming into Canada; as upon that coming from British Columbia. All the other countries of the world, again, all the public lands in British America (which has a much larger area than the United States) and to the north of the Dominion, and 10° to east. Canada has also its own system of internal revenue. In fact, her resources are the same as the Federal Government of the United States. There are no British troops in the Dominion, her

forts being garrisoned by her own soldiers under her own control, though, as aforesaid, some of her governmental officers are nominally understood as being named by the Queen; she seems to waive that right with the single exception of the Governor General; and even in his case, she would not name or retain any one that was obnoxious to them. All commissions and legal documents emanating from and under the Dominion, acknowledge Her Majesty's sovereignty, and light as her legal hold upon them seems, I very much doubt if in England even, she has more really loyal subjects than are the Canadians to-day.

VOTING IN CANADA,
for members of Parliament, etc., is free to all (but Indians) except a small property qualification, which amount may vary some in the different provinces, though I cannot say that it is not uniform. But this limitation, small as it may be, is a most wonderful safeguard of that greatest of political privileges, the ballot.

If these hurried

POLITICAL NOTES
are given with sufficient clearness, our many readers may be able to better judge which of the two governments, that of Canada or the United States, is really the best and freest, and which contains the elements of the greatest present and future strength. They, perhaps, may be able to decide whether we cannot embody in our own governmental machinery some good things, from even so young a government as that of Canada.

MANITOBA.

On the eastern limit, or more properly speaking, the southeastern corner of this great prairie tract of more than one thousand miles in extent, spoken of in Mr. Grant's "Ocean to Ocean," is the location of this little province, with an area of only some 14,540 square miles, being about 120 miles from east to west, by 100 miles north and south, and containing about 10,000,000 acres. Coming just within her eastern borders is that

VAST FOREST REGION,
that extends away eastwardly through the older provinces to the Atlantic, while coming in from the south is that great prairie country from the United States, or which more properly speak-

ing, stretches away from the head waters of the Saskatchewan through Manitoba, south through Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, the Indian Territory and Texas, to the Gulf of Mexico, more than two thousand miles from the southern boundary of Manitoba. In this latter prairie tract, away on the south line of the State of Minnesota, rises the Red River, which, running almost due north of the States into and across this province, empties into Lake Winnipeg, some forty miles north of its capital city of Winnipeg. As this stream pursues its course northward through this great prairie, its valley widens from a few miles to fully 40 miles on the west to the Pembina Mountains, and 50 miles east, but the eastern forest section gradually begins to close in shortly after the river enters the province, in a circular line, until it comes up to and crosses the river about 20 miles above its mouth. Along its western bank, after entering the province, are scattered belts of timber with some on its western tributaries; but its eastern bank is generally lined with a timber belt of fully one mile in width, while streams coming in from the east are both more numerous and larger, with correspondingly heavy borderings of forest. The Red River in crossing Manitoba, leaves about one-third of the province to the east. This river empties into Lake Winnipeg through four channels or mouths; the first, or more easterly being the best. All of its channels or mouths run through a large tract of grassy marsh, extending some nine miles north and south, and 15 miles east and west, after the head of this great lake some three hundred miles long. A little more than half way from the south to the northern provincial boundaries the

ASSINIBOINE
empties into the Red from the west. Following up the Assinboine its general course through the Province to its Western limit is to the west, thus dividing the Western two-thirds of the Province into nearly two equal parts. Near the northwest corner of the Province comes in a high plain called the Riding Mountains, which run in a southeast course until broken by the broad valley of the Assinboine, here some fifty miles wide the river flowing nearly through the middle of this valley. To the south of this valley this same plateau attaining an elevation of some two or three hundred feet again rises, running in the same general course but is known as the

PEMBINA MOUNTAINS
which extend on out of the Province into the States, thus dividing the western portion of the Province into two parts, that laying to the east being generally the level prairie of the Red and Assinboine valleys proper, while to the west it is higher and more rolling. Along the northern boundary line near the northeastern corner the waters of

LAKE WINNIPEG
come down into the Province some fifteen miles. This lake, is some 300 miles long from the mouth of the Red river to its outlet into the Hudsons Bay, near Norway House. Its course is directly north. Following along this same northern boundary line some forty miles from the western shore of Lake Winnipeg,

LAKE MANITOBA
comes down into the Province some 25 miles. It runs north some 120 miles when it is terminated by a marshy

DEER LODGE—RESIDENCE OF HON. JAS. McKAy. See Page 21.
section through which runs a narrow channel into mill and lake.

LAKE WINNIPEGOSIS.
This lake runs north another 190 miles, having more than a small lake called Cedar Lake, which is really an enlargement of the Saskatchewan, a short watercourse. The waters of these two lakes really flow into Lake Winnipeg through the channel or mouth of that river. Together, the two lakes are four hundred and twenty miles from north to south with many beautiful bays and small islands. The most southeast breadth of Lake Manitoba is twenty-four miles and of Lake Winnipeg, twenty miles. Uninterrupted water is obtainable between these two lakes. Some twenty-five miles down the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg at Fort Alexander the

WINNIPEG RIVER
enters the lake. This is a large stream, being the outlet of Rainy Lake, Lake of the Woods, in fact the entire country nearly through to Thunder Bay. Lake Superior and embraces in its basin nearly all the waters of the Southern part of the territory of Keewatin, the greatest watered portion of the continent save only that of the great lakes themselves. Its scenery is grand, and picturesque, and waterfalls, falling during its course of 125 to 150 miles from the Lake of the Woods nearly 500 feet. This river with the lakes and streams connected with it was the highway or water way over which those hardy French voyageurs for more than 100 years carried on their dealings between the waters of Lake Superior and their trading posts on the Red, Saskatchewan, and Bow Rivers. It flows from the west and south through to the Pacific. It form to day a part of the

DAWSON ROUTE
which begins at Thunder Bay going west over the same series of small lakes to Rainy Lake and the Lake of the Woods, where instead of continuing down Winnipeg river up the Red River, it leaves the Lake of the Woods and by a more direct road goes direct to Winnipeg or Ft. Garry, 125 miles distant. On this route towards the west the place of the battle of those early voyagers in the waters between the different portages, while good connecting roads have been built where necessary. This route was opened through by the Dominion government in 1870 and has been kept in operation by the government, open to travel and transportation generally. Though 'tis perhaps but natural to expect that the most rationized route, as against continuing on Lake Superior to Duluth, the North- ern routes to Winnipeg would be down that stream. Still the opportu nity has existed and at low rates fixed by the Canadian government, which is to say sending large amounts in building locks in Rainy River for steamers to still further improve and the same section the Canadian Pacific has its line located and most of it under contract, with some 150 miles grade and 100 miles of it, while at Thunder Bay and Winnipeg is piled up the steel rails, fastenings, and spikes enough for the entire distance. So that soon the whistle of the locomotive will be heard through those wilds that for the

last 100 years know only the songs and blasts of the 'Coureurs des bois.'

But returning to Manitoba again, I would say, that between Lake Winnipeg, Lake Manitoba, Lake Winnipegosis, this country is generally a forest, as it is generally around the shores of all these lakes, also along the streams and river banks. Along the Assinboine are heavy timber belts, especially on its south bank which, with that along the Red, already spoken of, and the dense forests of the Riding and Pembina mountains, need only protection against prairie fires. The coal is known to exist in the Riding and Pembina mountains. So it will be seen that the

WOOD AND WATER SUPPLY
is ample for all present and future needs of the people, for Manitoba is drawing but little on her own fuel resources as most at present is rafted down the Red river from the States.

THE SOIL
of the Province being mainly of the rich black alluvium of the Red and Assinboine Valleys, from four to eight and even twelve feet deep, is unsurpassed for fertility. The famous valley of the Isle, while that of its gentle uplands is of a rich loam. In fact, I do not believe there is a single acre of poor land in this Province.

THE PRODUCTIONS
of this country are large and varied enough to show that it possesses unlimited fertility. The large crops of last years made, in a solitary country, are recorded at the following average in 34 different settlements, the following showing was reached, all showing the successful cause of the fall of the grain industry from that of previous years, some of which was local and some general, but mostly peculiar to that year. Among these were the very heavy rains that caught the wheat just as it was ripening. The following yields I believe to be the cotton made acre of the above named: Wheat from 25 to 35 bushels, average 32.54 bu.; Barley 40 to 45, average 40 to 46 bushels, average 41 bu.; Peas 25 to 35, average 32.54 bu.; Potatoes average 229 bu.; Turnips 662 bu.

Though some reports may all be true, I am satisfied that on wheat at least, they are too high for a full average of the Province, for they had very heavy for their wheat lands, and from a general inquiry made personally, I judge 20 bushels as nearer the average of the Province this year, though I have nothing tending to reduce the average of the other grains and deem that they may be correct, as they make the rather. The average of the rest average I predict rather under than over the usual yield. Aside from the above named, individual cases are not rare in this same section of wheat yielding 60 bushels from one bushel of seed; 100 bushels of oats to the acre have also been raised, and barley as high as 60 bushels, weighing from 50 to 55 pounds to the bushel. This I am ready to attribute to the care given these grains or very great weight. Potatoes have yielded as high as 600 bushels to the acre of a quality that is generally of large crop purpose. The Turnips have yielded as high as 1000 bushels per acre, 500 to 700 being quite common. Corn does very well here though not made much of a crop. Flax and hemp do well here, but there being as yet no market, either for home use or export, owing to present high freights, must not be raised.

TAME GRASSES
do splendidly, particularly timothy and herbage, though the native grass is good enough, either for feeding or lawn purposes. In fact the autumn rains and theтрад с the soil of the rich, nutritive properties of the native grass, and in winter the cattle will have the hay to eat on the rolling, naturally ripened grass underneath the light snow-falls of this section. Cabbages grow to an enormous size and are perfect, and vegetables, beet, carrot, and carrot, flower and celery; the latter being large, white and fine-flavored. Cucumbers, turnips and beans have been of perfect perfection and yield. Lettuce grows with a crispness unsurpassed. Melons and tomatoes do well, particularly the latter. Wild hops grow in profusion about the lakes and streams, are in general use among the settlers and have also been successfully used by the local brewers. But of the products of the soil

WHEAT IS KING.
The amount raised in the Province last year was about 450,000 bushels, a general average of a straight average of 68 pounds to the bushel, while large fields were raised in which the average weight of a large crop was 70 or more. This crop had a straight average of 68 pounds to the bushel and another field of 2,000 bushels averaged 66 pounds, producing 46,000 bushels of wheat. The wheat, bushel for bushel, produces a much larger per cent of middlings or "patent powder" than the wheat of the East. This is the peculiar property of the Minnesota spring wheat, which has already given the flour of this country a recognition in the eastern States and on the London market, making it in that city in price the peer of the flour of any country or mills that are brought to that great

CENTRAL MARKET OF THE WORLD.
Large as was the amount produced last year, considering the agricultural area and entire absence of export facilities, there is no doubt but that with a larger portion west, is enough to go a good ways towards supplying the home demand; but the increased acreage and present prospects are likely to show a large increase over last years products. The same may be said of other crops. Though on the whole shipments of wheat and flour have yet been made to the Canadian markets from Manitoba, still they have been sufficient to give established quotations over the wheat from any other section and they will readily take any surplus this Province may have in the coming years. Though it is seemingly cut off from the markets of the States, by the foolish tariff put on by the United States, not a grain of Manitoba gold, still its great weight and superiority have attracted the attention of the Chicago and Milwaukee wheat dealers to "grade up" the poorer wheat of more Southern localities that comes to those cities for a market. So there is no doubt but that with a larger portion west and other shipping facilities are opened (for Manitoba is nearer lake navigation at Duluth than Kansas is to Chicago) the wheat of Manitoba will go largely to those markets in the States, even though this high and unjust tariff is not done away with.

THE POLITICIANS
of both the Dominion and the States ought to see that this unjust burden
of 20 cents per bushel, put upon the producers of one section and the consumers of another, is done away with, and that they should at once do all in their power to make the wheat and other crops sold as cheap and as easily obtained by the people, and not for the especial benefit of those holding governmental places or controlling the market, as the old idea of government used to be. Why this great tax is put upon the two great fundamental portions of any country for the benefit of one section and the consumers of other—is a question that ought to be satisfactorily and at once answered by the political representatives of the two parties at interest. The wheat producers of the United States are not afraid of the competition, neither do the consumer there demand its retention.  

But, while according so much space to wheat, enough has been given to show that

MIXED FARMING is fully remunerative, that all kinds of cereals are sure, while vegetables yield almost fabulously and of unsurpassable flavor, and such of meats as have been given and are easily attainable to show that one need not fear to plant in this valley of the Saskatchewan a great stand of short cropping, as the general success is undoubted. There is no section where grains of all kinds yield so bountifully, and the winter wheat comes in so early after the harvest, so uniformly full. Herein lies the great

SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL HUSBANDRY. Profitable amounts raised every year. The crop products hereof spoken of are wheat, barley, rye, sugar beets, &c., but this fact wants to be borne in mind: that the further westward you go the greater is the area of the Saskatchewan; the earlier are the springs and longer the seasons. Settlements that have already gone in that section sustain this assertion, while the productivity of the soil there is unquestioned. It is a question if

STOCK RAISING is not aslegitimate a farming crop as cereals and not a special branch as many seem to think. The uniform records of all the grasshopper stricken sections in the newer parts of the west that those farmers who were possessed of a few acres of land, cattle, sheep, etc., escaped much of the privation, hardship and destitution that was the portion of their neighbors, who had confined their labors to the raising of crops only. In fact it is a question whether in a few years it will not be proved the

REAL WEALTH of what are now the frontier settlements in the United States, has not been increased and made more permanent by and through the visitation of this section which has hitherto been far from well treated, showing conclusively to the settlers, the great lack of practical wisdom in placing their whole dependence upon any kind of products. It is the well known common error of most pioneers, and for that matter of older settlers, too, to make what their main stock is, and to actually sell them to the market, to the exclusion of many of the many dangers of climate, seasons, etc., that are around the path of the pioneer. That is very true in this climate and Province, and away through the great Northwest beyond here,

STOCK RAISING is a certainty. There is one fact about one of the most

sensitive, delicate domestic animals the farmer gathers about him, viz., the sheep. It is now, over 40 years since sheep were first brought to the Red River valley, and have been, from the very start, and with the strongest skepticism and attempts to keep them from thriving, have been known, while their wool is of a very fine quality, yielding from six to eight pounds each sheep each year. These are from two to three and one half pounds from ewes.

Swine present the same record of healthfulness and remunerative crops in the Sandwich lands, which the Statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture, in Washington, made the 29th of May last, shows that in the United States during the previous 12 months, were 4,000,000 of all ages, and of a money value of more than $20,000,000, and that one half of the total amount of the sales of pork products of that year, and I do not know that it was an unusually sickly year among them either.

THE NATIVE CATTLE one sees here, particularly the Beef Cattle are very fine and large, and the Steers being a full half larger than those of Texas and fully up to the size of those of the older sections, and when in the older sections, and when in the United States. They are very hardy and are used generally on the road, instead of horses, in drawing the trains of cars, and that the great Saskatchewan and Peace River district, 1000 to 1500 miles. They are much quicker walkers than horses, and the men, being much less, to have no need to travel in crossing streams and slopes. They require less care and have more strength; easily drawing loads of 1000 pounds each, day after day. They are never yoked together, but each harness singly, draw the light Red River cars which are made without a pair of horses. When they are not harnessed for agricultural purposes they are sometimes yoked together, but the great mass of them are used for travelling, which they do with no feed but the wild grass. During their whole lives they do not know the taste of any kind of grain, while in Winter they are seldom sheltered or fed except when there are extra heavy snow falls, though they then require more or less feeding and some shelter and protection.

THE HOMES that know the inside of a stable during winter except in the larger settlements, are very few, in fact it is so near the custom, that it is but the truth to say that they are never fed the winter through, but stable and board themselves.

They are not as one would naturally suppose "little rats of thin limbs, like those of New Mexico, and the Southwest generally, but good fair sized horses.

I have seen the North-Western or Winnipeg and in Trader’s Trains that have been continually on the road for 72 days, yet have never seen a really poor horse among them, and they are like the others, having no feed but the wild grass; no grain in any form being fed them. The horses and cattle of this section are

NOT A MONORGELE RACE as it would be called in nature from their location they would be, for more than fifty years ago stallions of the best blood then known in England were imported for the use of the Hudson Bay, Nelson River, and Lake Winnipeg; at a cost and expense of as high as $10,000. Fine Durham Bulls were also brought the same year. The Council of the Province been without Sires of the best beef and horse blood obtainable any where.

I saw only five miles from Winnipeg at Silver Heights on the stock farm of the Hon. James McKay, [of whom more hereafter] a herd of 140 Geldings, mares and clydes. I asked that some of the clear, straight blood stallions as can be found in the whole Mississippi valley, from its source to the sea, that never were sired by any pure Spanish or Arabian blood, and every one of them is a stable or received a measure or fork

full of feed. The same is the case at the trading posts and settlements from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains, and up in the great and magnificent valleys of the Athabasca and Peace rivers extending to the Northwest, up to and beyond latitude 58 north and longitude 129 west from Greenwich.

GREAT HUMAN EXPERIMENT. How do these facts tally with the universally claimed assertion of those kind hearted, well posted ones who say if you want to raise stock you must go to Texas, but not to the North West, that there will be so patronizingly laugh at any one who differs with them and say, why see sir, the trouble is, you will have raised the stock, but you won’t that they eat their heads off.  

Well, gentlemen, I do not hesitate to say that if the great Northwest becomes better known to you, you will find that this will then be generally admitted, as a fundamental law of animal nature, that where man thrives in the greatest vigor and reaches the highest physical and mental excellence, there will the animals create the excitement by an A1 product, and the man’s use and assistance, reach their greatest natural perfection. If, in the coming years, it should be found that in

HILARIOUS AND PULMONARY SOUTH this sought-for Eden of man, should be found why then you might be right, but in the meantime, while this grand human experiment is going on, it would seem to be wisest for the present at least, to feel that a section where a consumption of great human destroying fevers are unknown, will do very well to come, bringing your families, stock, or if you are stranded, your horse and wolf, and here, if one cannot in the meantime satisfy himself by his own judgment, patiently wait the issues others may make in the Southern latitudes.

SETTLEMENT came into the Province slowly, as atoresaid, until 1872. Since then it has been very little in progress, the settlers being French Canadians, brought with them from Lower Can- ada, and their people settled on land in laying out their settlements, which they always made along some water course. The water frontage was divided into so many hundreds of feet to each family, but running back two miles making a specific title of two miles.

*It is well known that a few years since, so great was the loss and destruction from fire that when these were introduced in the Western and Northern States that fire was more terrible than the locust. It seems to be known that by many of their State legislatures laws were passed prohibiting the transportation of these through or into the States of Texas and Arkansas, except under very stringent regulations, Ohio was one of the States passing this cattle law. She has this summer and is now (Nov. 1st) suffering a great deal of cattle diseases among them.
back and a claim or privilege of two miles more or a continuous depth of four miles. Such was the form of

LAND TITLES

in this Province at the time of the organization of the Dominion Land Department for the Province in 1873. There were Parish organizations extending most of the way along the Red river from the States, nearly to its mouth, some 75 miles and about the same distance up the Assiniboine. Those on the Red river going down from the south, north were St. Agathe, St. Norbert, St. Vital, St. Boniface; east and west, Winnipeg, St. John, Kildonan, St. Paul, St. Andrew; south and north St. Clements and St. Peter. Those on the Assiniboine, going from the east, west being St. James, St. Charles, Headingly, St. Francois Xavier, Baie St. Paul, Poplar Point, High Bluff, and Portage La Prairie. From Winnipeg down the river nearly through the Parish of St. Peter some 25 miles it was quite thickly settled, while up the river settlements were more scattered. Up the Assiniboine they are now almost continuous.

At the same time that these old settlement claims were allowed, there were reservations amounting to 1,400,000 acres set apart to extinguish half breed claims of various kinds. By some, the setting apart of so much land for

THE HALF-BREED GRANTS

is considered a drawback to the Province as they were choice lands and in the central part of the Province. I do not think so; rather the reverse, as but few of them retain the lands so given, but sell them at mere nominal figures, as fast as the various allotments are made personally to them, as their right or title to their portion of the reservation are passed upon by the government. It is now but a little over a year since the allotments were made. As they have continued to be made every month or two, it is found that nearly all sell them. In very rare cases some one retains his drawings. Generally they not only sell them at once but offer those of their children, or minor claims as they are called. These claims have been and are now a favorite form of investment and speculation, as the prices at which they are sold make the land cost much less per acre not only than the Dominion bill of one dollar, but also below that of railroad lands in the United States which have been purchased in such large blocks by means of their depreciated bonds which the railroads take in payment for their lands. There is a great deal of money being made in these half-breed claims.

THE INDUCMENTS

which the Dominion government offers to settlers coming in colonies, are very much more liberal than can be made by the United States government, as the States have but one price $1.25 if not within a railroad grant, and $2.50 per acre if within a grant. The extra inducements offered by the Dominion government have been improved by

THE MENNONITES

(German Quakers from Southern Russia) who took a grant of eight townships on the east of Red River, beginning some 15 miles from the south line of the Province. This is known as the Rat River settlement. They have also taken another grant of 17 townships on the west side of the Red river, seven of the townships being directly on the south boundary line.

Some 5,000 of these peaceable, thrifty working people have already reached this province and are settled in their own homes. They are all workers, men, women and children; no drones among them. Being of these thrifty working habits it is but natural that they succeed. They are the most desirable foreigners that have come to this country in years. Most of them have more or less money and some are quite wealthy. Two years since a delegation visited this province

FROM IRELAND

and made selections by special arrangement with the Dominion government, of several townships on the west side of Lake Winnipeg. Last year some 1,500 of them came out to Manitoba, and now in their own homes are thriving as they never did in their native island.

THE H.B. COMPANY,

according to the terms of their sale are allowed two sections of 640 acres each, in every township. A township consists of 36 sections or a tract of land six miles square; the plans of land surveys in Manitoba and the Northwest being the same as the public lands in the United States. Besides the two sections to the H.B. Company, two sections are set apart in each township for public school purposes, the same as in the United States. These are all.

THE GREAT RESERVES

set apart in the province of Manitoba that many, unfavorably disposed, use as arguments against the chance of getting good lands there. Outside of Manitoba there are none of these reserves, except the H.B. Company's and the school lands, or such as may hereafter, by special arrangement with the government, be set apart to
settling communities. So that the argument often made that the best lands in this section are locked up in reserves, falls to the ground. All the half-breeds in this part of the West are extinguished by the reserve made in Manitoba.

**The Half-Breeds.**

A few kind words are due the Half Breeds. There are many thousands scattered through this section, the large portion of course being in this Province. They are as a class very thrifty and reliable. Many of them are well educated and hold high positions. They are proverbially true to their wife, their daughters are well married to gentlemen in good business and official places. Some are of great beauty, and in their marriage relations are followed by all as being of a high degree as their white sisters of the same social position, to say the least.

There seems to be two kinds of half-breeds, one inheriting the roving disposition of their Indian mother, the other more naturally following the civilized instincts of their fathers; the former becoming hunters, voyagers, etc., the latter preferring the more settled ways of civilization. It is very seldom that they are cruel and harsh, though they may be improvident. On the contrary they are all very often very mild mannered. There is no reason to doubt that the success of British and Canadian Government in their Indian management, both in the old and new Provinces, is due to the friendly offices and influence of these half-breeds, for almost a man, when it comes to a choice between Indian or Whites, they are for the whites every time. The United States has not come to any Indian management, which had the friendly influence of this large favorable intermediate class, speaking both the Indian and civilized languages, but it has had to meet with the Indians through agents, who were neither familiar with their language or habits, hence their disadvantage and consequent trouble in comparison with the English Government and Canada. I am not prepared to assert that government of the United States as a government, has been a whit behind the British in liberality or good faith to the Indians, but I do say, in respect to government as a Government, it has been, as well as the Indian, swindled outrageously, by the forced enrollment of agents, who were not trusted to neither party or interest; false to the Indian because of ignorance, and to the Government, because of such general ignorance they had a chance, and farther because they intended to be unfaithful to begin with. Useful as many of these agents have been to civilization in the past and present, they have still a future mission, which they will fulfill equally as well, and that is as agents to the Indian, the "advantages" or human progress in its march up the great valleys to the Mountains, and down the sunny western slopes to the Pacific. Free of the exigency of such a trusty vanguard, gives me faith to believe that this march will go on constantly for years without pause, and free from the great retarding influence the States have here had to meet in carrying westward the

**Star of Civilization.**

But to return to the settlement question, besides these old settlements that were in existence in '73, there has been others made in the province since, such as Sunny Side, Springfield, Grassmere, Emerson, etc., etc. The latter, a new town laid out some two years since, is on the east bank of the river, on sections immediately on the south boundary line. At this place is the southern terminus of the Pembina branch, so called, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, running from Winnipeg south to the boundary line, which will here meet the Pembina branch on the St. Paul and Pacific Railway, which crosses the Northern Pacific of the States, running north from the crossing to this point. The latter is graded nearly to the line and iron laid nearly as far as graded; While the branch from Winnipeg is only graded and the iron to complete it now laying at the last named place and only waiting the completion of the unfinished line the States to be put down, thus making a through railway connection from Winnipeg with the railway systems of both the United States and Canada.

There has also been a new town laid out this summer, called

**Mountain City.**

in township two, north of the boundary line and range six west. It is in the centre of the fine table and grove lands of the Pembina Moun-

tains, and on the northern boundary line of the western Mennonite Reserve, towards which settlement has been going so briskly the past year, while a large portion of the general emigration within the province has been steadily moving in the same direction. The proprietors of this town site having secured a central point, within four quite thriving townships, have, at the request of the settlers, decided to survey and lay out what is destined to be, a County town of the southwestern part of Manitoba. Lots are now being offered to actual settlers on most liberal terms. Geological surveys, made by the Dominion Government, have demonstrated the existence of

**Coal.**

in these mountains, and steps will soon be taken to develop this treasure in the immediate vicinity of Mountain City. A view of the present and rapidly increasing surplus of grain in the surrounding country would invite the attention of

**to the unusually fine opening presented for building and profitably operating a grist and flour mill at this point. While the possibility would be without doubt, remunerative from the start, the proprietors are prepared to grant an unusually liberal bonus to any set of men who will improve the chance thus offered of erecting the first mill there.**

The gentlemen who have started this town being men of well known stability, any statements which they make can be relied upon.

**Full and particular reasons concerning this new town, its opportunities, etc., by addressing F. T. Bradley, Esq., Deputy Collector, H. M. Customs, Emerson, Manitoba.**

Besides these settlements in Manitoba, there are many new ones starting in other parts of the Province, as can be seen in our Government's posts, and other naturally good points along the Saskatchewan and its tributaries, as well as at interior points. There are, Battleford, the new capital of the northwestern territory, Forts Carlson, Pitt, and Pembina, also St. Albert, all on the Saskatchewan River. These are fine steam saw, flour and grist mill is proving a perfect mine of wealth to its proprietors.

**The Population of Manitoba.**

may be safely put down at 35,000 to 40,000. No census having been taken for several years, it is hard to say with accuracy; but it is not less than the first, nor more than the second number.

**Navigation.**

The modern advance of civilization differs in many respects from the old in requiring some avenue of entrance and communication in which steam can be employed as the agent of home connecting power, in fact, no settlement now-a-days becomes a fixed fact until a steamboat has been launched, like the Altar fires of the ancients, the smoke and breath and the loud tones voice of the steam engine is seen and heard by the pioneer, to the good angel, the echoes of the far off homeland. Its companionship has become a necessity to the settler. He must see and feel the inspiring influence of its great strong upturning aid, either in the mill, locomotive or steamboat, else his sense of isolation will depress him. Energy, enterprise and rosy hope will lose their inspiring influence the very moment his simplest physical necessities are satisfied, hence he can receive his daily inspiration which the knowledge of the near presence of this great fiery

**Angel of Progress.**

gives him. He must have it either for the home mill, the river steamboat, the flying locomotive or swift gliding steamboat in its season. In some way he must feel its presence and in his loneliness has its companionship. Plain, monotonous and almost stolid as—to the uninitiated—the frontier settler's life may seem, he is really the most imaginative of men. By his isolation from neighbors or active communities he is left largely to his own thoughts, and the opportunities to use his surroundings give him suggestions for improvements and give birth to plans of future developments. There is so much to do, so much that must be done before his ideas can reach a near or even distant fruition that he is apt to give it up as impossible, if he did not see and feel that the untiring friend of all his hopes was near him and his. There is not a whistle of a railroad, nor a steamer, nor a steamer moving across the prairies or through the forests of the land, but that he hears his soul's voice inspired by the inspiring sound; telling him to hurry, for close behind, come neighbors, schools, churches and markets for all he can produce, which will secure him independence and fulfillment of that.
To the hearts of all true men, viz: complete self-ownership. There is not a single click of the telegraph in any of the little wayside stations, even in the most remote out of the way places that does not enter into and become a part of the pulsation of progress. It was truly said centuries ago that man does not live and develop by bread alone. Of no class is this more true than the Pioneers. This great fact was truly shown in the development of this Province. For 50 years and more all the progress that had been made, was only advanced to the semi-nomadic or hunting state, or at most, to a partially pastoral condition. Although the All-Wise had laid out the great water courses, the ready highways of navigation, all through this great northwest, it was not until the summer of 1850 that the civilization began.

EMBODIED IN STEAM

first visited the Province, coming down the Red River from the States, in the shape of the steamboat "Assiniboine." The only motive power invoked heretofore to aid man, was windmills. The engines and machinery for this boat were brought across the State of Minnesota the previous winter from the Upper Mississippi above the Falls of St. Anthony, where Minnesota is. The hull and upper works was sawed out by one of her engines where she was built on the banks of the Red River in Minnesota.

A GREAT BOUND OF JOY

filled the heart of the settlers, both half breeds and whites at her appearance. The great want of the human heart and mind was satisfied and a desire filled the hearts of both the civilized white and the semi-civilized half breed, to be connected with the great, progressive, civilized world of mankind, developed a yearning that never was satisfied, until the years after gave them a regular communication with the pulsations of that greater, higher and better world from which they had so long been separated and so desired to know. Although that boat continued to make irregular trips that season, she was accidentally sunk during the following year. Steam navigation on this river lacked a connecting link, at that time, of nearly 800 miles. The boat was never raised and repaired, but her engines and machinery were taken out and one of her engines was put in a mill that is still doing good service in the Province. It was not until 1857 when this missing link was supplied, by the building of the Northern Pacific Railway from Duluth on Lake Superior, to the mouth of the Red River, that steam navigation began to run with much regularity.

Since then the number of boats has steadily increased until there are now, in the waters of the Province and its tributary trade, a FLEET OF THIRTEEN STEAMERS.

They are the "International," "Dakota," "Mignonette," "Alpha," "Saskatchewan," "Minnesota," and "Cheyenne" of the Kitson or Red River Transportation Company and runs up to the States, connecting with the Northern Pacific Railway at Moorhead and the St. Paul and Pacific Railway (Pembina branch) at Pembina, the largest eastern tributary of the Red River. While the "Swallow," "Prince Rupert," and "Keewatin," run in the Red River above the boundary line and up the Assiniboine River. For some good reason the Kitson Line, being American, can run down into the Province, while the three latter named being Canadian boats cannot run into the States. "Why this is thus," I cannot say, but such I know is the fact, and I presume the law. At Winnipeg these boats connect with the new and powerful H. B. Company's PROPULSOR "COWVILLE," that runs up Lake Winnipeg to their various posts and forms a connection at the mouth of the Saskatchewan with their two river steamers the "Northcote," built last year, and a new iron hull boat just being finished, whose name I do not remember. These two boats are the beginning of a regular line up the latter river. Beside the above named boats two other boats have been built, one for the Red River called the "Maggie," now used as a large and the "Chief Commissioner," for the lake trade; the latter's model being defective, she is now doing duty as a river wharf boat. So that in all there are and have been some 16 steamers in these waters. The regular passenger steamers of the Kitson Line are models of beauty, speed and comfort, with officers who are gentlemen as well as thorough and experienced boatmen.

The Red River has 600 miles of continuous navigation, though by land direct, such being the tortuous course of that stream, the terminal points could be made in about 300 miles. Besides there are some 75 miles navigation the season through up the Red Lake River. Below the junction of these two streams there are no obstructions to the navigation of the Red River, except at extremely low water, there being one or two troublesome places above Winnipeg and two below. These places being all in the Province and easily remedied, they will no doubt soon receive the attention of the Dominion Government. On the Red River above the Red Lake River are a few places troublesome at low water but as the United States Government is already at work removing these difficulties, it is only a matter of short time, when navigation on this river from the Northern Pacific railway crossing, down into the Province at any rate, will be free from any obstruction at any stage of water yet known in the river.

As said elsewhere the course of the ASSINIBOINE, through the Province is to the west and so continues for some distance beyond its borders on and into the North-west Territory, when it turns almost directly north. Its entire length is some 600 miles.

There is very easily be made some 500 miles of navigation through the season on this stream with some very slight improvements. The
difficult place is 30 miles up from its junction with the Red River, which can be easily and cheaply remeasured, so that navigation could be carried up some 300 miles of river distance, as it does the mouth of the high or upper stage of water. This improvement would greatly benefit the Province, as the settlements are almost continuous for the first 100 miles from its mouth. In its Northwest course through the Province it makes a sharp bend to the North, or to the east, in about some 0 miles. An easy canalizing, navigation could be opened by this River and Canal through Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegos to the Red River above the falls and so to the Rocky Mountains. That this will be done, is only a question of time. The falls up from where the Assiniboine turns to the North, the Qu'Appelle River enters it; its course is mostly westerly and extends along a Railway some 40 miles in length through the sandstone hills. The project of uniting these two streams is already broached (the distance between them being only a few miles,) and entirely feasible. The Qu'Appelle must be full as long as the Assiniboine. Its valley is one of great beauty and fertility, and quite wide enough for a house and farm. A stream frequently enlarges into considerable lakes, which are filled with the finest fishes, and some of which are contained in the choice white fish in great numbers.

At or very near the mouth of the Saskatchewan, are rapids known as the "Grand Rapids," that extend some two and a half to three miles with a total fall of 425 feet. These are not continuous but in series or sections, hence easy of improvement. A system of locks, which will doubtless in a few years be built by the Canadian Government, as the stretch of navigation above the rapids is considerable, aggregating over 2,000 miles.

In season, the H. B. Company are building rapids as fast as the need arises, and to complete their working is to establish a railway running from the Assiniboine to the Red River, and thence through the Northern Provinces to the Pacific. It is the main line of the two great transcontinental railways of the United States, with which it will connect.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The first money appropriated by the Dominion Parliament for the surveys etc., was in the session of 1871. The eastern terminus of the line was to be Lake Nipissing, the source of French River, situated about east from the northeast corner of Lake Huron, into which French River empties. From Lake Nipissing west, the line is projected to go north of Lake Superior, crossing the Red River at or near Winnipeg, passing into and up the valley of the north branch of the Saskatchewan, past Battleford and Fort Edmonton, through the yellow head pass at Jasper, and so down the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, either at Butte or Burrend Inlet. The original design of the line was to be from Lake Nipissing to a point near the mouth of the Assiniboine, and it was expected that during the year they will both doubtless reach their western terminus at Lake Nipissing.

THE DISTANCE from Lake Nipissing to the route above given to the Pacific at Fort Burrend Inlet is 2,500 miles, or to Bute Inlet, 2,600 m. les.

THE MAIN LINE has two branches or spurs; the most easterly being south to the waters of Lake Superior at Thunder Bay, almost half the distance of that Lake from Lake Nipissing; and on to the south of Lake Superior. The second being also south, by the valley of the Red River on its eastern branch, and then south to points in the United States, where it will connect with the St. Paul and Pacific Railway, and by this railway, and the Northern Pacific, make a communication with the Pacific Coast. The & P. crosses some 150 miles south of the line, will the Canadian Pacific be connected with the railway system of the States. On the surveys of this railway some $30,000,000 have already been expended. Desiring to get the very best location over this route, the surveys have been most thorough. From the time of the first surveys in 1871, to December 1876, there have been nearly 40,000 m. les of surveys and reservations made, over 1,500 miles being made yard by yard.

THE WHOLE LINE may be said to be practically located, and the surveys not official but are the results of the best work done. The profile of the line, 2,200 miles west from Thunder Bay to the Pacific, shows the greatest summit on the line at a point about 720 feet above the sea. While the summit on the Union and Central Pacific lines is only 3,440 feet above the sea. The highest point on the Canadian Pacific Railway is of a lower grade, being only 720 feet above the sea. The whole line, from any point on the U. P. or C. P. Railway, from the North Platte to a
little east of Sacramento, California; with an average of only 2,290 feet for the 300 miles on the U. P. & C. P. line in the States.

The 1,300 miles from Thunder Bay to Edmonton on the Saskatchewan and the branch South to the St. Paul and Pacific Railway in the States is officially located. 310 miles of this are under contract, about 150 miles being realized, the remainder with cars running on about 40 miles at the Thunder Bay end; 495 miles of steel rails with the remaining 300 miles of track, are already paid for and delivered at Thunder Bay and Winnipeg, besides a considerable quantity of the same, has been delivered to the Pacific Coast.

THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION was begun during the summer of 1875, at Thunder Bay and Winnipeg, both grading and track laying. The latter by the government, and the former by the Pacific, a force of some 1,200 men being so employed. The line from Winnipeg south to the States is all graded, and the track will be finished 80 miles from the City of Winnipeg. From the end of this work the line from Winnipeg west, about 140 miles, which will be finished by the end of 1876, will be pushed forward from both points, and the road will be 390 miles when the work is completed.

The delay on the part of the St. P. & F. is caused by difficulty between the bond and stockholders of that road. It is to be hoped this will soon be satisfactorily adjusted, so that the work of its completion can go on. The road is also graded some 50 miles east from Winnipeg. From the end of this grade to Thunder Bay, which was finished in the fall of 1875, there will be about 500 miles of grading, which will be finished in the fall of 1876. The work of grading and track laying is being pushed forward as never before.

The Telegraph will be through to Thunder Bay this fall. A wood here as to the construction of the Telegraph, may give a better idea of what a work it is when it is known that a part of the contract for building the line, is cut to down and burn all timber, when it passes through timber, to the width of 150 feet. It is mainly a timber country along the line from Winnipeg to Thunder Bay.

This Railway is backed by a large Land Grant and a very liberal Government subsidy. Does not one doubt, that in this nineteenth century, a Railway of such easy grades, through the country containing such fertile soil or mineral wealth along its entire extent, will ever be built—on a line too, probably the most perfectly surveyed of any yet attempted; or that it can be operated at a profit, when the heavy grades, great snow fall &c., of that successful wonder, the Union and Central Pacific Railway are, and have been paying so largely?

THE SIX GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

of so many different departments of the Dominion Government as are represented in the province, make the following exhibits, all of which show a cheering increase from year to year.

A word of explanation, I would here give, in regard to the Dominion Savings Bank and that is that there are none save at such points as they have Deputy Receivers General, which are usually in connection with the Dominion land offices. I would

ial, who was not at least officially a gentleman.

THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT of Manitoba makes the following exhibit, also that of the United States Consulate of the fur trade:

"Manitoba was admitted into the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada on the 15th of July, 1870. The new Custom House was completed in the autumn of 1875 and occupied in April 1876. The following are the present officers: G. B. Spencer, collector; John Euslow, G. H. Young, C. N. Belcher, clerks; A. S. S. St., and J. J. S., appraiser; R. J. Jones, G. D. McVicar, H. I. Hoskins, E. G. Simcox, landing waiters.

The post at North Pembina, F. T. Bradley, deputy collector; Wm. Mills, landing waiter and clerk.

The post at York factory, Hudson Bay, Joseph Fortescue, deputy collector.


The above out-posts are under the survey of the collector of Customs, Fort Garry, Winnipeg. The telephone tariff of 4 per cent ad valorem, and 25 cents per gallon on ale, wine and spirits, was continued in force till the 30th June, 1874, subsequent to that date the Dominion tariff of 17 per cent, ad valorem, on general goods, and on spirits of $1.20 per gallon ad valorem, has been in force. All goods imported from Great Britain, pay the same rate of duty as from any foreign country.

Below follow statement of the ad valorem value of goods annually imported into this Province, and the duty collected thereon, between the 15th July 1870 and the 30th June 1872, and each subsequent year except that of 1877:

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>$7,429,606</td>
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The above is exclusive of duty paid on goods received from the other Provinces of the Dominion which may safely be estimated (at least) at one-third more in value.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE.

Winnipeg, July 1876.

The records of the Consulate show that the exports of undressed furs, reported by the Canadian collector at Winnipeg, were $5,796,777. This does not include what was sent to Canada via Pembina, but includes the shipment to England via Hudson Bay.

This latter amount is the value at York Factory, Hudson Bay which is doubtless not a very high priced fur market—N. W. En.

I am, Sir, yours, etc.

J. W. TAYLOR.

The following is a statement of the business, officers, and opportunities offered by the

DOMINION LAND DEPARTMENT,

in Manitoba and the Northwest.

The Dominion land office, Winnipeg, was erected in the summer of 1875 for
the accommodation of the government offices for the survey and granting of the lands in the Northwest Territories.

These lands are under the control of a special branch of the Department of the Interior. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of the Interior, being the responsible head, and Lieut. Col. J. S. Dennis, Surveyor General, chief of the branch, charged with the survey, settlement and management of all lands vested in the Dominion Government.

The office at Winnipeg, with branch offices at Emerson, Portage La Prairie and Fort Francis, District of Keewatin, is charged with the disposal of these lands and is in charge of an agent and the following staff:


The survey office, also accommodated in the same building, is in charge of Mr. A. D. Whitcher, D. L. S. Inspector of surveys, assisted by C. D. Richards, and S. Austin, draughtsman.

The Dominion Land Office was created by act of Parliament passed on the 14th of April, 1872, and the office at Winnipeg was opened in the following summer. Since that time the following lands have been taken up:

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<td>By sale at 1.00 per acre</td>
<td>149,604</td>
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<td>By homestead (free grant)</td>
<td>596,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>By pre-emption ($1.00 per acre payable on completion of Homestead duties or expiration of three years)</td>
<td>94,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>By Military bounty warrants</td>
<td>164,208</td>
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<tr>
<td>For forest tree culture (free grant)</td>
<td>1,290</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1,251,144</td>
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When it is considered that the total area of the lands known to be fit for cultivation is estimated at 375,184,000 acres, of which 10,660,369 acres are already surveyed, it will be seen that the amount taken up is comparatively trifling.

The Dominion Homestead law is of the most liberal character. Every actual settler is entitled to enter on quarter section of 160 acres as a homestead, for which he receives a patent on proof of three years residence and cultivation.

He may at the same time enter by pre-emption, any adjacent quarter section, the patent for which will issue to him on payment of $1.00 per acre, when he has completed his homestead duties and he may enter a quarter section for forest tree cultivation and obtain a Tree Patent for it at the expiration of six years, on proof of having planted eight acres of trees for four years subsequent to the year of entry, or 32 acres in all.

Even more liberal terms than the above can be made with the approval of the Minister of the Interior in case of immigrants who come in communities, or under the auspices of societies, &c., &c.

The ordinary Dominion Lands are open for sale at the rate of one dollar per acre, payable in cash, script or military bounty warrants.

**POST OFFICE**

The following is an exhibit of the Post Office business for Manitoba:

The postal service in Manitoba was assimilated with the postal service in the other provinces of the Dominion in the year 1871.

There are now in Manitoba 44 post offices which are supplied by 388 miles of mail route, the annual travel of the mail being 4,458 miles. The cost of this service is $11,045.57.

The postal revenue is about $10,000 per annum of which $7,000 is collected in Winnipeg.

Closed bags are made up daily and received daily from Ontario, Canada. Mails are also exchanged daily with Pembina, D. T., which is the distributing office for all mail matter passing to and from the United States.

The money orders issued in Winnipeg yearly amount to about $35,000; and the money orders paid out to about $30,000. The total issued and paid being about $65,000.

The staff of the Winnipeg post office consists of John McDougall, Postmaster; William Hargrave, Assistant; J. O. Pollock, Charles Deserrier, L. O. Bowget, Clerks.

Besides the above there is a mail once in every three weeks between Winnipeg and Edmonton, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, a distance of 942 miles, which supplies six post offices in the Northwest Territory.

The service which was established in August, 1876, has been performed by the contractor, the Hon. James McKay, with great regularity. The trip from Winnipeg to Edmonton and back occupies about six weeks. The bags are carried by wagon in summer and dog trains in winter. A very large correspondence is carried over this route. By this contract for the present, at least, will the official correspondence for the new government offices at Battleford have to be carried. A special and more frequent route from Winnipeg to that place will doubtless soon be let.

**THE RECEIVER GENERAL**

has his Headquarters at Ottawa, and office at Winnipeg, in the postoffice building.

The local Staff is G. M. Mcmicken, Asstt. Rec. Gen'l and Dominion Auditor; H. M. Drummond, Chief Clerk.

These same gentlemen are also officers of the Audit and Savings Bank Department, all of which are carried on in the same office.

The Receiving Office is for the issuance and redemption of Dominion
notes, like the U. S. Greenbacks—also for the receiving and payment ofDom-
nion moneys in the official depart-
ment, for construction of the Canada
Pacific Railway, and other govern-
ment expenses, such as salaries, etc.
The money received amounting to
about $750,000 from customs, sales of
Dominion lands, etc., and the payment,
as above, amounting to some $1,500,000
per annum.

The AUDIT OFFICE
is for the auditing of all government
payments in Manitoba and the North-
west Territory.
The SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT
receives moneys from private individ-
uals, on which it allows interest at the
rate of 4 per cent. per annum, subject
to call. The statement below shows
the amount done in this department
for the last four years, and though it
shows a steady diminution, it may be
accounted for by the fact, that since
the establishment of this bank by the
Government, two other leading banks
of the Dominion have established
branches in Winnipeg, which allow five
per cent. on small sums and six per
cent. on large amounts, and who have,
it must be admitted, large savings ac-
counts; still the old parent Govern-
ment Savings Bank is so far, over last
year, showing a large increase.

A mission here as early as 1818, al-
though priests of that church had been
here some 75 years before. Their first
Cathedral, which had two towers or
spires, was burned but has been re-
built of much larger size, but with
only a century and twenty-five years
since, John G. Whittaker, the Quaker
poet of Massachusetts, visited this
mission, and its quiet sur-
rroundings, seemed to have impressed
him much as it did me, as over it the
Angel of Rest of a better and truer
life seems constantly to spread her
blessings. After his return he wrote
the following lines, in part suggested
by its beautiful chime of bells which
it still has:

"Out in the river is winding
The links of its long, red chain,
Through the snow-white snow-land
And gusty leagues of plain.

Only, at times, a smoke wreath
With the drifting cloud-rock joins,—
The smoke of the burning lodges
Of the wild Assiniboins!

Drearly blows the north-wind
From the land of ice and snow;
The eyes that look are weary,
And heavy the hands that row.

And with one foot on the water,
And one upon the shore,
The Alouette’s Shadow gives warning
That day shall be no more.

Is it the clang of wild geese?
Is it the Indian’s yell,
That lends to the north-wind
The tones of a far-off bell?

The voyager smiles as he listens
To the sound that grows space;
Well he knows the ringing
Of the bells of St. Boniface.

The bells of the Roman Mission,
That call from their turrets twain,
To the boatman on the river,
To the hunter on the plain!

Even so in our mortal journey
The bitter north-winds blow,
And thus upon life’s Red River
Our hearts, as oarsmen, row.

And when the Angel of Shadow
Keeps his feet on wave and shore,
And our eyes grow dim with watching,
And our hearts faint at the oar,
Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release
In the bellow of the City,
The chimes of eternal peace!

Of Bishop Tache, the Archbishop of
this great domain, who resides at this
Mission, much, very much might be
said. His travels, labors, and minis-
ters have been extensive, and acceptable,
still a few words of the Psalmist, will
better express him as he is, than any
words of mine. His steps of a good
man are ordered by the Lord; and he
delighteth in his way. Mark the
perfect man, and behold the upright; for
the end of that man is peace." And
so it seems to be with him, in the
peaceful air of this Mission, which, with
his kind and pleasing society, seems to
make the above quoted words, partic-
ularly appropriate, and to cause one
cerely wish that these days may be
long in its continuance which the Lord
his God hath given him.

NOTES ON ST. BONIFACE.
The Red River country, Province of
Manitoba, has been visited by French
Canadians. Sieur Varennes de la Ver-
andrye, born at Three Rivers, Lower
Canada, organized an expedition, at
his own expense, and traveled through
the country, from Lake Superior to Rainy Lake, thence to the
Lake of the Woods and down Winni-
peg River, giving the same name up
the river to the mouth of the Assiniboine, where he built Fort
Rouge, on the point south of the river
Assiniboine, almost opposite to the
actual Fort Garry.

Mon. de la Verandrye was accom-
panied by three of his sons. One of them
was murdered with his party and their
missionary, Rev. Father Arnaud, by the
Sioux, on Lake St. Croix, between Rainy Lake and Lake Superior. Two
other sons of the old gentleman dis-
covered the upper Missouri, from the
Yellowstone. Accompanied by two
servants, they crossed the country and
were the first white men who saw and
ascended the Rocky Mountains, north
of the Missouri. The same gentlemen
discovered the north branch of the
Saskatchewan in its full length.
The conquest of Canada by England,
potted a stop, for a long period, to a reg-
ular French Canadian expedition in

ENGINE AND HOOK AND LADDER

HOUSE. See Page 23.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL AND ED-
UCATIONAL

privileges of this Province are a matter
of surprise to most visitors. The
work of the church here, both Catholic
and Protestant is especially apparent,
and the showing of successful results,
is an index that it is and has been
in judicious and energetic hands.
The foundation of both the Church and
School are laid surprisingly broad for
such young a Province, as the following
laws and exhibit of work done will
show.

The first church represented here
was the Catholic, they having started
of St. Boniface. He sent missionaries
to the Saskatchewan country, to Ath-
abaska, British Columbia and Oregon. 
The establishment of St. Boniface may 
be considered as the mother of many 
missions, the head-quarters of the im-
mense field which extends to the Paci-
fic and Arctic oceans.
Bishop Provencher began the Col-
lege of St. Boniface in his own house, 
and he, himself, all his lifetime, unit-
ted the teaching of children with his 
numerous and important occupations. 
The same bishop established the con-
vent of St. Boniface occupied by Sis-
ters of Charity, generally known as 
the Grey Nuns of Montreal. The 
foundress of their order, Madame D' 
Youville, began the formation of her 
community at the same time that her 
uncle, Mon. de la Verandrye made the 
discovery of the country in which four 
of her Sisters arrived in 1844. 

Although they were called upon 
chiefly for the instruction of youth, 
the Sisters have constantly exercised 
corporal works of mercy; take charge 
of the aged, infirm and orphans; visit 
and attend the sick.

In the course of time several branch-
es of the same establishment were 
formed, and some extend to the Sas-
katchewan, and even to the banks of 
McKenzie's river, over 3,000 miles from 
St. Boniface.

After the death of Bishop Proven-
cher, Bishop Tache, who had been his 
coadjutor, succeeded him to the See 
of St. Boniface. The diocese of St. 
Boniface, at first, comprehended an 
immense extent of territory; it is now 
divided, and was created as an Arch-
diose in 1871. Bishop Tache was, at 
the same time, named Archbishop.

The new ecclesiastical province of 
St. Boniface comprehends the arch-

diose of the same name, the diocese of 
St. Albert, on the Saskatchewan, pre-
sided over by Bishop Grandin; the 
districts of Athabaska and McKenzie, 
under Bishops Faran and Clout, and 
British Columbia under Bishops 
d'Herbomer and Durieux.

Archbishop Tache has been in the 
country for 28 years, partly among the 
Indians of the far north and partly at 
St. Boniface. It is a queer circum-
stance that Archbishop Tache, who is 
by his mother, a great grand-nephew 
to the sixth generation of Mr. Varennes 
de la Verandrye, who discovered Red 
River, is also, by his father, great 
grand-son to the sixth generation of 
Mr. Jollette, the celebrated discoverer 
of the Mississippi.

St. Boniface is nicely situated, on 
the east side of the Red River, oppo-
site the Assiniboine and facing Win-
nipeg, which affords, from St. Boni-
face, a pleasant view of the rivers and 
of the city.

The religious edifices of the locality 
all in a row, parallel to the river, pre-
sent a pleasing scene, complete and 
comfortable, whether viewed from a 
passing steamer, the opposite shore, or 
the immediate passer-by. These edifi-
ces are six in number; the first is the 
college of St. Boniface, surmounted 
with its nice cupola, and in which 60 
boys receive good education, not only 
in English and French, but even in 
classics.

The second edifice is the Archbish-
op's residence; a good dwelling-house, 
built of stone, having in front, walks 
planted with trees. Then comes the 
Cathedral; a building of beautiful 
stone and fine design; far superior to 
any church northwest of St. Paul. The 
organ is really a beautiful instrument 
and such as to astonish, at such a dis-
tance from what is generally termed 
the limit of civilization. The organ
was built in Montreal, by Mr. Mitchell, purchased by friends of Archbish-
op Tache, in Lower Canada, and presented to him two years ago, on the 27th anniversary of his election as bishop.

The fourth edifice, the very one on south the row, is St. Boniface Academy, for young ladies. This establishment is conducted by the Sisters of Charity, in which there are over thirty boarders, and an aggregate number of eighty pupils.

Next comes the Convent of St. Bon-
face, which supports some dozen orphans or poor girls, aged and infirm women, whom they visit at the sick at home, or to a considerable amount of other charitable and useful work.

At a few hundred yards from their residence the Sisters have just purchased a nice house, where they will have their hospital, which is just now a small building adjacent to the con-

This new acquisition completes for St. Boniface a full set of educational and charitable institutions, all directed and mostly supported by the archbishop assigned by his clergy and the Sisters of Charity.

It is evident that the Roman Catho-
lic church has done a great deal of work here, and that its staff spared nothing in their power for the ad-
vancement of the comfort of those within their reach.

The college boys have a splendid building of their own, and the young ladies from the Academy, in the public concerts, give evidence of their good training in music.

The principal citizens of the beautiful village of St. Boniface are the Honorable M. A. Girard, senator of the Province of Manitoba, the Honorable J. Dubuc, speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba, and Mr. Thomas Spence, clerk of the Legisla-

tive Assembly, and also present agent of emigration at Duluth.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Just outside the northern limits of the city is Bishop's Court, the residence of the Right Reverend M. L. mug J. R., archbishop of the Met-
ropolitan of the Church of England and Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's-
land. Near the Bishop's residence are St. John's College and St. John's Church, which is one of the colleges of the University of Manitoba; St. John's College School, for boys; and St. John's College Ladies' School, which is now being built. Connected with these Institutions, is a valuable block of newly built and acres.

The first clergyman of the English Church, the Rev. John West, came in 1793, and made here the commence-
ment of his services and education.

From this beginning, mainly through the efforts of the C.M.S. for the West, and aided latterly by the help of English Colonial Societies, the Church has grown so that now it consists of four Dioceses under the Bishop of Rupert's Land, the Right Rev. J. M. MacJone, in Saskatchewan and Athabasca.

In the Diocese of Rupert's Land there are 22 parishes, 11 Missions, 21 are in the Province of Manitoba. There are also 7 or 8 Missions in the Interior of the Diocese in charge of curates. The two Church Parishes in Winnipeg—Holy Trinity, under the Rev. O. Fortin, B.A., as Rector, and St. John's, under the Rev. J. H. Grisdale, B.D., as assistant priest, and is self-supporting; and Christ Church which has also a new church but small under the Rev. Canon Grisdale, B.D., one of the clergy of the mother parish. Part of the extreme west of the city lies in the parish of St. James, which is under the Rev. D. C. Pinkham, the church being without the city. Part of the extreme North still remains in the Mother Cathedral Parish of St. John. St. John's Cathed-
ral is a Collegiate Church erected under a corporation consisting of present of a Dean and Six Canons, but of these only two of the Canons have at present the required endowments. The Bishop is Dean and the endowments of other Two Canons had been com-

The school commenced by the Rev.

John West rose to importance by an able master the Rev. John Mac-
alum, M.A., and after various vicissi-
tudes has reached its present growth as St. John's College with its various schools.

There are a limited number of rooms for Theological students, but no room at present for general university stu-
dents, excepting for those that have been in St. John's College School. But as soon as all burdens are removed from St. John's College School for boys, and the St. John's College Ladies' School, there will be an effort made to erect buildings for the Theological and University Students of St. John's College.

The St. John's College School for boys, receives between 50 and 60 board-
ers and has also some day pupils, but the applications for admission for boarders have for two or three years been considerable more than could be met. It has a full staff of teachers and every town being under a separate teacher, so that if there are rooms for boarders, it could receive at least double the present number of boys.

St. John's College with St. John's College School, is governed by a coun-

cil under statutes given by the Bishop and sanctioned by the Synod. It is a chief meteorological station for the Do-

minion of Canada, superintendent a number of stations in the Northwest Territories.

The St. John's College Ladies' School is a new institution. The school is under Miss Isaac Davies as principal, and will have a staff of governesses and masters as may be required. It is at present being car-
ried on in St. Andrews, some miles from the city. The new building is fit for occupation.

The following is a description of this building: It will be built of solid brick, with stone foundation, in a harmonious combination of Swiss, Eng-
lish, and American Gothic, with man-
sard roof, having four floors, finished throughout; the size will be 45 by 45 ft., with projections on four sides: the stone work will be "broken ashlar," and brick work in the "American bond style," with projecting caps and pinnacles finished in imitation of "Ohio sandstone."

The windows and doors will be all in Gothic style; the dormitories finish-
ed with pinnacles and neat gilded termi-

nals.

The main entrance will be under a very imposing tower, with belfry and spire finished in the same general de-
sign, with an observatory from which an excellent view of the city and sur-
rounding country can be obtained.

The internal arrangements are complete in every respect, the whole building being heated by hot air on the latest improved system, one pat-
ented by the architect. There is also a complete system of water works for the dormitories and closets throughout. This will also be a safe-
guard against fire, as a hose can be at-
tached on each floor.

It will have accommodation for 30 pupils and four lady assistants. Each floor is provided with the necessary closets and bath-rooms, fixed wash-
stands, etc.

The Church of England is mainly indebted for this fine School to a very generous contribution by a clergyman in England; but over $6,000 has yet to be raised, before the building can be built, furnished and the grounds laid off.

By means of the endowments that have been secured, the charges at these institutions are much less than at such first-class institutions gener-
ally in America.

The following, for example, are the charges per term at the St. John's College School. The term lasts for 20 weeks—there being two in the year.

For tuition in English, Classics, Math-
ematics, including Surveying and Mathe-
ematical Drawing, French and Vocal Music $10

Instrumental Music ........................................ 5 0
School Library ........................................ 5 0
Boarding for Boys under 18 .......................... 90 0
Boarding for Boys over 18 .......................... 90 0

*Just completed and opened, Feb., 1878.
It need scarcely be added that the raising of these institutions in this young country, is the result of great and continued effort. With some additional, help they could be made very efficient. The Bishop is particularly anxious that scholarships should be founded at them, both to encourage deserving and promising students, and especially for the benefit of the sons and daughters of the clergy.

A comparatively small sum given in this way would materially strengthen the Church, and cheer the Missionary in his struggles to build up the church in new districts, where the people can do little.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA.

There is now a University of Manitoba consisting of three colleges, St. John’s, St. Boniface and Manitoba, and likely bye and bye to have more connected with it. The University to be governed by a council consisting of a Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Representatives from each of the Colleges, three Representatives elected by the Convention of Graduates, and two Representatives of the Board of Education. The Bishop of Rupert’s Land has been appointed Chancellor, the Hon. J. Royal, Vice Chancellor, and the other members of Senate are now being elected. Degrees in arts, sciences, law and medicine will be given by the University, but power has been given to the several colleges, with the consent of the religious bodies they are connected with, to establish separate societies of theology. The Council of St. John’s College has accordingly under this act, with the sanction of the Diocesan Synod of Rupert’s Land, established a Faculty for the examination of candidates for the degrees of B. D. and D. D.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

This church is represented in the northwest by the Presbytery of Manitoba. The territory occupied by this presbytery is very extensive, embrac-
el and of barley weighing 56 pounds to the bushel. The climate was even more suitable than in Ontario for there were no wet autumns or frost to kill the young grain. The plants that he found in that region were the same as

THOSE ON LAKE ERIE, and further discoveries satisfied him that the two areas were similar in every respect. The ice in the river broke up in April. Stock raising was not difficult because the grass remained fresh and green up to the very opening of winter. He had seen thousands of acres of li three and four feet long on levels 200 feet above Peace river. He had tested the temperature, and showed by figures that the average summer heat, throughout that entire district and way to the north of the Peace river valley, was similar to that of Toronto and Montreal and much higher than that of Halifax. He was positive that the climate was uncommonly suitable for agriculture. Besides the excellent climate of the country for cereals he had found thousands of acres of crystalized salt, so pure that it was used in its natural state by the Hudson Bay Co.

COAL abounded in the richest veins and was so inter-stratified with hornbeelite of iron ore yielding 50 per cent. no locality could be better for manufacturing. Thousands of acres of

COAL OIL FIELDS were found, the tar lying on the ground being ankle deep, miles and miles of the purest gyspm beds cropped out of the river beds; coal beds abound along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains and extend in large seams throughout the country. In short, Prof. Macoun believed the northwest to be the richest part of Canada, prophesied that it would yet become the homes of millions of people, prosperous and happy. It might be well to state, that this committee was not made up entirely of believers of the human sustaining resources of that section or the northwest generally, by any means, but the Professor submitted such a very full collection of the

FAUNA, FLORA, MINERALS, SOILS, etc., etc., of that section, with such full data that belief took the place of doubt. I am informed that this, with other similar collections, can be found in the proper department at Ottawa. In speaking of salt I would say that it is abundant at Lake Manitoba by steam with the states and Canada, all the salt they used was made near Lake Manitoba, but their appliances being rude, and distance considerable, its manufacture is not at present continued, though salt springs of remunerative strength still exist there, and soon its manufacture may be recommenced with the cheaper facilities of modern and complete conveniences.

Manitoba has a very fine

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

I have before me the prize list for the Third Annual Exhibition, which was held last October. The premiums amounted to but $3,000, and competition being opened to the entire Canadian northwest, the display was very full and gratifying to all interested, and was a pleasant surprise in the quality, as well as quantity of articles exhibited.

DEER LODGE.

No one interested in agriculture or stock breeding, particularly horses, should fail visiting Deer Lodge, the residence of Hon. James McKay, on the Assiniboine some five miles from Winnipeg. It is a beautiful spot; the visitor can scarcely believe that he is in the delightfully distant and frigid Manitoba. In the large and finely kept garden will be found all the vegetables, flowers and shrubs of central Minnesota. The grounds attached to the Lodge are spacious and finely kept by professional English gardener. The Lodge is much more spacious than the view herewith shows. It is profusely decorated with immense deer horns, trophies of Mr. McKay's various hunts,

The interior is finely furnished with rich English furniture, most of which was brought from England, via, Hudson Bay, the river Nelson and lake Winnipeg, as the Lodge was built and furnished in 1861. Twelve miles beyond at his stock farm of Buffalo Park will be found his brood of some 60 breeding mares, a large quantity of tamed stock and some tame buffalos. In his stable across the highway from the lodge will be found, besides his carriage and saddle horses for family use, some of the finest and straightest pedigree and blooded stallions and mares to be found in the States, for one of which he paid $5,000 in gold, a Gold-buck stalked that was a calf at time of purchase.

An autobiography of Mr. McKay's past experience, though still in middle life, would make a man proud of any writer of Indian experience or frontier life. He was born at Edmonton, a Fort 1000 miles west of his present home, in 1858. His presence has been and is a prime necessity in making Indian treaties. For 25 years he has been nearly always a hunter and trader, but for some 10 years he was in the confidential employ of the H. B. Co., receiving a commission as chief factor, which he shared with and left the company. During these years, his services were sought as chief guide, interpreter, voyageur and hunter for various furs, hunting and exploring parties. He has at various times served as such at Binkten and Silver Lodge, and was sent to English River, Hudson Bay, etc.; Sir George Simpson in his travels; Capt. Palliser in his explorations for Canada Pacific Railway; Sir Hiram M. Maxim, member of Imperial Parliament and his party on a hunt; Sir Frederick Johnson, Dr. Rae and Hon. John H. B. Chaplin also on various hunting trips; Dallas on his travels; Lord Dunmore and Col. Cooper's hunting parties; Archipshop Tache's party of traders. It was on the latter trip—in 1863—that he accidentally shot himself, which made him an invalid most of that year. Besides these he was with many other parties and expeditions, besides being a chief hunter. In fact, hunting was for many years his legitimate business, bringing out large numbers of hunters, though not always with him himself. He who owns the man that earns the first mail between Winnipeg and St. Paul, making, during these years to '65, some 57 trips as mail carrier summer and winter, to St. Paul, undertakes a dangerous border Indian country, it being a debatable or fighting ground between the Sioux of the Great Plains and the Chippewas and Cree Indians of the Forest section to the east. Since 1865 Mr. McKay has been almost constantly in public life. As a man, whole, quiet and still most benevolent, and a man who has yet to have the first drop of liquor or beer or tobacco in any form to cross his lips. This is woe-derful, considering
the life he has led, where the pipe and bottle are considered the necessary part of the camp outfit. During these various hunting and traveling trips he has often been of assistance to hunters, more than once on these great plains. In 1863 he obtained the release of three white men and brought them over 1000 miles to Winnipeg, furnishing them with means to return to their homes in the States. Some time before he had brought a young white girl from the Indians, educated her, and she is now married to a gentleman of fine position in the Province. It is unnecessary to say that the writer takes no part in any of the rumors connecting his name with the Indian troubles in the States in 1863, but rather believes it will, in after years, be the pleasure of someone to write of him a record of a life of usefulness.

WHO SHOULD COME

Into this country is a very important question, and I do not know that any tiling I may say, will have much influence one way or another, but support of immigration will continue to run at least as it has—still there is this truth, that it will do no harm to state; that in no place is capital as safely re-

numbered as in decided and new sections. There is everything to be done and the people there can, do and will pay higher rates of interest in those sections. What capitalists want to do is to come out, look at the country, find where facts are fixed natural points and one or of a prosperous growth, then settle among them and quietly watch their opportunities. In the mean time keep a close mouth as to all, they have any more or not, in other words keep their business to themselves, and opportunities perhaps satisfying to them will soon be presented. So doing they have opportunities for learning the true inwardness of any place will be increased and they will have themselves so much annoyance that they will otherwise be troubled with. But what are sections really present the

EXTRA OPENINGS FOR

are those men, who comfortably fixed themselves, who have a growing family particularly of boys, and who wish to have their families grow up and be self-supporting, is natural to all parents. Now a days in old sections it is almost certain that the ancestors will stray away and most of them to the west. Now, it is much better for the father to sell out his high priced land, come to the new section, get a home, and thus enable them to grow up about the home nest; this is wiser and better for the family, the boys, of their sons drifting away from them. While for the daughters there is no comparison between the two sections in the chances they will have in the new sections and the more costly and nice, as they grow older. As all the people come from old, well settled and well furnished homes, so, too, will they have about them here, all those little home luxuries they once had, such possession and purchase being only a matter of time. But those who come thinking to live by their wits, I care not into what new section they may go, will find somewhere ahead of them in that worthless employment can double discount them. For persons of delicate constitutions, or poor health, there is no place on this green earth where they will live out all their days as here. It does seem strange to me, that Manitoba and this great northwest does not fill up with greater rapidity than it does, when this fact is known; it is the only section under the British flag, in which free Prairie homes in the healthiest climate that flag waves over, are given.

A ROYAL GIFT

to actual settlers. There are surely thousands in Great Britain, sons of wealthy farmers and tradesmen, second and younger sons of the nobility as well as young Canadians who can come here and secure, in point of domain, an earldom. On the, why didn’t they come? It must be because of their ignorance of the above fact. New Zealand gives every man that pays his own passage certificates, which he may use for any where it costs him a pound, or five dollars an acre. The Province of Victoria offers lands, first at auction at an upturn or starting price of one pound per acre. Australia offers to any one having a lease from the government of a sheep run, the privilege of making a pre-emption of 640 acres, on which their buildings and other improvements may be, at the expiration of their lease, but he must pay the one pound per acre at the expiration of his pre-emption. While here he has his homestead right to 160 acres, free, his pre-emption right of 160 acres, his tree planting right to another 160 acres free, while if he wants any more, he can get it at four shillings or one dollar per acre. Write to the agent of Dominion Land, Donald Codd, Esq., at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, for a copy of the land laws and such other information as is desired, including proper amount of postage stamps, and send to these things are not so. For sheep raising, Australia bears no comparison to this section, in healthful ess of the animal or fineness of the wool, and nearness to the markets of the world. While one does not have to run any of the dangers of isolation so does in those distant Pacific sections. It is only 15 days from Liverpool to Winnipeg. Repeated quantities of freight have come through this season in 23 days. While by telegraph one in Winnipeg can connect with his home in the British Isles or on the continent any hour, and for that matter, so he can for a thousand miles west of Winnipeg.

The climate here is a perfect

ANTHOT OF HEALTH.

Acclimating diseases need not be feared, because they do not exist. Boys of 18 years old have homestead and pre-emption rights, so do married women who are the sole heads of families. What liberal chances are thus given to the British subject to obtain homes, under the same old flag their fathers and their forefathers have lived under. It is far more liberal and the lands are cheaper than in the

MANITOBA COLLEGE, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. See page 20.
The growing scarcity of cultivable public, or government lands in the United States. Much has been said on this subject, but the following is a short extract from a long article on this same subject from the New York Tribune, which speaks for itself and it is a truth, the people of the United States will have to face and admit.

The Tribune has always been a western or emigrating paper, though published in New York City. Its founder, Horace Greeley, was a man who in his day, was more familiar with the West and its resources and opportunity, than any other eastern editor. He was a most philanthropic man, and when applied to by the young men of the crowded east, as he very often was, was apt to give them the following advice, which has since grown to an axiom, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country."

"The days of cheap, fertile farms for all who like the country and are willing to put their hands to the plow are over. The unoccupied lands of the Dominion are now the best one can get, and in every year thousands of persons in Europe who are to be found are by far the most healthful and attractive. The climate of the south and southwest is hot, and, in many places, unhealthy for the Anglo-Saxon race, whether in a physical or in mental, and power. The valley of the Saskatchewan, and the regions beyond it, which will soon be seen as the great wheat lands, are left for the struggling millions feeding westward. It is also the case that the world's consumption of wheat will take some time for those fertile regions to be absolutely developed. Some long periods, it would be impossible to calculate when it will happen."

"In the States the question is already a living one and passes for an answer: "What is to be done with the over-populated, and with no new lands to which the surplus may always migrate?"

"Every civilized country of the States will be forced to eighty millions, and the States will be mainly dependent in the future upon the stretch of cultivable fields which the present forty millions do."

**THE ROUTES**

to Manitoba from the States. Where an all rail route is desired to Moorhead or Fisher's Landing, on the Red River, take any of the railway lines coming to St. Paul, or Chippewa Falls, then take the Northern Pacific Railway to Moorhead or Glyndon, and from Glyndon to Fisher's Landing (the latter place being the junction of the Northern terminus of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway, 80 miles north of Glyndon, though it will be finished soon). In connection with the southern branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Winnipeg by 1st of October, 1878; or by the St. Paul & Pacific Railway to Fisher's Landing via Glyndon (Glyndon being the station on the Northern Pacific where the S. P. & P. crosses that railway). A. Fisher's Landing the better class of Red River Transporation Company's steamers run there. As for the limit, through boats run from Moorhead, or one can take the Wisconsin Central Railway at Chicago or Milwaukee to Lake Superior at Ah-land, Lake Itasca, by boat, close connection being being made, 70 miles to Duluth, there connecting with the Northern Pacific westward to Glyndon or Moorhead. Those from the States desiring to go by lake, can take a daily line of steamers from Buffalo, that call at Lake Superior, Grand Rapids, Marquette, etc., to Duluth, or by Canadian Lake Steamer also to Duluth.

The Canadians desiring all rail would take the International and Grand Trunk Railways to Toronto at least, and then take the choice of either continuing on the Grand Trunk or take the Great Western Railway via Hamilton and the many beautiful cities and towns to Detroit, where the Grand Trunk also runs, both railways from there going to Chicago over that "boss" railway of the St. es, the Michigan Central, and to St. Paul and Fisher Landing. Or, Canadians desiring to go by lake can, at Toronto, take the Northern Railway to Collingwood, 80 miles, and there boats through to Duluth; though they can make connections with either one and Canadian lines or the American lines from Detroit or Sarnia by either the Grand Trunk or Great Western Railways as above. But, by taking the Collingwood boats they can reach Lake Huron and the Lake Huron is obviated and much finer scenery obtained, as the latter line runs through the bars and among the islands that lay along the eastern and northern shores of Lake Huron instead of running out into and through the middle of the lake as the boats of the other lines do.

**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

was incorporated by act of Parliament on the 8th of November, 1873. The first election for Mayor and Aldermen was held on the 5th of January 1874. Francis Evans Corshash was elected the first mayor. The present Mayor, Capt. Thomas Scott was elected last January, as were also the following Aldermen: William V. Forsees, Alex. Logan, John R. More, William F. Allerower, A. W. Burrows, E. G. Conklin, Duncan Sinclair, H. G. McMicken, Alex. Brown, S. J. Jackson, Archibald McNee, Jas. Rice.

The present efficient city clerk, Mr. A. M. Brown, was the first regular city clerk, he having been appointed on the 2d day of February 1874. The sound condition of the city, its peace and good order, show that its management is in good hands, and that its police is not excelled by any city in the States or old Provinces. It is in fact something wonderful when we consider the great numbers of tradesmen, mechanics, and drivers, that come in every day to the city, drivers and their assistants, whose duties, only come in where the dissipations of civilized life are obtainable once in a lifetime. During the nearly seven weeks of my visit, right in the height of their distant trading season, I never saw a single street fight or knew of a single drop of blood being shed.

The City Government is divided into the following

DEPARTMENTS.

Finance, board of works, markets, licenses and police, fire, water and lights, fire inspector, board of health, cemetery committee, Hops the Mayors is ex officio member of all the committees, and he looks after them well. The department I noticed with very great approval, was the inspection of the water, water and lights, having in charge the Fire Department, which is very efficient, consisting of two fine Salem steamers, four hose reels, 3,000 feet of the best 3-ply rubber hose, a hook and ladder truck complete. The brigade consists of 45 men. The two engineers are constantly on duty as well as the horses. Seven large tanks are scattered about its business streets, beside their never failing river supplies. These tanks are kept constantly filled and are never allowed to get low or empty. Fighting fire with them is a vital business and they provide themselves accordingly. Their business streets are now becoming very much protected, from any extended fires, by the frequent erection of substantial brick blocks, of which we give quite a number of views, though not all by means. We give an engraving of the beautiful new engine house, over a part of which the first and second engineers will live. Few more complete fire department buildings than this, are to be found in any city. The public schools of Winnipeg are an honor to her. I see by the last City Auditor's report that there was paid nearly $6,000 for their support in 1876, while this year they are building two very fine school buildings, one of which we give a fine view. It has a fine four-acre lot. The building itself is of brick, and will cost some $5,000. Its architecture and interior arrangement are very fine. They are also building another smaller one that has a nice playground of half an acre. This building will cost some $4,000. It is of the same fine architecture as the above, and is for the children educated at home, make them unusually live to the early providing of this great privilege. These city schools are free, and it should be borne in mind are in addition to the colleges herefore spoken of, views of which we also give our...
readers. The city churches are numerous, and though as yet of rather plain architecture, as became the means of those who built them, are still noted for their costliness and what is more, are well filled, all having quite flourishing Sunday schools. The people of the inhabitants are greatly church-going, and no old city shows a better Sabbath observance.

The population of Winnipeg in 1870 was 4,000, the census then taken, in 1873 it was some 2,000; it now has a plump 8,000. Since I was there in 1873 I see a wonderful growth in every way. Then there were but two brick buildings; now there are scores of them, and of none quality. But the curling indoor season is cheaper than lumber. One evidence of this was the great number of small or cheaper dwellings that I saw built of the various business and public buildings. The Dominion government has built here some very fine brick buildings, of which we give some views. The custom house, the land office, the post-office, would ornament the streets of any great city. The city hall and market, of which we give a view, is a fine, substantial brick building, the cost $50,000. The lower floor is used for the council room, city offices, lock-up and market, while the second floor has a very fine hall, also rooms of the various Men's Christian associations. Few young cities are so well and liberally side and crossways.

The street views of to-day, which we give our readers, particularly, when compared with a view of the same streets, taken in 1873, will show better than any words mine the wonderful growth of this marvelous young

GATE CITY OF THE NORTHWEST.

Then there are the closely-built blocks of business houses. The largest dealers are of course the Hudson Bay Company, who have their main depot of supplies in this city, the same being at the head of Main street, looking south, and in Fort Garry on the north of the river, opposite Assiniboine. Their trade goes up into the millions, though far more is done in the aggregate by

THE PRIVATE MERCHANTS,

among whom the firm of

HIGGINS & YOUNG

are most prominent, occupying as they do three large stores for their departments. The large three-story brick, with fine basement, is used for their dry goods, millinery, etc., of which they carry very large stocks. They also handle clothing, with a merchant tailoring department, in charge of a most competent foreman. Mr. John Higgins, the head of the firm, is taking life a little easier than formerly, though he is constantly about the premises. Mr. Higgins is one of the old pioneer merchants of the city, and the wholesale dry goods merchant. Coming here in 1865, beginning with a general stock, he kept at it, building up his trade and good name until 1871, when Mr. Young joined him and took the more active part in the business management. The trade at once took a great start, and they were obliged to leave their old store for larger quarters, the same push, energy, good judgment and good management being continued without any let up, until they occupy their present store, which are already getting small for them. Mr. Young was admitted a partner in 1870, and Mr. Jackson, in the dry goods department, in 1877. This business has been built up against heavy competing influences until it has the peers of any of the private firms in the city. They have built broad and solidly, their yearly trade reaching $250,000.

The engraving of the fine three-story and basement brick store of

A. G. B. BANNATYNE

shows only a portion of the premises occupied by him for his wholesale grocery business, as he has four warehouse houses, besides two being bonded, where he keeps his imported goods, paying the customs on the goods as withdrawn for his trade. This brick store is full from bottom up. The basement is used for liquors of which he carries a very large stock; the first floor the offices and saleroom, both retail and wholesale, while the two upper floors are stored with bulky goods and those requiring careful dry storage. Mr. Bannatyne is a Scotchman, being a native of the Orkney Islands. He came to Manitoba in 1848 as an engaged by R. Eden, in the Hudson's Bay Company, with whom he remained until 1851, when he left them and began a general business, being one of the first daring spirits to begin a trade in furs in opposition to the H. B. Co. He continued in this trade until 1870, when, selling out his dry goods department, he confined his trade to groceries which he has built up to quite a quarter of a million of dollars. In 1870 when real estate had little or no value or sale, he foresaw the future of Winnipeg and Manitoba and began to buy up large or small quantities when offered to him at prices that suited him, with his father-in-law, Andrew McDermot Esq., who came here in 1857 with Lord Selkirk, and who is to-day the most wealthy man in the province. They are by far the largest private real estate owners in the province. Mr. Bannatyne is different from many large local holders of real estate in this, that man in Winnipeg are public spirited and enterprising. In any new movement for the public advancement Mr. B. is the first man appealed to and if it has any practical merit, his aid is always promptly, modestly and liberally given. Beside his fine store and residence, views of both of which we give our readers, he owns several other stores and dwellings, thus showing a faith in his property by keeping pace if not leading in building improvements. For the past fifteen years he has been constantly called to various local public offices besides being a member of the Dominion House of Parliament for the county of Provencha. A more genial gentleman and public spirited citizen it was not my pleasure to meet while in Winnipeg.

W. H. LYON, wholesale grocer, of whose modest store we present a view, was born in the state of New York, and came here "to fortune and fame unknown," in 1859, bringing willing hands and a determined mind. He began a trade in furs in 1860 and in 1865 went into general merchandising, in which he continued until 1877, when he went into exclusive wholesale groceries, which business he looks to increasing largely. It at present extends from Fort McCloud 1200 miles west, to Ft. Francis 250 miles east and north as far as Grand Portage or Lake of the Woods. A man of strong attachments, he loves the little store under whose roof his persistent work has been crowned with success. This store, by the way is much larger than it appears, being 30x85, and with two warehouses, one 20x100 and the other 40x85, with parts of two others on the river banks makes a storage ca-
capacity that at all times he keeps full and active. He has never been in peaceable life, but has stuck right along in business, though no one is more prompt to respond to any public movement. He is square, prompt and energetic in business, and business in trade and all business actions. He stands on the threshold of a magnificent trade, favored with a native gift of business, sense, of taking the wind out of the sails of others' schemes, and at the same time always a man that will wear well and always win and hold friends, which is the one great secret of mercantile success.

In passing down Main street, the most prominent business block that meets the eye of the stranger is the fine brick store of

J. H. ASHDOWN,
who is the pioneer by some two years in the hardware, stove and tin business, which he started in a small way in 1869. His route by the old trail from St. Paul, Minnesota, nearly 600 miles, bringing his stock in Red river ox carts, then the only means of transportation for the entire distance. He was 20 days on the route, walking nearly the entire distance. Shortly after commencing business, he built a large frame store of two stories. Sticking right to business, without a partner, such was his success that in 1875 he built his present fine block which will in another year be doubled. He occupies this entire building, his old store at his side, two large separate warehouses and two vacant lots covered with rammers, mowens, horsetales, and blows, while the buildings are filled with every thing in tools, hardware, iron, nails, naval stores, paints, oils, stoves &c. The sales room and offices on the first floor of his brick block are nicely fitted up and convey a correct impression of the immense business done by him. The basement is filled with extra stove and nails, the second floor with shelf hardware in stock, the third floor with tin and sheet iron stock, also as work shop for making stove pipe and stove trimmings and tin ware generally, of which his sales are very large for both family and camp use. The old store is used as a sales room for his stove and tin ware department Mr. Ashdown, though still young, being under 33 and in the very prime of life and health, feels as though he was only just getting well started, has established and never speculated, nor invested in real estate or anything outside, but accumulated his capital and trade by a very conservative and strict adherence to his legitimate business.

KEW, STOBART & CO.
were originally started here as a commission agency for the private traders here, of the London house of F. E. Kew & Co. Mr. Kew first visited this province in 1863, though he had previous been doing a large order and commission business for traders in the northwest. To facilitate his business transactions, he that year established an agency in St. Paul, Minnesota, but in 1874 he brought it to Winnipeg. In 1874 Mr. D. W. Stobart became a resident partner here, and they enlarged their business to dry goods and other trade, and in 1877 they formed their present firm. Mr. Stobart took charge of a large trading expedition through the west, established several trading posts, with headquarters on the Saskatchewan. In 1878 they bought out the retail trading and commission business of Owen Hughes & Co., who had previously purchased the same department from the old-established house of A. G. B. Bannatyne. Mr. Hughes was employed by this firm to proceed north to establish trading posts to the north of Lake Winnipeg, along the Nelson river to Hudson bay, which he did, fixing his headquarters at Cross Lake, on Nelson river. In 1875 Mr. A. F. Eden took charge of the general management of the Winnipeg house. This firm now has an immense trade through the above sections, being the largest fur dealers in the Province, outside the Hudson Bay Company, while their general wholesale and retail trade at Winnipeg is very heavy. They still keep up their shipping and commission London agency under the charge of Mr. Kew who has always continued to reside there.

Among the dry goods establishments of the city, the firm of

R. GERRIE & CO.
occupies a leading position, as the only exclusively dry goods firm in Winnipeg, with a character and business second to none in the Province; while their success and rapidly increasing trade is another example of what tact, enterprise and energy can do in a new country, supplemented with a due share of Scotch caution and shrewdness.

With a business record extending over fifteen years, ample capital, and a first-class credit in Europe and the United States, they have been enabled to develop a large wholesale business, and to compete successfully in prices with eastern houses—a result which can be readily understood when one looks on their daily large arrivals of direct foreign shipments, which frequently reach here in 25 days from ship of shipment. With a great expansion of which the country is capable, it is safe to predict for this firm a prosperous career and brilliant future.

H. S. DONALDSON & BROTHER
Mr. H. S. coming here in 1864, and was joined by his brother, J. N., in 1871. They have since '71 largely increased their trade up to quite a considerable amount of it is wholesale. They occupy both floors for their sales-rooms and stock. Besides books, stationery, etc., they are large dealers in wall papers, musical instruments, jewelry, and general fancy goods. A practical watchmaker is kept constantly at work in repairs, etc. Two very gentlemanly clerks, low prices and full assortment make it a most genial and pleasant place of trade, their business location is fine. All the latest publications, both popular and standard, with all the latest magazines and newspapers, both European, Canadian and American, including this ADVERTISER, will be found upon their shelves and counters. A view of their store with McMicken & Taylor's, next door, is herewith given our readers.

BANKS.
Perchs the greatest necessity for successful business enterprise, mercantile particularly, in either an old or new trade centre, is proper bank facilities. For so young a city, Winnipeg is remarkably fortunate in this
respect, having two solid and substantial banks already. The leading one is a branch of the

** Merchants Bank of Canada.**

Occupying a prominent position in the very center of the town, stands the handsome edifice belonging to the Merchants' Bank of Canada, an institution which was organized about 19 years ago, by Sir Hugh Allan, with whom was associated Jackson Rae Esq., who was general manager of this institution for upwards of 19 years. Mr. Allan is the eminent steamship owner of Montreal, whose magnificent line of ocean steam ships have acquired a world-wide fame, and to whose indomitable perseverance and indefatigable energy, Canada owes more as regards her material prosperity, than to any other man living. This bank ranks in size and importance immediately under the B. of Montreal, being the second largest bank in the Dominion, and having some 40 branches, besides agencies in New York and London. The head office is in Montreal. The general manager is George Hagen Esq., a banker of very high reputation. The Merchants' Bank was the first chartered monetary institution in Canada, which established a branch in the northwest, having organized its branch in Winnipeg in 1872, under the management of Duncan Macarthur, Esq., formerly of the financial department of the Hudson Bay Company in Montreal, and its enterprise has fairly earned the large and increasing business which it does, and the high reputation which it has acquired, not only in the Province of Manitoba, but throughout the contiguous Western States.

The officers stationed at Winnipeg are Donald Macarther, manager; C. B. Daly, accountant; H. T. Champion, teller; A. R. J. Bannatyne, assistant; Frank H. Morice, ledger keeper; Alfred Hespeler, clerk; Thomas Fee-

** Business Block, Winnipeg, Manitoba. **
his June issue of this large eight-page paper, and issued his July number, an entirely new number of 3,500, and these were rapidly going off to his many correspondents.

Mr. Burrows is a splendid specimen of new Canada, having all the dash and dare of the Western American. He knows of real estate law is practical and full, his valuations are standard and his familiarity with titles, some of which in the old Parishes are intricate, is complete. His free reading room does not exist on his sign only, but in the largest and most complete reading room in the Province. He generously keeps it open every day and evenings and Sundays. The numbers are frequenting it, show how generally it is appreciated by the class it is designed for, viz.: strangers. Those visiting Winnipeg, either for information or investment will save time and trouble by calling on him first, and at once. One thing that provoked me much, was to occasionally see those who cannot appreciate gentlemanly treatment, try to play such small games to defraud him of fees, that are as legitimate his due, as those of the lawyer, or doctor, without the same being of benefit to themselves, but from their excessively brilliant ideas of smartness.

C. A. BARRER,
the architect of Winnipeg, is a native of the province of Ontario. He served three years apprenticeship with a firm of architects and builders, of high reputation in Rome, New York, and has since had the superintendence of railway work and several of the finest buildings in the States and Canada. He came to this province in 1873, and is now a resident of the city, in health. In this he was successful and he intends to stay. By showing that he practically understands the art of architecture and building he has already acquired a standing and reputation that places himself at the head of all his profession in the Province. He is the architect of the central and north ward school houses, ladie's school of St. Johns college, and several of the finest private buildings in the province. This is a busy year with him.

There are ten steam flour mills in the province, above some dozen wind grain mills, but the latter are now almost entirely out of repair. There is also a fine steam flour and grain mill at St. Albert, some 500 miles up the Saskatchewan. The largest and finest mill in the Province is that of J. W. McLane.

We give a view of this mill, which is 250 feet long, 35 feet wide and 60 feet to the ridge. By springing it out of oak. The engine house of white brick is 30 by 44, engine 150 horse power (being the largest engine north of Minneapolis, Minnesota) and the mill has at present four run of stone, though two more will be added this year. It works day and night and can do 60,000 bushels of flour and 100 barrels per day. Its machinery has all the late improvements, including a multiple elevator, a depalletizer, and no mill in the States or Canada can turn out the finer new process flour. His brands, "Northern Light" and "Belle of Winnipeg" have filled out all the kind of flour that used to come here from the States. He also makes the regular "Straight" and "Baker's" brands. The elevator and warehouse adjoining, on the immediate bank of the river have a storage capacity of 35,000 bushels, besides holding a large amount of flour. Mr. McLane is an old flour man, perfectly familiar with all the best Minnesota and makes and aims in his manufacturing not only at profit but standard excellence. Samples of his patent process were sent to Toronto and on the Exchange of that city were surpassed by that one brand of Canadian flour a day that was manufactured expressly for exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial. This mill will soon be increased to a 10-run mill.

THOMAS LUSTED,
came here in 1857. He at once began his present business, making the first wagons, buggies and sleighs made in the Province, from lumber cut by his own hand from the log. He now employs 10 men the year through and in the busy season more. All of the necessary smithing and iron work, painting etc., in making a carriage complete is done in his factory. In establishing his business he has had many obstacles to overcome, but those incident to pioneer manufacturing anywhere. But in the line the present customs tariff works much to his disadvantage in that he is charged just the same rate of duty on raw or half finished material that he imports for his use as on wagons etc., complete. But his energy and the reliability of his work have built up for him what really is the largest manuf acturing establishment in the Province, outside the lumber trade. Manitobans, if you would build up manufacturing in your midst and keep all your money circulat- ing here, you should always, when you have a chance, patronize your home manufacturers.

This year he has added many of the leading makes of agricultural implements and machinery to his stock of wagons etc., all of which he sells at the lowest living figures. He is a man of very quiet ways, but of great energy and persistence and trusts by another year to so rebuild and enlarge his works that they will be an ornament among the industrial institutions of the city.

McLAE'S FLOUR MILL.

M'KEENIE, M'ILLAN & CO.
are the foundry, machine, and blacksmithing firm of the city. They have a large engine, a good foundry, and a large amount of the necessary machinery, much of it suited to heavy work. At present their business is mostly repairing, of which they do a large amount, employing constantly some eight men beside themselves. They do engine, mill and agricultural implement work. They were making a quantity of small cars for Mr. Whitehead, the contractor on the Canadian Pacific Railway, when I visited their works. They are both practical skilled mechanics, of the best habits, workers of the hardest kind, and with ample capital will keep pace with the growth of the Province.

The hotels of the city are both numerous and very good; but the PACIFIC HOTEL is the one last built and furnished, and is the best. It takes the first-class travel every time.

STEWART & VERY established themselves here in 1872, and do a fine drug and chemical trade. The increase of THE CARRYING TRADE of Manitoba may be seen by the following statement of tonnage from season of 1873 by Red River steamboats: 1873—23,036,036; 1874—37,639, 200; 1875—78,978,820. This is but the dawning light of the future trade here when railways have added their developing influences. Most of the merchants here who import direct from Europe—and there are many of them who buy there largely—now ship their purchases on through bills of lading at through freight rates to Winnipeg, and receive them usually in from 23 to 25 days from date of shipment.

THE DISTANCE that trade comes to this city can hardly be appreciated by the stranger. I have seen and talked with traders from away up in the Arc-
tic circle, from inlands near the mouth of the McKenzie River, where it takes nine and a half months to make the trip one way, and where the days are three months long. Also from Ed monton, Bow River, Athabascas and Peace River—9, 12 and 1,500 miles distant—besides from away down the Nelson River to Hudson's Bay. Over 4,000 Red River carts will be loaded here this season to supply this trade. It seems as though this fact alone, without mentioning any of the other items herein given, is enough to conclusively show that no young city ever was started that is a focal point of such immense areas of trade as this same city of Winnipeg.

**AS INDICES OF CIVILIZATION**

in this Province, I would say that there are 43 Protestant school districts with 1,600 enrolled children. There are 47 churches—16 Episcopal, 13 Catholic, 5 Presbyterian, 9 Methodist, 2 Baptist. There are 7 lodges of Masons, 3 of Odd Fellows, 6 Temperance lodges, 2 Base Ball, 2 Cricket, and 3 LaCrosse clubs. 3 dramatic and literary societies (the latter several years old), 4 social and charitable societies, such as St. Andrew's, St. Jean Baptiste, etc., and the Y. M. C. A., and several boating clubs.

The Manitoba Club is a very select association of 83 members, organized in 1874. Their club house is one of the most conspicuous buildings on Main street. It cost $6,500. Its members are very hospitable and hospitable to strangers.

**THE NEWSPAPER PRESS**

of this northwest consists of the Free Press, Manitoba, and Le Metis. The two former are English and are published in Winnipeg. The latter is French and is published at St. Boniface. The Free Press issues a daily and weekly edition. Its office is run by steam and is the most complete printing office west or northwest of Minneapolis. The Standard is an eight-page weekly and is the outgrowth of the Manitobian, which was begun in 1870. Its office has a very full outfit of type, presses, etc. Among the latter is the first printing press brought to the Province. The Le Metis, a weekly, is the organ of the French speaking population of the northwest. They number at least 25,000. It has a complete job office attached to it. Space alone prevents my speaking of them all as I would like to. Where the attentions extended to your northern editor, from all of these offices, were so kind, generous and delicate, it would hardly be in good taste to particularize. So just to say, they were such that their memories will ever be cherished and pleasant, and his wish is sincere that the prosperous business which they seem to have, be as continued as it is merited.

**NATURAL CONCLUSIONS.**

The great work and effort in starting a new community, in planting civilization in a distant wild, as this place was four years since, is largely overcome by the time it has a fixed and permanent population of 8,500 which Winnipeg now has. So has it now here churches, social, educational, commercial and mercantile facilities, capable of easy enlargement to accommodate ten or twenty times the present population. In brief, the great work, privation, hopes and fears, doubts and uncertainties, have been largely overcome in the building of a city of 50,000 or 100,000 here, in the already established and provided for population of 8,500, so that those hereafter casting their lot here, will be largely relieved from the varied demands, and wear and tear of brain, that in the years now past, were so constantly attendant upon those who carried the many and heavier burdens of pioneer life. This city is able to offer most of the conveniences of old communities to those, and I believe they will be many the coming season who will come and build their homes and business here.

TO YOU, SONS OF OLD ENGLAND, OF YOUNG CANADA

and of the United States, who are ready to take a man's part in life's real and remunerative actualities here, I know that many of you will come to make homes in this beautiful Manitoba. (The "Spirit Straits" of the Indians) or perhaps still beyond her borders, in this real NEW NORTHWEST.
Speech of the Governor General.

The following is a report of the speech of His Excellency, the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, at a Dejeuner, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 29th, 1877, in reply to the toast, "the Governor General of Canada," coupled with the name of Lady Dufferin. His Excellency in rising to reply was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He said:

Mr. Mayor, Your Honor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In rising to express my acknowledgement to the citizens of Winnipeg for thus crowning the friendly reception I have received throughout the length and breadth of Manitoba by so noble an entertainment, I am painfully oppressed by the consideration of the many respects in which my thanks are due to you, and to so many other persons in the Province. From our first landing on your quays until the present moment, my progress through the country has been one continual delight, nor has the slightest hitch or incongruous incident marred the satisfaction of my visit. I have to thank you for the hospitality I have enjoyed at the hands of your individual citizens, as well as of a multitude of independent communities, for the tasteful and ingenious decorations which adorned my route, for the quarter of a mile of evenly-yoked oxen that drew our triumphal car, [applause] for the universal proofs of your loyalty to the Throne and the Mother Country, and for your personal good-will towards Her Majesty's representative. Above all, I have to thank you for the evidences produced on either hand along our march of your prosperous condition, of your perfect contentment, of your happy confidence in your future fortunes,—for I need not tell you that to any one in my situation, smiling cornfields, cosy homesteads, the joyful faces of prosperous men and women, and the laughter of healthy children, are the best of all triumphal decorations. [Great applause.]

But there are other things for which I ought to be obliged to you, and not the least for the beautiful weather you have taken the precaution to provide us with during some six weeks of perpetual camping out, for which attention I have received Lady Dufferin's special orders to render you her personal thanks,—an attention which the unusual phenomena of a casual water-spout enabled us only the better to appreciate; and lastly, though certainly not least, for not having generated amongst you that fearful entity, 'a Pacific Railway question'—at all events not in those dire and tragic proportions in which I have encountered it elsewhere. [Loud applause.]

Of course, I know a certain phase of the question is agitating even this community, but it has assumed the mild character of a domestic rather than of an inter-Provincial controversy. Two distinguished members, however, of my present Government, have been lately amongst you, and have doubtless acquainted themselves with your views and wishes. It is not necessary, therefore, that I should mar the hilarious character of the present festival by any untimely allusions to so grave a matter. Well then, ladies and gentlemen, what am I to say and do to you in return for all the pleasure and satisfaction I have received at your hands? I fear there is very little that I can say, and scarcely anything that I can do, commensurate with my obligations. Stay—there is one thing at all events I think I have already done, for which I am entitled to claim your thanks: You are doubtless aware that a great political controversy has for some time raged between the two great parties of the state as to which one of them is responsible for the visitation of the terror of two continents—the Colorado bug. [Great laughter.] The one side is disposed to assert that if their opponents had never acceded to power, the Colorado bug would never have come to Canada. [Renewed laughter.] I have reason to believe, however, though I know not whether any substantial evidence has been adduced in support of their assertion, that my Government deny and repudiate having had any sort of concert or understanding with that irresponsible invader. [Roars of laughter.]

It would be highly unconstitutional for me, who am bound to hold a perfectly impartial balance between the two great factions of the state, to pronounce an opinion upon this momentous question. [Renewed and long-continued laughter.] But however disputable a point may be, it is of the prime and original authorship of the Colorado bug, there is one fact no one will question, namely, that to the presence of the Governor-General in Manitoba is to be attributed the sudden, total, otherwise unaccountable, and, I trust, permanent disappearance, not only from this Province, but from the whole Northwest of the infamous and unmentionable "hopper." [Loud laughter] whose frequent visitations for the last few years have proved so distressing to the agricultural interests of the entire region.

But apart from being the fortunate instrument of conferring this benefit upon you, I fear the only further return in my power is to assure you of my great sympathy with you in your endeavors to do justice to the material advantages with which your Province has been so richly endowed by the hands of Providence. [Applause.] From its geographical position, and its peculiar characteristics, Manitoba may be regarded as the keystone of that mighty arch of sister provinces which spans the entire continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. [Loud cheering.]

It was here that Canada, emerging from her woods and forest Imperial cap, upon her rolling prairies and unexplored North-west, and learned, as by an unexpected revelation, that her historical territories of the Canadas, her eastern seaboards of New Brunswick, Labrador, Nova Scotia, her Laurentian lakes and valleys, cornlands and pastures, though themselves more extensive than half a dozen European Kingdoms, [tremendous applause] were but the vestibules and ante-chambers to that, till then, un-dreamt-of Dominions, whose illimitable dimensions alike confound the arithmetic of the surveyor, and the verification of the explorer. [Continued applause.] It was hence that, counting her past achievements as but the preface and prelude to her future exertions and expanding destinies, she took a fresh departure, received the subtitle of a more prosperous life, and felt herself no longer a mere settler along the banks of a single river, but the owner of half a continent, and, in the amplitude of her possession, in the wealth of her resources, in the sinews of her material might, the peer of any power on the earth. [Great cheering.]

In a recently remarkably witty speech the Marquis of Salisbury alluded to the GEOGRAPHICAL MISCONCEPTION often engendered by the smallness of the maps upon which the figure of the world is depicted. To this cause is probably to be attributed the inadequate idea entertained by the best educated persons of the extent of Her Majesty's North American possessions. Perhaps the best way of correcting such a universal misconception would be by a summary of the rivers which flow through them, for we know that as a poor man cannot afford to live in a big house so a small country cannot support a big river. [Applause.] Now to an Englishman or a Frenchman the Severn or the Thames, the Seine or the Rhone, would appear considerable streams, but in the Ottawa, a mere affluent of
the St. Lawrence, an affluent, moreover, which reaches the parent stream six hundred miles from its mouth, we have a river four hundred and fifty miles long and four times as big as any of them; but even after having ascended the St. Lawrence itself to Lake Ontario, and pursued its course across Lake Huron, the Niagara, the St. Clair, and Lake Superior to Thunder Bay, a distance of one thousand five hundred miles, where are we? In the estimation of the person who has made the journey, at the end of all things, [laughter] but to us who know better, scarcely at the commencement of Not at all. Escorted systems of the Dominion; for from that spot, that is to say from Thunder Bay, we are able to ship our astonished traveller on to the Kam.

inatiquia, a river some hundred miles long. Thence almost in a straight line we launch him on the Lake Shebandowan and Rainy Lake and River—whose proper name by the bye is “Rene,” after the man who discovered it—a magnificent stream three hundred yards broad and a couple of hundred miles long, down whose tranquil bosom he floats into the Lake of the Woods, where he finds himself on a sheet of water which, though diminutive as compared with the inland seas he has left behind him, will probably be found sufficiently extensive to render him fearfully seasick [loud laughter] during his passage across it. Half way but eighty miles of his voyage, however, he will be consoled by sailing through a succession of land-locked channels, the beauty of whose scenery, while it resembles, certainly excels the far-famed Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. [Great applause.] From this indocubarian paradise of sylvan beauty we are able at once to transfer our friend to the Winnipeg, a river whose existence is the very heart of the continent is in itself one of Nature’s most extraordinary miracles, [applause] so beautiful and varied are its rocky banks, its tufted islands, so broad, so deep, so servid is the volume of its waters, the extent of their lake-like expansions, and the tremendous power of their rapids. [Loud cheering.] At last let us suppose we have landed our traveller at the town of Winnipeg, the half-buried heart of the continent, the capital of the Prairie Province, and I trust the future “umbilicus” of the Dominion. [Long continued applause.

Having had so much of water, having now reached the home of the buffalo, like the extenuated Falstaff, he naturally “babblies of green fields;” [laughter and cheers] and careers in imagination over the primaleval grasses of the prairie. For instance, by Mr. Mayor and his town council we take him down to your quay and ask him which he will ascend first, the Red river or the Assiniboine, the one five hundred miles long, the other four hundred and eighty, which so happily mingle their waters within your city limits. [Cheering.] A man having given him a preliminary canvas up these respective rivers we take him off to Lake Winnipeg, an inland sea three hundred miles long and upwards of sixty broad, during the navigation of which, for many a weary hour, he will find himself out of sight of land, and probably a good deal more seasick than ever he was on the Atlantic. [Loud laughter.] At the northwest point of the lake he is a mile from the mouth of the Saskatchewan, the gateway and high road to the Northwest, and the starting point to another fifteen hundred miles of navigable water, flowing nearly due east between its alluvial banks, [Great applause.] Having now reached the Rocky Mountains our “ancient mariner,” for by this time he will be quite entitled to such an appellation, [laughter] knowing that water cannot run up hill, feels certain his aquatic experiences are concluded. He was never more mistaken. [Laughter.] We immediately launch him upon the Athabaska and Mackenzie rivers, and start him on a longer trip than any he has yet undertaken, the navigation of the Mackenzie river alone exceeding two thousand five hundred miles. If he survives this last experience [laughter] we wind up his peregrinations by a concluding voyage of one thousand four hundred miles down the Fraser, or if he prefers it the Thompson river to Victoria, in Vancouver, whence having previously provided him with a return ticket for that purpose, he will probably prefer getting home via the Canadian Pacific. Now in the enumeration, those who are acquainted with the country are aware that for the sake of brevity I have omitted the most of the lakes and rivers, which water various regions of the Northwest, the Qu’Appelle river, the Belv. lake, Lake Manitoba, Lake Winnipegosis, Shoal lake, etc., etc., along whose interminable banks I might have dragged, and finally exterminated our way worn guest, [laughter] but the sketch I have given is more than sufficient for my purpose, and when it is further remembered that the most of these streams flow for their entire length through alluvial plains of the richest wheat, where year after year wheat can be raised without manure, or any sensible diminution in its yield, and where the soil everywhere presents the appearance of a highly cultivated suburban kitchen garden in England, enough has been said to display the agricultural riches of the territories I have referred to, and the capabilities they possess of affording happy and prosperous homes to millions of the human race. [Deafening applause.

But in contemplating the vistas thus opened to our imagination, we must not forget that there ensues a corresponding expansion of our obligations. For instance, unless great cares is taken, we shall find as we move westward, that the exigencies of civilization may clash injuriously with the prejudices and traditional habits of our Indian fellow-subjects. [Hear, hear.] As long as Canada was in the woods,

THE INDIAN PROBLEM

was comparatively easy, the progress of settlement was slow enough to give ample time and opportunity for arriving at an amicable and mutually convenient arrangement with each tribe with whom we successively came into contact, but once out upon the plains colonization will advance with far more rapid and ungovernable strides, and it cannot fail eventually to interfere with the by no means inexhaustible supply of buffalo upon which so many of the Indian tribes are now dependent. Against this contingency it will be our most urgent and imperative duty to take timely precautions by enabling the red man not by any undue pressure, or hasty or ill-considered interferences, but by precept, example, and suasion, by gifts of cattle, and other encouragements, to exchange the precarious life of a hunter for that of a pastoral and eventually that of an agricultural people. [Hear, hear and applause.] Happily in no part of her Majesty’s dominions are the relations existing between the white settler and the original natives and masters of the land so well understood or so generously and humbly interpreted as in Canada, and as a consequence instead of being a cause of anxiety and disturbance, the Indian tribes of the Dominion are regarded as a valuable adjunct to our strength and industry. Wherever I have gone in the Province—and since I have been here, I have travelled nearly a thousand miles within your borders—I have found the Indians upon their several reserves, premitting a few pretty grievances of a local character, the chief of which, in my judgment is justified in preferring, contented and satisfied, upon the most friendly terms with their white neighbors, and implicitly confiding in the good faith and paternal solicitude of the Government. [Applause.

In some districts I have learnt with pleasure that the Sioux, who some years since entered our territory under such sinister circumstances, I may say, rather refer to the recent visit of Sitting Bull and his people—[laughter] are not only perfectly peaceable and well
behaved but have turned into useful and hardworking laborers and harvesters, [hear, hear] while in the more distant settlements, the less domesticated bands of natives, whether as hunters, voyageurs, guides, purveyors of our furs and game, prove an appreciably advantageous element in the economical structure of the colony. [Applause.] There is no doubt that a great deal of the good feeling thus subsisting among the red men and ourselves is due to the influence and interposition of that invaluable class of men the half-breeds, who have been so well fitted to the Indian chief and to the British settler in his shanty. [Renewed applause.] They have been the ambassadors between the East and the West, the interpreters of civilization, and yet, as the exponents to the white man of the consideration justly due to the susceptibilities, the sensitive and religious side of the Indian race, they have only been the two years in the Province, and yet in a long ride I took across the prairie, which but yesterday was absolutely bare, desolate and untenanted, the home of the wolf, the bader and the eagle, I passed village after village, homestead after homestead, furnished with all the conveniences and incidents of European comfort, and a scientific agriculture, while on either side the road cornfields already ripe for harvest, and pastures populous with herds of cattle, stretched away to the horizon. [Great cheering.]

Even on this continent the peculiar theatre of rapid change and progress, there has nowhere, I imagine, taken place so marvelous a transformation, [renewed cheers] and yet when in your name and in the name of the Queen of England I have welcomed these people to their new homes, it was not the improvement in their material fortunes that pre-occupied my thoughts. Glad as I was of having the power of apportioning them so ample a portion of our teeming soil, which seems to blossom at a touch, [continued applause] and which they were cultivating to such manifest advantage, I felt infinitely prouder in being able to present to them the sages of the British constitution[loud cheering], and in bidding them freely share with us our unrivaled political institutions, our untrammeled personal liberty. [Renewed cheers. We ourselves are so accustomed to the atmosphere of freedom that it scarcely occurs to us to consider or appreciate our advantages in this respect. It is only when we are reminded of such incidents as those to which I refer, of the small extent of the world's surface over which the principles of parliamentary government can be said to work smoothly and harmoniously, that we are led to consider the exceptional happiness of our position. [Hear, hear.] Nor was it my visit to the Icelandic community less satisfactory than that to our Mennonite fellow-subjects. From accidental circumstances I have been long led to take an interest in the history and literature of the Scandinavian race, and the kindness I once experienced at the hands of the Icelandic people in their own island induced me to take a deep interest in the welfare of this new immigration. [Applause.] When we take into account the secluded position of Iceland and the hardships of the last thousand years, the unfavorable conditions of their climate and geographical situation, it would be unreason-able to expect that a colony from thence should exhibit the same attitude for agricultural enterprise and settlement as would be possessed by a people fresh from intimate contact with the higher civilization of Europe. In Iceland there are neither trees nor fields, but there is a soil not, therefore, an expectation to exhibit an inspired proficiency in felling trees, ploughing land, or making roads, yet unfortunately these are the three accomplishments most necessary to a colonist in Canada. But though starting at a disadvantage in these respects you must not underate the capacity of your new fellow countrymen. They are endowed with a great deal of intellectual ability and intelligence. They are well educated. I scarcely entered a hotel at Gimli which did not possess a library. They are well conducted, religious and peaceable. Above all things they are docile and anxious to learn. [Applause.] Nor, considering the difficulty that prevails in this country in procuring women servants, will the accession of some hundreds of bright, good-natured, good-natured, friendly, straightforward, yet willing, Icelandic girls, anxious for employment, be found a disadvantage by the resident ladies of the country. [Hear, hear.] Should the dispersion of these young ladies lead in course of time to the formation of more temperate and tenderer ties than those of mere neighborhood between the Canadian and the Icelandic colony, it is safe in predicting that it will not prove a matter of regret on the one side or the other. [Laughter and applause.] And, gentlemen, in reference to this point, I cannot help remarking with satisfaction the extent to which a community of interests, the sense of being engaged in a common undertaking, the obvious degree in which the prosperity of any one man is a gain to his neighbors, has amalgamated the various sections of the population of this Province, originally so diverse in race, origin and religion, into a patriotic, closely welded and united whole. [Applause and cheering.] In no part of the

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starting from opposite ends of Europe, without either concert or communication, have sought fresh homes within our territory, the one of Russian extraction, though German race, moved by a desire to escape from the obligations of law which was re- placed by, as a necessary consequence, the other bred amid the snows and ashes of an arctic volcano, by the hope of bettering their material condition. Although I have witnessed many sights to cause me pleasure during my various progresses through the Dominion, seldom have I beheld any spectacle more pregnant with prophecy, more fraught with promise of an astonishing future than the Mennonite settlement. When I visited these interesting people they had only been two years in the Province, and yet in a long ride I took across the prairie, which but yesterday was absolutely bare, desolate and untenanted, the home of the wolf, the bader and the eagle, I passed village after village, homestead after homestead, furnished with all the conveniences and incidents of European comfort, and a scientific agriculture, while on either side the road cornfields already ripe for harvest, and pastures populous with herds of cattle, stretched away to the horizon. [Great cheering.]

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Canada have I found a better feeling between all classes and sections of the community. [Cheers.] It is in a great measure owing to this wide spread sentiment of brotherhood that on a recent occasion great troubles have been averted, while at the present moment it is finding its crowning and most manifest expression in the establishment of a university under conditions which have been found impossible of application in any other Province of Canada—I may say in any other country in the world—for nowhere else, either in Europe or on this continent, as far as I am aware, have the bishop and heads of the various religious communities into which the Christian world is so unhappily divided, combined to erect an Alma Mater to which all the denominational colleges of the Province are to be affiliated [great applause], and whose statutes and degrees are to be regulated and dispensed under the joint auspices of a government body, in which all the land will be represented. An achievement of this kind speaks volumes in favor of wisdom, liberality, and the Christian charity of these devoted men by whom in this distant land, the consciences of the population are led and enlightened; long may they be spared to see the effects of their exertions and magnanimous sacrifices in the good conduct and grateful devotion of their respective flocks. [Loud applause.]

Nor, I am happy to think, is this good fellowship upon which I have so much cause to congratulate you, confined either within the limits of the Province or those of the Dominion. Nothing struck me more on my way through St. Paul, in the United States, than the sympathetic manner in which the inhabitants of that flourishing city alluded to the progress and prospects of Canada and the northwest [great applause] and on arriving here I was equally struck by finding even a more exuberant counterpart of those friendly sentiments. [Renewed applause.] The reason is not far to seek. Quite independently of the genial intercourse promoted by neighborhood, and the intergrowth of commercial relations, a bond of sympathy between the two populations is created by the consciousness that they are both engaged in an enterprise of world-wide importance, that they are both organized corps in the ranks of humanity, and the wings of a great army, marching in line on a level front, that they are both engaged in advancing the standard of civilization westwards [applause], that for many a year to come they will be associated in the task of converting the breadths of prairie that stretch between them and the setting sun into one vast paradise of international peace, of domestic happiness, and material plenty. Between two communities thus occupied it is impossible but that amity and loving kindness should be forgotten. [Applause.]

But perhaps it will be asked how can I, who am the natural and official guardian of Canada's virtue, mark with satisfaction such dangerously sentimental proclivities towards her seductive neighbor? I will reply by appealing to those experienced matrons and chaperones I see around me. They will tell you that when a young lady expresses her frank admiration for a man, when she welcomes his approach with unconstrained pleasure, crosses the room to sit down beside him, presses him to join her picnic, praises him to her friends, there is not the slightest fear of her affections having been surreptitiously entrapped by the gay deceiver. [Great laughter.] On the contrary, it is when she can scarcely be brought to mention his name—[ renewed laughter]—when she avoids his society, when she alludes to him with malice and disparagement, that real danger is to be apprehended. [Up roarous laughter and applause.]

No, no! Canada both loves and admires the United States, but it is with the friendly, frank affection which a heart-whole maiden feels for some big, boisterous, young cousin fresh from school, and elate with animal spirits and good nature. [Laughter.] She knows he is stronger and more muscular than herself, has lots of pocket money, can smoke cigars and loaf around in public places in an ostentatious manner forbidden to the decorum of her own situation. [Great laughter.] She admires him for his bigness and strength, and prosperity he likes to hear of his punching the heads of other boys [renewed laughter] she anticipates and will be proud of his future success in life, she loves him for his affectionate and loyal friendship for herself, and perhaps a little laughs at him for the patronizing air with which he expresses it. [Rouns of laughter.]

But of no nearer connection does she dream, nor does his bulky image for a moment disturb her virginal meditations. In a world apart, secluded from all extraneous influences, she is thinking of the feet of her majesty's mother, Canada, dreams her dream, and forbodes her destiny—a dream of ever-blooming harvests, multiplying towns and villages, and expanding pastures; of constitutional self-government, and a confederated empire; of page after page of honorable history, added as her contribution to the annals of the mother country, and to the glories of the British race [tremendous applause], of a perpetuation for all time upon this continent of that temperate and well-balanced system of monarchal government, which combines in one mighty whole as the eternal possession of all Englishmen, the brilliant history and traditions of the past, with the freest and most untrammeled liberty of action in the future. [Long continued applause and cheering.] But dies and gentlemen, I have now done. I have to thank you for the patience with which you have listened to me, and once again for the many kindnesses you have done Lady Dufferin and myself during our stay amongst you. Most heartily do I congratulate you upon all that you are doing, and upon the glorious prospect of prosperity which is opening out on every side of you. [Applause.] Though elsewhere in the Dominion stagnation of trade and commerce has checked for a year or two the general advance of Canada, here at least you have escaped the effects of such sinister incidents, for your welfare being based upon the most solid of all foundations, the cultivation of the soil, you are in a position to pursue the even tenor of your way untroubled by those alterations of fortune which disturb the world of trade and manufacture. You have been blessed with an abundant harvest and soon I trust will a railway come to carry to those who need it the surplus of your produce, now, as my own eyes have witnessed—imprisoned in your storehouses for want of the means of transport. May the expanding fortunes of the country soon place the Government in a position to gratify your just and natural expectations. [Loud cheers and applause.]