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# SWAN RIVER VALLEY MANITOBA



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Secretary Board of Trade  
Swan River Valley, Manitoba*

# SWAN RIVER, MANITOBA, CANADA

Swan River is a divisional point on the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway, half way between Winnipeg and Prince Albert. It is the chief town of the Swan River Valley. It is the judicial seat for the valley and for the district extending to The Pas. It is the location for a Government demonstration farm. It has a sewer system, first class cement sidewalks, and a proposed electric light and waterworks system.

It has two schools, the new High School building costing \$25,000, six teachers and an enrolment of two hundred pupils. It is the centre of a school inspectorial division with the inspector located here. It has a large public hospital, ten miles of railroad tracks in its yards, and a Dominion Land office and Dominion Immigration agent, five churches, agricultural park, elevators, flour mill, moving picture theatre, first class licensed hotel. All businesses represented. Bank of Commerce and Bank of Toronto both established.

Swan River Valley contains over two million acres. Land under cultivation over 100,000 acres, balance available for cultivation. There are over 2,600 homesteads available, but they are being rapidly taken up. The population of the Valley is about 12,000. During 1912, one million six hundred and eighty thousand bushels of grain were shipped out, also seventy-eight cars of hogs; ninety-three cars of hay and sixty million feet of lumber. Land can be bought at from \$8.00 to \$40.00 per acre, according to location and state of cultivation.

The soil is a black loam with clay subsoil. It is extremely productive. We have good roads and good schools, and good market to the North for hay and produce of all sorts. Outsiders agree that the Valley is the best mixed farming and stock-raising district in the West. No drought, high winds or blizzards.

The southwest part of the Valley is served by the Thunder Hill branch of the C.N.R., and in it are the flourishing villages of Kenville, Durban and Benito, while to the North is Bowsman and to the South Minitonas.

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Swan River School



View on Swan River



Bank of Toronto, Swan River, Man.



View on Swan River, at Swan River, Man.



Residence of H. O. Morse, at Swan River, Man.



Residence of P. McKay, at Swan River, Man.



A. J. Cotton's Farm Buildings, on His Farm in the Harlington District, Swan River Valley, Man.



Canadian Bank of Commerce, at Swan River, Man.



Sheep Ranch, Swan River District



Swan River Hospital



Farm of W. H. Stewart, Thunder Hill District



Vegetable Garden on the Cotton Farm, Harlington District



Dan Howe and His Pig Ranch, Thunder Hill District



Harvest Scene, Swan River, Man.



Mixed Farming Scene Near Kenville



Harvesting Scene near Benito, Man.



Wheat in Stook, near Benito

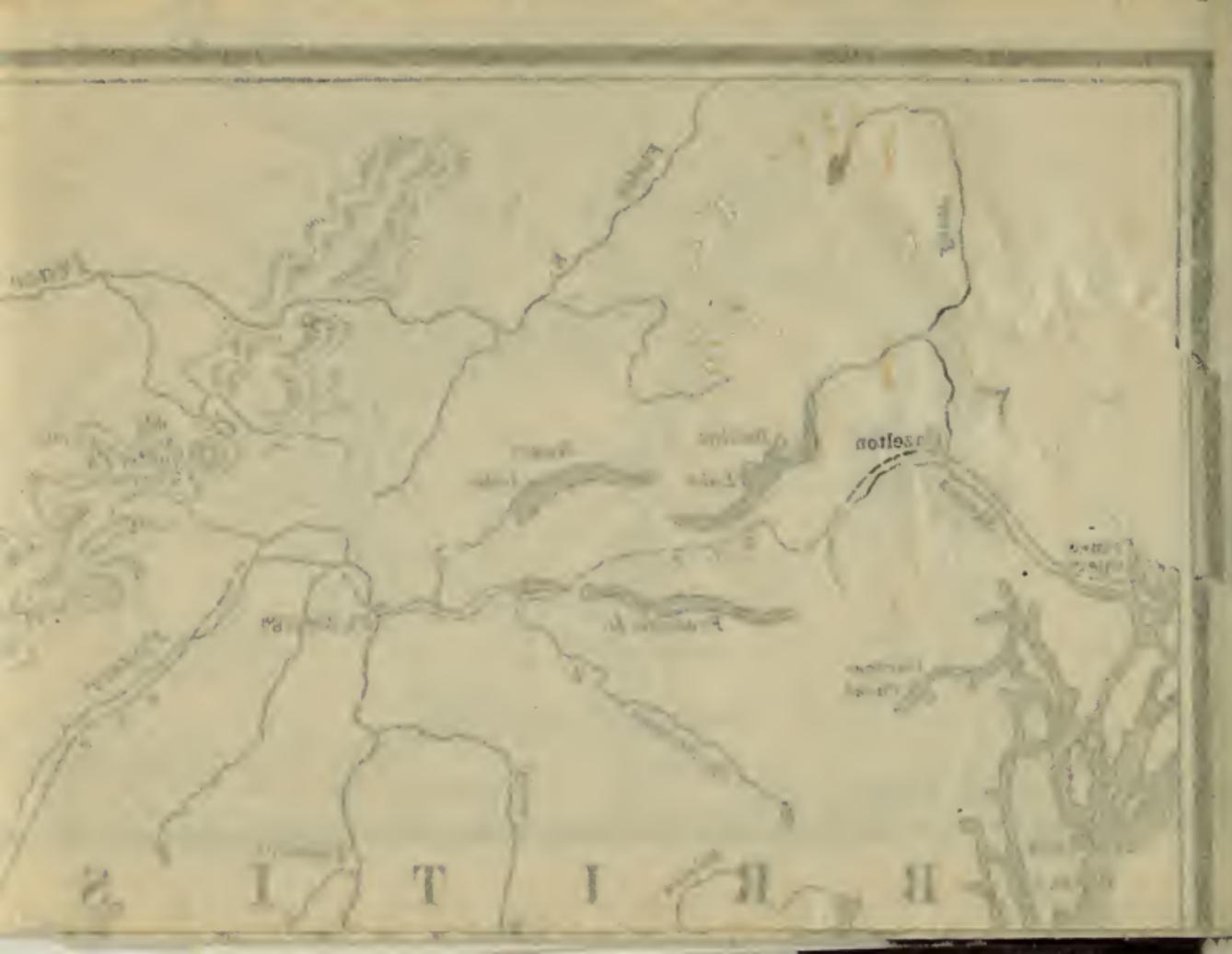


Logs at Mill, at Swan River, Man.



Big Game Shooting near Swan River, Man.







## The Lay of the Land

The Swan River Valley is 70 miles long by 30 to 35 miles wide. Because it is sheltered on the south by the Duck Mountains and on the north and west by the Porcupine Mountains, the blizzards of winter, or hot blighting winds of summer such as prevail on the prairie lands, are totally unknown in the Valley. Its proximity to the great lakes—Manitoba, Winnipeg and Winnipegosis—tend to keep the air pure and bracing. Miasmatic troubles are unknown. A man does not contract consumption or fever, nor a horse the heaves. We have no snakes, earthworms or potato-bugs, and very few mosquitos. In truth, they were wise men who came here from the East.

Because workmen are passing to and fro from the lumber camps, and because of the Doukohobor colony nearby in Saskatchewan, the labor problem does not press so heavily here as in other parts of the province. The proximity of the lumber camps is also a superlative advantage to the in-coming homesteader, in that he can earn sufficient money with his team during the winter months to buy seed for the spring sowing and to tide him over till the grain is reaped and threshed.

Timber is plentiful for fuel, fencing and building. The country abounds with rivers and streams. The water is pure, sweet, clear as crystal, hard enough for drinking and soft enough for washing. Doubtless, in the future, the river power will be used to generate electricity and for lighting purposes, transportation and general farm work.

In fruitage the Swan Valley is the Goshen of Manitoba. It is a land of plenty. The sumptuous sweet-blooded strawberries exported from the Valley are eagerly sought after, and recall the wisdom of the essayist who said: "Doubtless God might have made a better berry than the strawberry, but doubtless God never did."

Poultry raising, dairying, the cultivation of bees, the production of vegetables and small fruits are being pursued with enthusiasm and profit. Gentlewomen from the British Isles are particularly interested and bring good methods with them.