

town. Selkirk contains hotels which would do honour to Ontario or Quebec; and publishes a weekly newspaper called the *Inter-Ocean*. The prospects are that this town, connected with Winnipeg by railway, situated on Red River, and being in the centre of a very fertile district, is destined to become a place of importance.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, we set out for Winnipeg, eighteen miles distant. The road we followed lies along Red River and passes through Stone Fort, St. Andrews, and Kildonan. Stone Fort comprises hardly anything but the Hudson Bay establishment. As for St. Andrews and Kildonan, they are prosperous, and rapidly growing. As it was at the season of the year when the weather was fine, and nature was clothed in all its beauty, our drive was very agreeable, and we entered Winnipeg charmed with the splendid panorama which, since leaving Selkirk, had unrolled itself to our view. Mr. G. alighted at the house of his relatives, Messrs. R. and M., and I took lodgings at the Hotel du Canada.

Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, has a population of about sixteen thousand souls, and is situated at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers. This city, which was but a small village in 1870, has grown even more rapidly than Chicago, the metropolis of the North-Western States.

To give the reader an idea of the progress made by that place since 1870, let us picture to ourselves the impressions of an inhabitant of Winnipeg, who, at that time, had gone to a foreign land, and is returning to-day to his na-