

when it entered the Dominion in 1870, it was simply a Hudson Bay trading station and hamlet, containing about 200 inhabitants. It is in 1877, a city containing about 7,000 inhabitants, with many large and handsome buildings, churches, schools and colleges, and the seat of a very active business. The belief of its people is that it will become the Chicago of the North-west; and it is pointed out that the early history of Chicago, within the memory of men, now living, cannot establish so rapid a growth as that of Winnipeg since it entered Confederation with Canada.

At Selkirk, on the Red River, below Winnipeg, Lord Dufferin said :—

“Pleased and grateful as I am for the preparations you have made, what causes me the greatest pleasure of all is to feel that I am surrounded by a hardy, industrious, and manly community, animated by the desire to advance the renown of the British Empire, by establishing in this distant land the foundations of a settlement that in after years will become as rich and prosperous as any other on this side of the Atlantic. I can well understand that you should all look forward with the greatest interest to the completion of that great line of railway which is to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific, and bind together in an indissoluble bond all the Provinces of the Dominion. I wish you to understand that I come here not only as an official of the British Government, but as the personal representative of your beloved Sovereign, who takes the deepest interest in your welfare, and who is always anxious to be informed as to the circumstances of the most distant of her subjects. It was only the other day that, in anticipation of my visit to this Province, Her Majesty was pleased to lay upon me her personal commands to render her a faithful and accurate account of my visit, and more especially to inform her as to the condition and well-being of her people in this Province.”

On August the 18th, the Vice Royal Party visited the Rat River Mennonite Settlement, on the East side of Red River. These people came from Berdiansk, in South Russia, three years ago; and there are now about 7,000 of them in Manitoba, in a highly prosperous