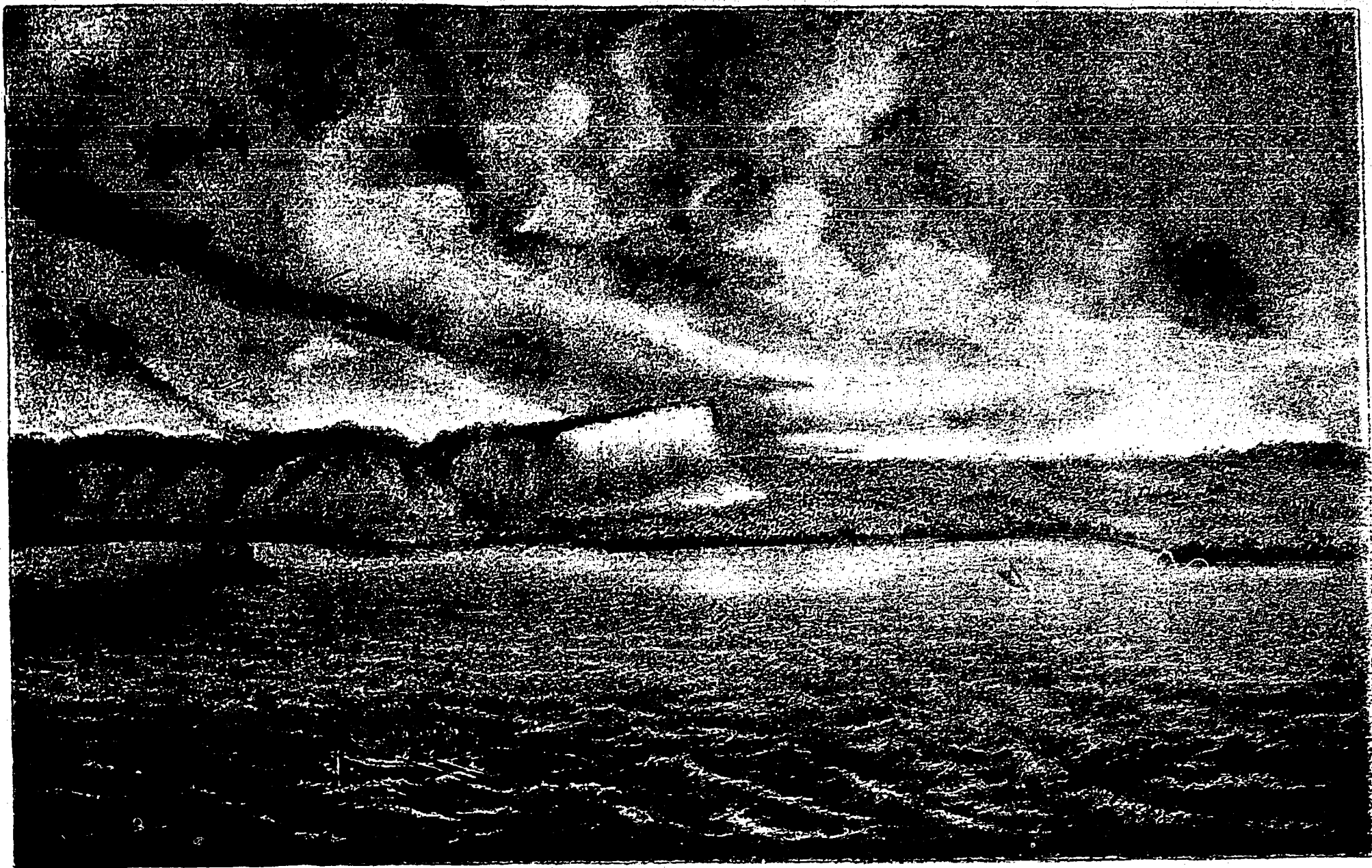




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THUNDER BAY AND FORT GARRY.

Thunder Bay is described by Mr. J. S. Dawson, C. E., as being sheltered from every wind, and so nearly land-locked that the huge surges of Lake Superior never roll into it. It is only from East or South-Easterly winds that it can be at all affected, and even from these, as their sweep is limited to the breadth of the bay, its waters cannot be much disturbed. It will therefore afford admirable harbour accommodation for the craft which may hereafter be engaged in the great trade with the North-West country. At a place called the Depot, on the shores of this Bay, three miles to the east of the mouth of the Kaministiquia river, commences the road to the Red River

Settlement now being constructed by the Canadian Government. A considerable amount of work has already been done upon this road at the eastern extremity, and the work was also commenced at the Fort Garry end under the auspices of our Government, which, instead of giving a gratuity to the starving settlers of the Red River who had lost their last year's crops by the invasion of the grasshoppers, appropriated fifteen thousand dollars towards making the road, which money was paid out among the settlers employed on the road, under the management of parties sent by the Public Works Department.

Fort Garry's greatness is yet in the future. It has heretofore

been distinguished as the centre and Seat of Government of the very scanty Red River Settlement. It is, however, destined to be a place of great importance, as it is favourably situated as the chief commercial emporium of the North-West Territories, and will probably be some day one of the greatest cities in the Dominion. It is situated on the border of the great country whose commerce will pay it tribute, being only about sixty miles from the United States borders, and about four hundred and sixty miles from the head of Lake Superior. It has been chosen as the Seat of the provisional Government to be established over the North-West Territories as soon as the same are annexed to Canada.



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