

A town has thus been laid out at West Lynne, on the west side of Red River, next the boundary of the United States, and where a considerable number of lots have already been sold.

Another has been laid out at Rat Portage, where a station has been established on the line of railway from Winnipeg to Thunder Bay. Large lumber mills are now being built in the vicinity of this place, and there is a valuable extent of water-mill privilege, belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company, admirably adapted for grist mills.

At Portage La Prairie, 70 miles west of Winnipeg, a town has been in existence for some time, where a number of lots have been sold. This is the present terminus of the railway running westward of Winnipeg, and is the centre of a fine farming country.

Other towns will be laid out as settlement progresses and the necessity for them becomes apparent.

At each of the towns already laid out, excellent stores are owned by the Hudson's Bay Company, where goods of the best quality can be purchased on reasonable terms.

Grist mills have also been constructed by the Company for the requirements of their trade and the accommodation of settlers in various districts, at which grain will be purchased.

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