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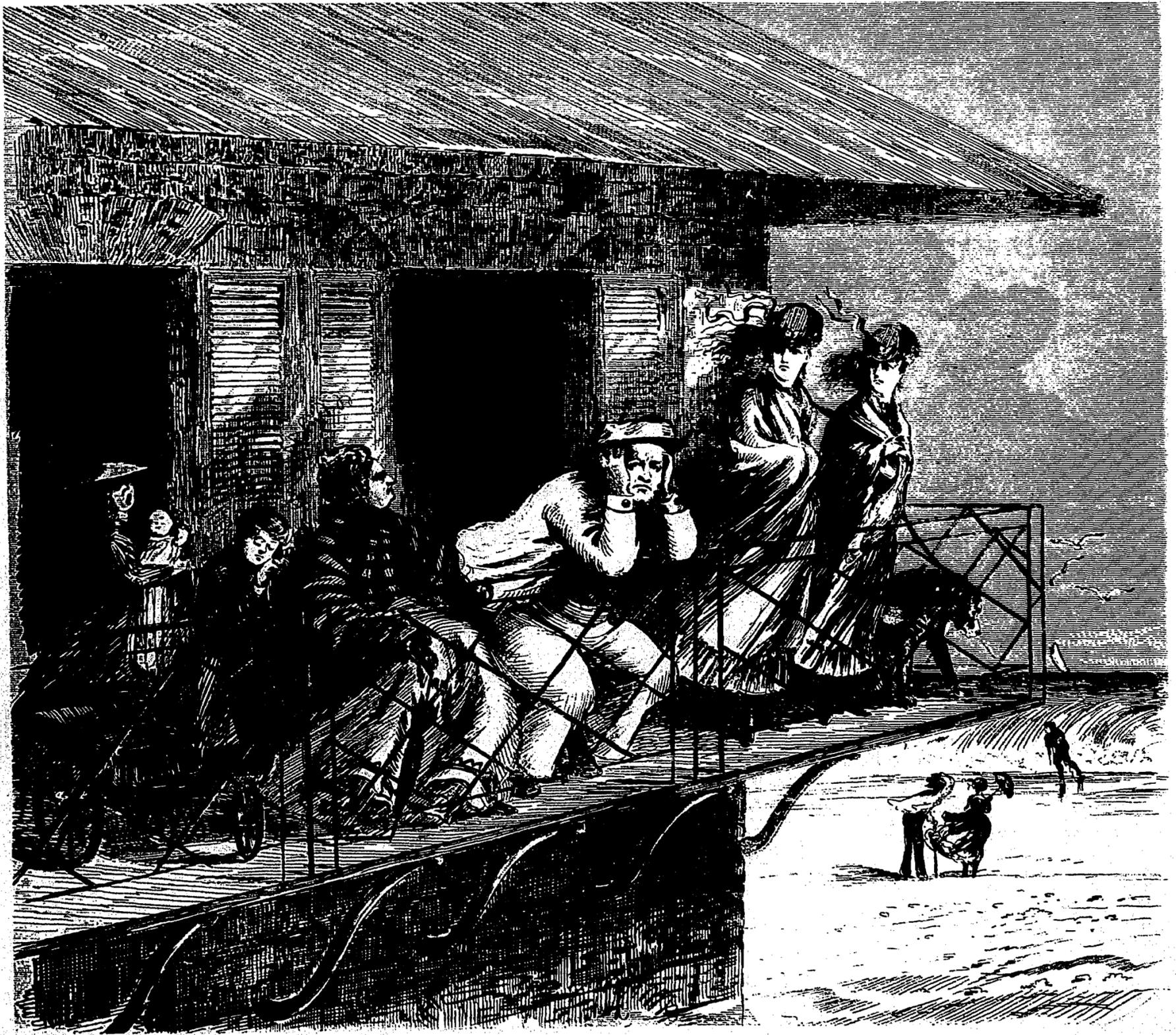
COMMUNICATION WITH THE RED RIVER.

The subject of direct communication between Ontario and Manitoba has derived a passing additional interest from the modest demands of the Indians which were preferred before Col. Wolseley at Fort Francis, Rainy Lake, on the 4th of last month. At that point fifteen Indians, headed by Chief "Crook Neck," visited the headquarters of the expedition, and having obtained an interview with

Col. Wolseley, the Chief is reported by one of the press correspondents present to have said:

"That he was pleased to see the great White Chief, and he desired to express to him the views entertained by his people on the question of payment for a right of way through their country. He had seen Mr. Simpson, and told him what was required, but desired to repeat it to the Shemogenoche Gitchie Okey man (the soldier great chief) himself. With regard to the expedition passing through they had nothing to say, be-

yond that they expected to receive presents this fall on account of it, but their business lay with the permission desired for emigrants and others to go in. They were prepared to grant a right of way, but the payment for this must be ten dollars a head for each person, man, woman and child; and to prevent the possibility of mistake on the score of children, he lowered his hand to within a foot of the floor. As for presents and provisions, he said that was another thing. Of course his white friends would send these, but in addition to anything of that kind they required ten dollars a head—not three, as Mr.



AT THE SEA-SIDE IN SEPTEMBER.—SEE PAGE 146.