

ing himself in an unprosperous condition, he decided to move to Manitoba with the hope of bettering the position of himself and family. Accordingly, they sold off the stock and implements, as so many Ontario people have done during the past twenty years or more, preparatory to moving. That the inducements of Western life should receive favorable consideration was quite natural from the fact that Mr. Taylor's younger brother, William, had gone out West a few years previously and settled upon the prairies.

The leave-taking of their old home, friends and associations was very trying, especially to the mother. To her the farm was a highly prized gift from her father which had become endeared by long possession, and many happy associations. So reluctant was she when it came to the last that it is said she held on to the outer side of the door fastening with both hands until other hands had to be employed to relax her hold. On the way out the Taylor family met and formed the acquaintance of a young lady from Toronto, Miss Martha Reid, into whose life was destined, with the pleasure of lasting friendship, the painful misfortune of being called upon to share the subsequent suffering of her new-found friends to a degree