

well as agriculture, forestry, mining and other primary industries.

Paul had already written home in glowing terms to his parents in Columbus, and they encouraged him to cover as much ground as he could, while the vacation lasted. There would be two separate trips, one to the West and the other to the East. So early in August, Paul was on his way from Toronto to Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba and the largest city on the Canadian Prairies.

GATEWAY TO THE WEST

At Winnipeg, Paul was met at the airport by a friend of the Simpsons, Mr. John Young. "Have a good flight?" he asked.

"Very," replied Paul. "It gave me a good idea of the size of Canada's open spaces. As we flew along the shore of Lake Superior, I could see forests through the clouds, and hundreds of lakes and rivers. There were some railroads passing through tiny settlements, too."

Mr. Young drove Paul to his house near the banks of the Red River, which could be seen through the trees in his garden. "'Winnipeg' is an Indian word, isn't it?" Paul asked. "Yes," Mr. Young replied, "it comes from the Cree *win-nipiy*, meaning 'murky water', which was suggested, I suppose, by the muddy colour of the Red River."

Paul was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Young; and, during his stay, he came to realize that Westerners were remarkably hospitable and friendly people.

Before long, Paul began exploring the streets of Winnipeg, and was struck by their width and spaciousness.



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