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He Also Fell in With Many Chathamites in Winnipeg-Impressions of

the West.

Portage La Prairie, August 15, 1901. Winnipeg I have visited and Winnipeg I have left behind. I liked the Prairie City greatly but now away from it, one feature of this great oasis of civilization on the plains has left its impression on me. It is funny that which seems the ludicrous side of what otherwise is a very stately

and matter of fact metropolis, should leave the strongest impression on the visitor, yet in this case it is so.

The signs of Winnipeg are truly humorous. Instead of having a sign "keep off the grass," as we tenderfooted easterners do, the Winnipeg notices are an appeal to the masses and the placards read "Citizens, proand the placards read "Citizens, pro-tect your boulevards." If they do condescend to use our eastern expres-sion, it is thus modified, "Please keep

off the grass."
I asked a native why this was thus His reply was characteristic of the Winnipegers. "You see," said he, "the people of the West are so cantankerous that if you were to put up signs ordering the people to keep off the grass, the green verdure would soon be trampled out of existence, but the western citizen cannot resist an appeal. He is as susceptible to an entreaty as a potato bug is to the plant named after it or as a western mosquito is to a tenderfoot."

There is another sign that is grue-some in the axtrama and same to

some in the extreme and seems to be a relic of barbarity. This latter is the business sign adopted by the undertakers on the main streets of Winnipeg and consists of a little white baby's coffin and funeral wreaths displayed in the windows of the chaps who bury people as a means of livelihood. These windows are of-fensive in the extreme to the eyes of the easterners and more like a bold display of vulgarity than a business advertisement. It is really horrible, and popular disapproval would put down any such display in any eastern

Winnipeg is really a charming city Winnipeg is really a charming city and its wide clean streets, stately public buildings and many pretty residences make it a very pleasant place indeed. Its history is closely united with the development and settlement of the West. It was just three miles north of Seven Oaks that Governor Seven early 20 mean way was a way and the settlement of the west. Semple and 20 men were massacred. The spot is marked by a plain stone column. This murder put an end to the war between the two great fur trading companies, i. e., the Hudson Bay Co. and the Northwest Co. The rivalry between the two companies had resulted in the taking of Fort Gibraltar by the Hudson Bay Co. The Northwest Co. retaliated, and the feud continued till after the massacre of. Gov. Semple and his men. Then the Hudson Bay Co. built Fort Garry, the gate of which is still standing

on Main street, Winnipeg.
Old Fort Garry is an interesting
and historic spot. A big stone wall
surrounded the Fort and the houses within. There were two entrances, one from the front, the other from the river. This is the stronghold that Reel and his fellow rebels seized in 1869-70, and it was just across the street that poor Scott was shot by the order of Reel. The fartress was standing till the boom days in the early eighties, when a man with more ideas than common sense, foresaw great wealth in a monster hotel and he purchased the stone in the walls of the Fort from the Hudson Bay Co. On the corner opposite he began the erection of his large hotel and he used all the stone in the construction of the foundation. Thus old Fort Garry was destroyed, and a whole block was excavated, a founda-tion built, and has stood for 20 years, resembling a huge honey-comb. The work cost some \$20,000, and never returned a cent. Had the man put the money into the purchase of Fort Garry, and left the old stronghold intact, he would have made much money. As it is even his name is forgotten and the foundation of the hotel that never was built is pointed out as the folly of one man, fluring the boom days. Only the old gate, with its guard room overhead, is left standing, and the city of Winnipeg has purchased the property and will make a park of it.

will make a park of it.

There are many ex-Chathamites in Winnipeg and all are doing splendidly. Those I met were Will Birch, traveller for the Corticelli Silk Co.; Geo. James, manager of the stationery department in the Imperial Drygoods department in the Imperial Drygoods
Co.; Will Ozard, assistant foreman at
the Free Press office; Lindsay Ireland, with the Massey-Harris Co.;
Roy Cameron, in the office of the Dominion Express Co. at the station,
and Sid Thompson, who had just returned from doing the Boers.
There is one thing that attracts
the attention of every visitor to

the attention of every visitor to Winnipeg, and that is the large number of hotels. The westerners are surely a very dry crowd. I asked surely a very dry crowd. I asked a citizen how many hotels there were in the Prairie City. He said that he had counted 75 before he got tired and quit. There is one respect in which the hotels of Winnipeg differ from the hits of the late Chatham league baseball team. They are bunched. They are within a stone's throw from the station. Sid Thompson put it very well when he said, "You can stand on the C. P. R. station platform and throw stones, break tion platform and throw stones, break enough hotel windows to keep you paying for them all the rest of your

natural life."

I was in Winnipeg two days and on the afternoon of the second day Sidney Thompson looked me up and took me over to see Reel's grave in the churchyard of the Catholic church in St. Boniface. St. Boniface is the French village that lies just across the Red River from Winnipeg, yet is separate from the Prairie City in

everything, even language. It is true that a bridge does unde the two places, but even this has a two cent barrier in the shape of toll that

cent barrier in the shape of toll that each foot-passenger must pay.

The town is very quiet and almost rural in its appearance, and cows roam at large in the streets. Something about the quietness and peace in the place recalled Longfellow's Evangeline and the description contained therein of the French settlement on the Basin of Minas. Even Father Gabriel was seen wending his Father Gabriel was seen wending his way down the village street as if to complete the delusion. In the churchyard of St. Boniface lies the body of Louis Riel, that man who possessed of a restless spirit, was responsible for two rebellions. A plain brown stone column about four feet high marks his resting place. It bears the simple inscription "Riel, 16th November, 1885." Father Gabriel was seen wending hi

16th November, 1885." Whittier in his "Canadian Voy ageur" has made the church of Boniface famous:

"Is it the clang of the wild geese, Is it the Indian's yell That lends to the voice of the north wind The tones of a far off bell?

"The voyageur smiles as he listens To the sound that grows apace, Well he knows the Vesper ringing Of the bells of St. Boniface."

On my return 1 mtend to stay in On my return I intend to stay in Winnipeg over Sunday and then I shall hear those chimes.

In company with George James, I called on the Rev. Chas. Gordon, who under the pen name of Ralph Connor has written a story that is admired by all who have read it. I was interested in Rev. Mr. Gordon because at one time he was science master in the Chatham High School and, away from home, one is always interested in those who have lived in the home town. First we went to St. Step-hen's church, of which Mr. Gordon is pastor. I was disappointed to find that St. Stephen's was only a little wooden mission church away out Portage avenue. It stands on the corner with no fence around it. notice on the front tells you that the church is St. Stephen's, that its pastor is Chas. Gordon, and also the hour of

We found the residence of the pastor at the corner of Broadway and Balmoral streets, a couple of blocks from the church. The house was a pretty structure of white brick with well kept lawn and some flowers. The natural bashfullness of Geo. James prevented him accompanying me within, but I wasn't troubled in that

Mr. Gordon was in and his kindly welcome made me feel at home. He had to hurry away to attend some meeting where he had to speak, yet he took time to ask after many Chatham people, friends of his in the old days, I can't remember all, but among those he inquired after were members of the following well known families: Malcolmson, McNaughton, Tilt and Northwood. He also asked if Fred. Stone was as good natured us ever and if Walt. Scane was still as addicted to being funny as he used to be. Then Mr. Gordon had to leave, but he first exacted a promise from me to call on my return to Winnipeg and, as he shook hands at parting, said, "remember me to all my Chatham friends. You know I cut a pretty wide swath myself, when I was

After I had left, I realized the great personality of the man. Those who had heard him preach had told me that Mr. Gordon was not much of an orator, but he had a wonderful power in holding his congregation during his sermon. To meet the man you could well believe this. He is a man of ordinary height, but rather slight in build. His hair and beard are inclined to be dark. He looks a man in the prime of life, yet deli-cate—a man who might have written "Sky Pilot," or who might be the pastor of a mission church on the outskirts of a great city. His per-sonality doesn't intrude into the con-versation and you leave his presence sonality doesn't intrude into the conversation and you leave his presence feeling that you have met a great man, yet nothing more than a fellow being. No greater tribute can I pay anyone.

There was be other great was in

There may be other great men in Winnipeg, but I don't meet them.
Winnipeg claims to be a city of rapidity, yet in some ways they are slower than the East. In the matter of alarm boxes, for instance, I noticed that on each box was the number of the house where the key was kept. In case of fire, unless one knew the exact location of the key, much valuable time would be lost in seeking it. Ottawa, on the other hand, has its alarm boxes equipped with a crank, and all that it is necessary for the person turn-ing in the alarm to do, is just to

turn the crank.
One day a civic workman hung his coat on the crank, the weight of the coat on the crank, the weight of the coat sent in a fire alarm and the department turned out. In Chatham, we do things differently, and I think Chief Pritchard will agree with me that our system is the best

One thing noticeable about the Winnipeggers is that, as a class, they are honest, at least as far as bicycles are concerned. The boys there leave their wheels standing on Main street all night and no one touches them. I would like to see the owners try the

Sid Thompson had visited Lower Fort Garry, which lies some 18 miles or more below Winnipeg, on the Red River, and he furnished the following same thing in Detroit. information.
Lower Fort Garry stands as it did

Lower Fort Garry stands as it did thirty years and more ago, with the stone wails, bastions, etc. The Hud-son Bay Co., still use it as a post. Lower Fort Garry has served other purposes besides that of a strong-hoid. It was used as a prison during the building of Stoney Mountain Pen-itentiary, and has also been used as an asylum. There are many graves in asylum. There are many graves in and around the oldfort and one stone marks the place where the a private in the Warwickshire regiment who was frozen to death while doing guard in the warming the control of the warming the control of the control

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and distress to a great many dyspep-tics. It doesn't to those who use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, because the moment one starts to use them one is practically speaking no longer to n

Dyspepsia Tablets, cure the stomach of its disease or weakness permanent-

gans failed to do their work in spite of all the remedies I used. My friends advised me to taker a treatment with the doctor, but I not thinking any result would come from it, refused to have such an operation as was suggested. An acquaintance who used Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, advised me to try them. I have now used two boxes and am able to dat a hearty meal without any fear whatever."

George Swinford, killed at Fish Creek, April 30, 1885, during th Riel Rebel-lion. In front of the city hall on Main street, is a monument erected to the Winnipeg soldiers who fell during this rebellion, and near by is another

monument erected to Queen Victoria in year of the jubilee.

Winnipeg boasts of four Colleges, Manitoba College, the Presbyterian College, St. John's College, and Wesleyan College, and in addition the city is well supplied with public schools. The residential streets, and Winnipeg has many beautiful residences, are all macadamized, while nearly all the business streets are paved with as-The mud here is just like Chatham, and, crossing Main street after paved-I imagined I was crossing the Jubilee pavement in Chatham once more to The Planet Office,

Winnipeg is certainly an odd city in many ways, bounded on all sides by prairie, situated hundreds of miles from any other large city, still you had to turn out and work in the har-find all the advantages and conveni-ences here of a great modern city. It Winnipeg is a splendidicity, and one in Winnipeg. You see Italians, Hebrews, Germans, Doukhobors, Galitians as thick as bees in a honey-comb. There is no city like Winnipeg. It is different from any other great metropolis in situation, in components, in everything. George James was telling me that

one day in the spring time he was taking a walk in the morning when he es-pied a man with a scoop net dipping something from the river at the mouth of the Assiniboine, where it enters the Red. He investigated and found that the man was fishing with a scoop net and was getting lots of fish. The suffering public can thank themselves that Vital Goudreau, A. C. McKay, E, J. MacIntyre, L. F. Wilson, Thos Guttridge, or Chas. Hicklin don't live in

The Ontario men, or Easterners, as they are called here, miss the orchards. There are none here, but berries are quite plentiful, especially wild ones, Currants and raspberries are cultivated, but the supply of berries by the residents of the city are obtained from the Indians who pick them in Nature's gardens. Wild strawberries, raspber-

ries, saskatoons, and blueberries, raspierare most utilized in the making of preserves for home consumption.

The residents of this city are a people who like to live in tents dur-ing the summer much after the fash-ion of the Indians. Perhaps this predilection for tent life is hereditary However that may be the citizens are bound to camp out, and if they can't do any better pitch their tents in



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and around the oldefort and one stone marks the place where lies a private in the Warwickshire regiment who was frozen to death while doing guard duty.

If Winnipeg has many hotels, it also has many churches. Holy Trinity is probably the finest church in the city. It is constructed of hewn stone, brought all the way from Calgary, and the interior is finished in oak. A tab-

been unable to assimilate.

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"For eight years," writes Mr. Wm. Bangerth, 20 York street, Hamilton, Ont., I have been a sufferer with dyspepsia. I could not eat a hearty meal for fear of being taken with those dreadful pains. If I should eat any kind of pastry, I would suffer after with heartburn and my stomach would fill with gas. My digestive organs failed to do their work in spite of

their own back yard. The night be-fore I left Winnipeg Will Ozard, Geo. James and myself went out to River Park, about four miles from the city. One of the most unpleasant results of dyspepsia, is the formation of gas in the stomach. This arises from the sodden, undigested mass of fermenting food which the weakened stomach has been mable. people of Chatham camping under the trees in Tecumseh Park. River Park is on the banks of the Red River, but without the beautiful banks that ter meals will prevent the fermentation of food, and the consequent formation of gas. Bodd's Dyspepsia Tablets actually digest the food sent to the overcharged and wornout stomach, which cannot of itself manage its the fresh air. There are two good parks, River Park, about two miles south of the city, and Elm Park, about two miles further. The latter is named after the trees in it, and both are connected with the city by the trolley cars. They have no scenic beauty, but have good shade trees. We would call these parks groves of

woods at home.

Winnipeg is lacking in parks within the city, but now the place is rising to the occasion, and already thay are building nice parks throughout their

city.
Winnipegers have a taste for the horrible, I think. On Colony St. there is an exceedingly dark stretch of thoroughfare. On one side is a brewery, which rises dark and frowning in the night, while the sidewalk here is lined with shade trees making certainly a none too pleasant place to wander when the sun has gone down. It has been rightly named the "Gruesome Go-Down" and is said to be favorite, walk for young people.

The C. P. R. station was a sight while I was there. The night before I left I went down and found the waitroom and station crowded with harvest hands from Ontario. They were lying all around asleep on the floor with their luggage for a pillow. It was the same outside on the platform. I met Arthur Wilmore Arthur Brown and Frank Elliott, of Chatham, and Jas .Gardiner, of Selton the day I left. They had just came in from the east. Elloitt said he was go-ing west to Calgary, Wilmore and Brown were going harvesting and Gardiner expected to get a situation as bookkeeper with relatives in Win-nipeg. Howard Scott had been on the train with them, but I didn't meet

The crowds of young men who came west on these excursions was enorm ous. There was a whole freight train laden with their baggage at the C. P. R. station the day I left Winnipeg. Many of them had no money except their tickets and they were in sore straights. Winnipeg had to feed a large number of them, but the westerners are kind-hearted and there was no need for any of the work-seekers to go hungry.

The chief trouble seemed to be that a rain-part of this street is block no arrangement were made for distributing the men, and the majority of them sinck to the main line of the C. P. R., and as a result the farmers near the C. P. R. had more help than they wanted, while out on the many branch lines help was scarce, and women folk

Winnipeg is a splendid city, and one, just seems as if a huge portion of ci- can have a very pleasant time there vilization had just treked off into the world beyond, and settled far from excellent hotel to stay at; clean and friends and kin. It is certainly a re-markable city in more ways than one. | comfortable, and my memories of Win-nipeg are very delightful. There are I believe that nearly every nation from the eastern Yankee to the Galitian live glad to see one from the old home town. A feature of the Prairie City is the large departmental store of the Hudson Bay Co. This business occu-ples a huge brick block, and in wan-dering through it was a great delight to greet the familiar face in the person of Miss Grace Cameron, who has cahrge of the C. P. R. telegraph office in this store. Her many Chatnam friends, will be glad to learn that Miss Cameron holds a very responsible position and, as in Chatham, is liked by all.

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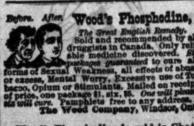
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