

NARRATIVE

OF A JOURNEY TO

MANITOBA.

BERLIN, ONTARIO, 28th February, 1873.

To the HON. J. H. POPE, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa :

SIR,

I herewith enclose to you a brief narrative of my journey to Manitoba, and my opinions respecting that Province. The readers of this Report may rest assured that it contains a true and impartial statement of what I saw and learned there. Tastes differ—some may like what others dislike, and some persons are so constituted that they can be content nowhere. Fish and game are abundant in the Province, but even these must be caught before they can be cooked and eaten. Of this one fact, however, I am certain, that Manitoba affords a splendid field for immigration, not only from Europe and Canada, but also from the United States, for those desirous of acquiring a good and cheap homestead for themselves and their family. Such are sure of becoming independent if they are only willing to go to work, to be industrious, and to live temperately.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed).

JACOB Y. SHANTZ.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

On the 5th November, 1872, Mr. Bernard Warkentin, of Russia, and myself left Berlin by the Grand Trunk Railway to Detroit, (en route for the Province of Manitoba); thence by the Southern Michigan Railway to Chicago; thence to St. Paul, Minnesota, and by the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railway to Duluth; thence by the Northern Pacific Railway to Moorhead on the Red River, a place situated immediately on the boundary line between the States of Minnesota and Dacotah, from which place we proceeded to Pembina on the borders of Manitoba,