

CHAPTER XX.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

ARRANGEMENTS had been made before leaving Victoria for a series of meetings along the line of the C. P. R. The first place of destination was Morley.

The principal object of interest here was the Indian Orphanage in connection with the Methodist mission, under the supervision of Rev. John McDougall. Mr. Jas. A. Youmans, my nephew, and his wife had charge of the children, and our home was with them during our stay. The Indians had just received their presents from the Government, so that the youngsters were rejoicing in the possession of some bright gay articles of clothing, as well as numerous ornaments. We had brought a basket of fruit from Victoria, which I gave to my friends. They called the children together and showed them what they had never seen before— oranges, peaches, pears, apples and grapes. The fruit was divided among them, and it was truly amusing to see the look of wonder that passed over their faces as they tasted the delicious articles. We who are accustomed to abundance of fruit, can have no idea of what a luxury it is to those who are deprived of it. The orphanage was supplied with flour and beef by the Government, as well as all the Indians on the reserve.