

hold, and personal effects," and which, in the case of persons immigrating from Canada to Manitoba, are allowed to pass under individual bonds.

In regard to the route of Immigrants with teams, vehicles and effects, I repeat the suggestion of my enclosed letter to General A. B. Nettleton of Philadelphia, a gentleman of close relations to Mr. J. Cooke and the Northern Pacific Railroad. Trains are now running 135 miles west of Duluth to the crossing of Crow Wing River, from which point there is an excellent prairie route of 300 miles to Fort Garry. Next spring, the distance from the railroad terminus will be reduced to 200 miles or four days' journey. I believe it possible to establish an advantageous route for Manitoba Immigrants, with their effects, over this section of railways, in conjunction with the numerous and commodious steamers now plying on Lakes Huron and Superior.

I suggest that a correspondence on this subject should be opened with Honorable J. Gregory Smith, of St. Albans, Vt. Post., N.P.R.R.

If I can aid your efforts in any way to facilitate Immigration to Manitoba, I shall be happy to do so.

Yours truly,

J. W. TAYLOR,

U. S. Consul.

Hon. H. J. Clarke, Attorney-General.

SPECIAL BONDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANITOBA IMMIGRANTS.

By a recent communication from the U. S. Treasury Department, received by the Consul at this place, we are led to hope that the difficulties hitherto attending the transit of Canadian emigrants through American territory, will be obviated.

Soon after the arrival of Mr. J. W. Taylor this subject was brought to his notice by Governor Archibald, at whose instance the following letter was addressed to Gen. A. B. Nettleton, Immigrant Commissioner of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Philadelphia. This letter is reproduced as an introduction to the official correspondence which will follow :—

WINNIPEG, B. N. A.,
December 5th, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—I have many inquiries in regard to the best manner of passing emigrants from Canada to Manitoba, with waggons, teams, and household effects. Their object will be to strike the grassy plains of Northern Minnesota, upon Red River trails, by the most direct and cheapest route. I am in consultation with Governor Archibald upon some plan like the following :

Have a general *rendezvous* at Detroit. There station an agent for the Northern Pacific to execute transportation bonds, and sell to Canadian emigrants commutation tickets by lake steamer to Duluth, and by Northern Pacific to the crossing of Crow Wing River, or the nearest point on the trail viâ Otter Tail Lake to Pembina. Arrived where caravans could organize for a journey without obstruction to Manitoba, some slight and cheap surveillance would afterwards be necessary to secure the cancellation of the transportation bonds given at Detroit.