

March 31—We arrived at Fort Abercrombie, being nineteen days making the trip on snow shoes between Winnipeg and Abercrombie, a distance of about 275 miles.

Here we sold—for what we could get—our horses, sleigh, robes, etc., and took the stage to St. Cloud, Minn., a distance of 175 miles, arriving there on the evening of April 6th.

Such was the first chapter—as I found it—in the opening of the gateway of our great Northwest. through which are now flowing thousands of settlers to make for themselves happy, prosperous homes and have a share in the great wealth that is sure to come to the country destined to be the granary of the empire.

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