

NOTES
TO
ACCOMPANY A PRELIMINARY MAP
OF THE
DUCK AND RIDING MOUNTAINS
IN
NORTH-WESTERN MANITOBA.

The present map embraces the area travelled over, examined and surveyed during the summer of 1887. In it are incorporated all the Dominion Lands, Indian Reserve, Timber and Railway Surveys up to the present date. It forms the south-west corner of a larger sheet embracing also the whole of Lake Winnipegosis and part of Lake Manitoba. This sheet it was hoped would have been ready for publication during the present winter, but during the early part of the summer of 1888 the writer was seized with a severe attack of fever while in the vicinity of Fairford House on the Little Saskatchewan River. Two weeks were occupied in carrying him to Winnipeg, where he lay in the hospital for seven weeks, and was unable to resume field work before the winter set in. This checked the progress of the exploration to such an extent that another season must necessarily be spent before the whole map can be ready for publication.

In view of the utterly unknown character of a large part of this region, of its great importance as a source of timber supply for Manitoba, and of the luxuriant fertility of the soil over considerable areas such as those drained into Lake Dauphin and the Assiniboine River, this map is now submitted for publication in advance of the larger sheet.

It has been compiled and drawn by Mr. D. B. Dowling, B. A. Sc., who also acted as my assistant in the field. In its preparation I have received every possible assistance from Capt. Deville and the gentlemen associated with him in the Dominion Lands Branch of the Department of the Interior, and also from Mr. Collingwood Schreiber and