

in the press. Mr. Muloch joined us on his return from Souris, bringing with him twenty-three brace of fine ducks and prairie chickens ; he reported that the country between Brandon and Souris village was as well settled as very many parts of Ontario.

During the whole of our trip from Winnipeg to the end of the track, some one or other of us met with friends we knew at every station, but failed to discover any one who had settled in the country to express any other opinion than that of the most perfect contentment and satisfaction, and now that the railway has been pushed such a distance, and in the course of another year will be at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, there is no doubt the emigration from foreign countries will be very large. As we travelled for hundreds of miles on the prairie, it suggested the idea of an ocean, the settlers' houses here and there appeared like ships at sea.

On the morning of the 9th we left Winnipeg, homeward bound, and had the pleasure of travelling on the same train with a most estimable gentleman, Rev. Mr. Russell, of Philadelphia, his wife and children ; Mrs. Stimson, the wife of the Superintendent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway, also Mrs. Eddy, of Minneapolis, they were travelling in the superintendent's car. Our party and theirs exchanged visits on our respective cars but the most of the time was spent in theirs, where for hours we enjoyed ourselves in song, story and pleasant intercourse, and when the time for parting at Minneapolis arrived, and their car was detached from our train each party cheered the other so long as they were within hearing distance. The day will be long remembered by the whole of our party as a most enjoyable one.

We had an hour or two to spare in St. Paul, and there was a general rush to the telegraph office to send off messages to Ontario. After supper we strolled about the platform till it was time to take our places in the car.

We arrived in Chicago, on the 10th (Sunday), at 5 o'clock p. m., three hours late, the train being a very heavy one. I went up to Fraser's lodgings, but he had gone to church, so I had to leave Chicago without seeing him.

Here our party began to divide up, the Edinburgh gentleman and Mr. Anderson remaining to see Chicago, and as we had left Mr. Muirhead and Mr. Gunn at Moose Main, our party was reduced now to those from Ontario.