

NOTES OF A TRIP TO MANITOBA.

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IT was my pleasure to be one of the party who went out to Manitoba with the Farmers' Excursion on September 20th, and believing that my conclusions may be of some interest to the readers of the *Mercury*, I purpose to give them as briefly as I can to make them interesting.

Leaving Toronto by special train we were soon landed at North Bay, where we reach the main line of the C. P. R. We at once resume our trip and pass rapidly through the rocky country along the North Shore till we reach Heron Bay, where we first get a glimpse of Lake Superior, which is a slight relief to the eye, then on through rocky passes and around quick curves, the red granite towering away above us, through tunnels and over trestle work of great height, showing great engineering skill, till we reach Port Arthur, which is now a busy town and great shipping point, then on through the disputed territory till we reach the Summit, which divide the waters here. The country is thickly wooded with small pine, spruce and tamarack till we reach Rat Protage, with its large saw mills and excellent water privileges. There is an immense quantity of lumber turned out here, which is such a boon to Manitoba and the Northwest, making lumber quite reasonable to the settlers. Now we are rapidly going down the gentle descent, which is soon to land us in the fair Prairie Province of Manitoba. We now feel the cool bracing breezes of the prairie as we run into Whitemouth, and are soon in full view of the boundless prairie, which is so welcome a sight after the rocks and woods through which we have passed. My first impressions on seeing the prairie were favorable. Its rich, luxuriant grass, fine level appearance,

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