

fort—it having been originally a square—are pierced with port-holes for artillery and loop-holes for small arms, and are connected by a stone wall twelve feet high and between two and three feet in thickness, while the east and west sides have been extended to double their original length, the additional piece of wall having been built of squared oak timber, as was also the new northern wall. Over the north gate is a square tower, also pierced for both guns and small arms, and over it waves the flag of the British Empire. Entering the fort by the southern gate, we find directly in front of us the building occupied as officers' quarters; immediately to our left and against the south wall are the guardhouse, orderly room, and sergeants' mess, and down the western side are four long two-story buildings, built for storehouses, two of which are now used as barracks; between these and the wall are several smaller buildings, used for cook-house, bake-house, etc. On the east side are several more storehouses, a retail store, and the residences of the Governor of the fort and other Hudson's Bay Company officials; in the centre are the offices of the Hudson's Bay Company and the engine-house; near the northern end, and facing the north gate, is the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba. In the barrack square, in front of the officers' quarters, are a number of field guns of different calibre, and several garrison guns and mortars, which, with the piles of shot and shell lying about, and the sentries pacing their beats in different directions, give the place and scene a truly military appearance, which is still further enhanced at times by the mounting of guards or the drilling of the various squads or companies of soldiers.

Taking our stand upon the walls of the fort and looking toward the north, we see the town of Winnipeg, standing on the bank of the Red River, about a mile from the fort; it is a very compact and business-like place, containing about a hundred houses, nearly all of which are used as places of business, and having a population somewhat less