



OTTER TAIL CITY.

In two or three days more of rapid travel, crossing Sand Hill, Rice, and Buffalo rivers, we reached the Leaf Mountains, seen at the north of us when we were near Osakis Lake, left two more of our horses exhausted on the way; and at the end of another day's journey came to Detroit Lake, a fine sheet of water, skirted by a noble forest. The trail led us for twelve miles through its delightful shade. We loaded our cart with pigeons and partridges, shot *en passant*, discarding here the last of our pemmican, and the next noon dined at Otter Tail City, the whole of which is seen in the cut above. Six miles further on we came to Leaf City (houses one, population one), slept within four walls, rested a day while the rain poured, and on the 1st day of October, through sloughs innumerable and fathomless, came to the Crow Wing crossing—a rope ferry over the river of the name—from which there was continuous water, not to Arctic, but to Tropic seas and the Atlantic.

One more day's journey brought us to the "Agency," where two or three thousand Chippewa Indians were assembled to receive their annual payment; and to Crow Wing, a thriving village on the Mississippi, just below the junction of the Crow Wing River, whence stages, steamboats, and railway cars, soon carried us to our respective homes.

I have just space to append a few statistical items: Four years ago the Red River Settlement contained

Houses.....	322	Churches.....	9
Stables.....	1232	Shops, stores, etc.....	53
Barns.....	306	Schools.....	17

—making 2635 buildings in all.

The live stock is as follows:

Horses.....	1593	Cows.....	5593
Mares.....	1296	Calves.....	2644
Oxen.....	2726	Pigs.....	4674
Bulls.....	250	Sheep.....	2423

Of these there were lost, during the winter of 1855-'56, 16 horses, 3 mares, 21 oxen, 16 cows, 43 sheep, 57 calves, 28 pigs.

The implements of the settlers curiously indicate their habits:

Plows.....	185	Canoes.....	522
Harrow.....	730	Boats.....	55
Carts.....	2075		

There are nearly 16,000 acres of land under cultivation.

The machinery in use in the settlement is very little, and mostly turned by natural forces.

Wind-mills.....	16	Carding-mills.....	1
Water-mills.....	9	Threshing-mills.....	5
Winnowing-machines.....	6	Reaping-machines.....	2

The average value of dwellings, linstock, implements, and machinery, is reckoned as follows:

Dwellings.....	£49,260
Linstock.....	52,401
Implements.....	5098
Machinery.....	5377
Total.....	£111,036

The grand total value of all that is above the soil of Red River then remaining at a little over half a million dollars, exclusive of the Company's forts and provisions.

