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EXPERIENCES IN THE WEST.

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COMING more to particulars, let us glance at some of the more important points in the West. Our route will be chiefly along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

We take Winnipeg as the starting point. This the Capital of Manitoba is situated at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers. It derives its name from Lake Winnipeg (*wîn*, muddy and *nîpi*, water.) This was the old Fort Garry which in 1871 numbered scarcely over one hundred souls. Its population to-day is about 30,000. It extends to both sides of the Assiniboine River. With the exception of the wild speculations of 1882 and '83, Winnipeg has had an uninterrupted growth, and now stands against the western sky as a very respectable city, where light and fuel and electric cars and paved streets are furnished at a decent western price. Its main street, which, in a treatise like this should not be forgotten, ranks as one of the finest in Canada. It is about 130 feet wide and block paved. There is plenty of room for the gales of winter to make themselves felt along this thoroughfare. There is no sticky, blue clay

to be seen now in Winnipeg. It is kept out of sight by the paving. We have here a great railway centre. Besides the C. P. R. proper, there are six branches, connecting with the United States boundary, Southern Manitoba and points to the North. The Northern Pacific has also a line running to the West. Winnipeg has a great mixture of people and creeds but it is free from dynamiters and heresy hunters which freedom especially is a boon to any country. We have here also the Provincial University, including the affiliated Colleges of St. Boniface, Manitoba, St. John's, Manitoba Medical, and Wesley.

This University is making steady progress and before many years will be able to stand with the older institutions of Eastern Canada. But we must not stay any longer in Winnipeg. From this point let us take a run through Southern Manitoba. Journeying southwest, we arrive at the town of Killarney beautifully situated near a lake which bears its name. A little to the west is Deloraine, a pretty little town, overlooking a gentle slope to the south. This is the town that has direct communication with