

there; hence at the "North-west Angle" of the Lake of the Woods the line was dropped perpendicularly to the 49th parallel, along which it was run with no other deviation until it reaches the Pacific Ocean. The United States thus hold a block of land and water of about 120 square miles which enters Canada like a wedge, it forms part of the State of Minnesota, and its north-west angle is the most northerly point of United States territory on the continent outside of Alaska, being in latitude 49 deg. 23 min. 54 sec. The Lake of the Woods breaks out at two points on its northern rim, namely, at Keewatin and Rat Portage, and falls into Winnipeg River, which carries its waters on to the great lake of the same name, to mix with those of the Red River and the Saskatchewan. From the falls of the river the Keewatin Power Company have just created one of the greatest water powers in the world; the Lake of the Woods Milling Company have erected an immense flouring mill, there are also great saw-mills. Here the famous hard wheat of the west is ground and sent east, while lumber is manufactured and sent west—both going in the direction where they are most in demand. Where such a trade is centred and with such capacity of extension, there we may expect to find a gathering of people.

We reached our destination somewhat late, and "Waterloo" went into a siding, where we remained quiet and secure till morning.

In the morning, a few of us set out to see the town, which we found to be a stirring place, but our object was to see a gold-mine. The lumbering and milling industries of Rat Portage are far from being the whole of its attractions. Not to speak of what it has to offer to the tourist and the sportsman, whether among the thousand