

As the land eastward of Brandon rose above the water level, the river had of necessity to form a continuation of its course to some new outlet for its waters. This new outlet was eventually found at Winnipeg, where it joined the Red River, which must then have been a new stream, formed by the waters of the south, seeking, by reason of the rise of the land there, a new exit to the sea to the northward. That the Assiniboine had by this time become a small stream compared with its former proportions, is shown by the contracted banks of this newer part of its course, those at Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie being not more than from two to three hundred feet apart, and from twelve to fifteen feet high.