

From the Great Lakes to the Wide West

energy. And after that I sought my never-ending prairie sidewalk. This time the unpretending character of the Government buildings did not prevent my entering and making a full inspection.

Looked at in connection with the vast area of the North-West Territories these modest edifices seem small, and it is only when one remembers that their whole population is less than that of Toronto that the appropriateness of their scale is apparent. I went first into the Legislative Chamber, which is about 50 feet by 25 feet, a one-storey building that put me in mind of the chapel of a very small sect I once saw in a garden. It is a sort of pocket edition of a Legislature that thus stands prairie-surrounded and dominant. Yet here the thunders of the Opposition reverberate, and Parliamentary tactics are carried out in all their glory. There is the beginning of a good library in an adjoining building, which is under the care of a lady librarian, and the administrative offices, which are on the front of the Legislative lot, are apparently large enough for their purpose.

But there is no doubt at all that these Territories, that are now seeking to receive full provincial rights, with their modest beginnings of self-government, represent what will