## 24 Six Years in the Canadian North-West.

quantities of beef and pork; and, in regard to buildings, very few cities in the United States rank as high as Chicago.

During our journey from Toronto to Fargo, the Government allowed each man a dollar per diem, to cover hisboarding expenses. Through Ontario and Michigan this allowance was quite sufficient, as the Commissioner, before we left Toronto, had made arrangements with different railway stations to have meals ready for us at 25c. per man. But in Chicago, no arrangement of that sort had been made; there we had to pay 50c. for every meal we took: hence a good deal of grumbling on our part against the Yankees. But, happily, our stay there was very short; for in the afternoon of the next day, we started again on our journey. Passing along the shore of Lake Michigan, we reached Milwaukee, the capital of the State of Wisconsin. Remaining there but a short time, we were soon on our way to St. Paul, which we reached after a journey of one day and two nights from Chicago.

St. Paul is not such a flourishing city as Chicago, but its inhabitants are more hospitable; and in our friendly intercourse with them, they were even too much so; for they tried to persuade us to give up our expedition and remain with them. Among other arguments used, they stated that the American posts, established on Indian territories numbered several thousand men: yet, these posts were often attacked and the men massacred. We replied that we were not afraid; and that they must not

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