

INTRODUCTION.

The object of this publication is to reproduce a report of a speech of His Excellency the Marquis of LORNE, Governor General of Canada, delivered on the occasion of a Dinner given to him by the Winnipeg Club on October 10th, descriptive of his impressions of the Canadian North-West.

The route taken by His Excellency, accompanied by a party of gentlemen, is sketched on a skeleton map attached to this pamphlet. The time taken in travelling occupied from July 4th to October 15th last. The total numbers of miles travelled were:—

By rail.....	5561
“ road.....	1366
“ water.....	1127

Total..... 8054 miles.

The travel by road, or, more correctly, by prairie trail, comprised the greater part of the distance between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains, the western objective point of the journey. The conveyances were waggons with such relays of horses as could be obtained on the prairies; the party spending their nights under canvas.

The following is a rough tabulated Itinerary of His Excellency's journey between the dates above mentioned:—

FROM	TO	MILES.		
		RAIL.	ROAD.	WATER.
Halifax.....	Toronto.....	1191	.....
Toronto.....	Collingwood.....	96	.....
Collingwood.....	Thunder Bay.....	.....	.....	727
Thunder Bay.....	Winnipeg.....	325	9	160
Winnipeg.....	Carleton.....	115	447	
Carleton.....	Prince Albert.....	.....	.....	60
Prince Albert.....	Battleford.....	.....	.....	180
Battleford.....	Calgary.....	.....	324	
Calgary.....	Fort McLeod.....	.....	102	
Fort McLeod.....	Fort Shaw.....	.....	220	
Fort Shaw.....	Helena.....	.....	84	
Helena.....	Dillon.....	.....	180	
Dillon.....	Ogden.....	347	.....
Ogden.....	Omaha.....	1032	.....
Omaha.....	St. Paul.....	370	.....
St. Paul.....	Winnipeg.....	454	.....
Winnipeg.....	Ottawa.....	1631	.....
	TOTAL.....	5561	1366	1127