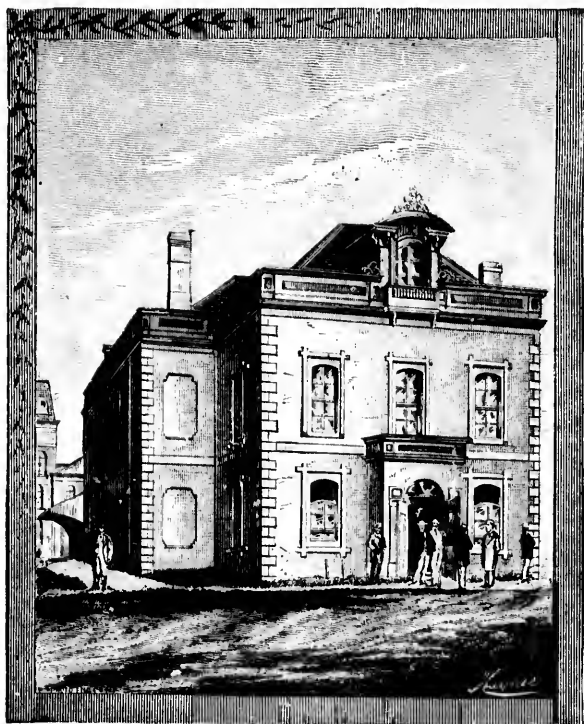


distance above and below Winnipeg, and perhaps 100 miles up the Assiniboine, comprise nearly the entire occupied part of the Northwestern Provinces. There are small out-lying settlements at Pembina and Turtle Mountain, west of the Red River, and Mennonite establishments near Emerson and Rat Portage. Emigrants now coming into the Northwest mainly seek homes in the settlements west of the river, and follow the line of the railroad



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up the Assiniboine Valley. The more accessible lands east of the Red River, though of exhaustless fertility, have been found too wet for cultivation without drainage. Their main use at present is as hay meadows.

These small and experimental settlements have demonstrated the capabilities of the country as the seat of an agricultural