

# THE FIRST NEWSPAPER AT RED RIVER.

## PROSPECTUS

OF

### “THE NOR’-WESTER,”

A JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED AT

**FORT GARRY, RED RIVER TERRITORY.**

THE undersigned, will, without delay, commence the publication of a Newspaper at Fort Garry, Red River, to be entitled THE NOR’-WESTER and to be devoted to the varied and rapidly growing interests of that region.

Exploring parties organized under the direction, respectively, of the Canadian and British Governments, have established the immediate availability for the purposes of Colonization of the vast country watered by the Red River, the Assiniboine, and the Saskatchewan; and private parties of American citizens, following Captain Palliser, are engaged in determining the practicability of rendering this the great overland route to the gold deposits of British Columbia. The Red River Settlement is the home of a considerable population, hardy, industrious, and thrifty; occupying a fine farming country, with all the advantages of prairie and timber combined. It has churches many; and educational advantages which will endure comparison with those of more pretentious communities. And for hundreds of miles beyond, stretches one of the most magnificent agricultural regions in the world, watered abundantly with Lakes and navigable Rivers, with a sufficiency of timber, with vast prairies of unsurpassed fertility, with mineral resources, in some parts, of no common value, and with a climate as salubrious as it is delightful. Such a country cannot now remain unpeopled. It offers temptations to the emigrant nowhere excelled. It invites alike the mechanic and the farmer. Its rivers and rolling prairies and accessible mountain passes, secure to it the advantages which must belong to a highway to the Pacific. It has mail communication with Canada, *via* Fort William; and regular communication with the Mississippi, *via* steamboat and stage to St. Paul. What can impede its development? What can prevent the settlement around Fort Garry from becoming the political and commercial centre of a great and prosperous people?

The printing press will hasten the change, not only by stimulating the industrial life of the Red River Settlement, but by assisting the work of governmental organization, the necessity for which is admitted on all sides; not only by cultivating a healthy public sentiment upon the spot, but by conveying to more distant observers an accurate knowledge of the position, progress, and prospect of affairs.

THE NOR’-WESTER starts on an independent commercial basis. Indebted to no special interests for its origin, and looking to none for its maintenance, it will rely wholly upon the honest and efficient exercise of its functions as the reflex of the wants and opinions, the rights and interests, of the Red River Settlement. Its projectors go thither tied to no set of men, influenced by no narrow preferences, shackled by no mean antipathies. Their journal will be a vehicle of news, and for the pertinent discussion of local questions; governed only by a desire to promote local interests, and a determination to keep aloof from every entangling alliance which might mar its usefulness at home or abroad. It will be a faithful chronicler of events—a reporter, assiduous and impartial. Especially will it aim to be the medium for communicating facts, calculated to enlighten the non-resident reader with regard to the resources and the geography, the life and the sentiment, of the district in which it will be published. Nor will efforts be wanting to render it equal to the tastes of the Red River settlers; arrangements having been made that will secure reliable correspondence from Canada and elsewhere.

During the early winter months of its existence, THE NOR’-WESTER will be published fortnightly, to meet the mail arrangements with Canada; next Spring it will be published weekly, and will be continued regularly thereafter.

The connection which the subscribers have maintained with the Toronto press, is referred to as an evidence of their practical ability to carry out the task they have undertaken.

Price TWO DOLLARS per annum, payable invariably in advance. Letters may be addressed to Box 699, Post Office, Toronto, until the 20th September, proximo; after that date, communications to be addressed to Fort Garry—in all cases pre-paid.

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