

Section.		Stage	Steam	Fall.
		Road.	Navi- gation.	
		Miles.	Miles.	Feet.
Over	124	99½	634	523
thence through a navigable channel, 66 feet wide, with two small bars of loose friable slate, in all 140 feet long, to the north western extremity of Lac Plat or Shoal Lake, in all	84	..	..	7
N.B.—The Indians grow large quantities of maize on the islands, and wild rice grows in the greatest abundance in the whole district, forming the chief sustenance of the Indians.				
	208	..	208	..
9 From Lac Plat to Fort Garry, near the confluence of the Red River and the Assiniboine, and 647 feet above the sea. This line has been surveyed, and a very good route can be obtained over a level and favourable country, of which the first 60 miles wooded	60	..	..	280
And the remainder level prairie	31½	..	..	36½
	91½	91½	..	..
These 90 miles of road would replace 580 miles of cartage to St. Paul, where the inhabitants of Red River now get their supplies. The expense has been roughly estimated by Mr. Dawson at £22,500; and the total cost of opening the communication by land and water, as above described, from Lake Superior to Fort Garry, would probably amount to about £80,000. The Red River Settlement contains a population of from 12,000 to 14,000, and begins 10 miles south of Winnipeg Lake, extending 60 miles up the Red River and 60 to 70 miles west up the Assiniboine. The land has been truly named, "a Paradise of fertility." Many farms have been cultivated for 40 years without any appreciable falling off; and as to climate, maize never fails to ripen, and melons grow with the utmost luxuriance in the open air, and ripen in August. The Red River, which is 600 or 700 miles long, is 200 to 350 feet wide, below Fort Garry, and navigable for steamers of light draft. It generally freezes up about the middle of November, or a little later, and re-opens towards the middle of April.				
10 From Fort Garry, through the Settlement, down Red River, and then through 6½ miles of marsh, at the mouth of the river to Lake Winnipeg, 628 feet above the sea	42	..	..	19
From the south end of Winnipeg Lake to its north-western extremity and the Grand Rapid	..	..	..	..
	42	191	842	863½