

Hudson Bay—to pour its valuable contributions into our market. And as illustrative of the value and importance of this trade to us, I may state that I have been informed by our worthy Mayor, Mr. Kittson, who is perhaps as thoroughly acquainted with the statistics of this trade as any man in Minnesota, that the Red River trains of this season will have brought an aggregate of \$100,000 in money and an equal amount in furs to the trade of this city, and this, sir, it is easy to foresee, is but the germ of a trade which at no distant day, will give to the waters of the Northern Mississippi the commercial position now enjoyed by those of Lake Michigan.

Let us unite, then, in urging upon our Government at Washington, the importance of encouraging, by all the means they have in their power, an unrestricted reciprocity of commercial relations between the people of Red River and those of the States. This little rivulet, which while it follows its natural course contributes so considerably to our prosperity, will yet grow to a mighty river, and in the development of the grand scheme of an inter-oceanic railroad, which is yet to connect the Valley of the Mississippi with that of Frazer River, will bear upon its swelling tides the golden harvests of the mineral slopes of the Pacific and the rich freight of China and India.

And among other things which it seems to me should be pressed upon the attention of the Government, is the fact that there is at present only a monthly mail between St. Paul and these important settlements on Red River. Our growing trade with that region demands an increase of postal facilities, and the establishment of a semi-monthly mail service between St. Paul and Pembina, seems to me a proper subject for a legislative memorial at this time. The speaker adverted to the beneficent effect which the extension of the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government over these regions would have upon their colonization. The above is a very imperfect sketch of the able and impressive speech of the Ex-Governor.

MR. JAMES W. TAYLOR next addressed the meeting. He first, in reply to a question from Gov. RAMSEY, alluded to the geological indications of British Oregon. Except on Vancouver Island, and the opposite shore of Puget Sound, there had been observed to be an absence of the silurian and other limestone formations, which either underlie or are associated with coal fields. West of the Rocky Mountains, the Pacific slope was an immense development of the primary rocks, thrown up by volcanic violence. And it is in such districts, where quartz, granite, gneiss and trap abound, that minerals are mostly found, especially the precious minerals.