

assistance to any one who has to inquire into the question of lands at Red River, from the point of view of the lawyer, the claimant, or the genealogist.

No one is more aware than I that the field open to such a book as this is very limited; but when the country grows older, if the result of my efforts comes to be regarded as a conscientious contribution to the history of Manitoba, I shall be more than repaid, and shall regard my residence of over eleven years in that province as not in vain.

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