

BLAZING A NEW TRAIL



A WINNIPEGGER and a Torontonion sat on the crowded bank of the Red River on May 2nd this year, and enjoyed the most picturesque panorama that has ever been seen in Western Canada. Round the bend in the river, hugging the St. Boniface shore, two York boats, with high narrow prows and long oars, surrounded by a flotilla of canoes manned by Indians from the far north, came rapidly towards the Louise Bridge, their course cheered by thousands of spectators.

This was the pageant designed to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Hudson's Bay Company, the oldest trading concern in Canada. The Company of Gentlemen Adventurers, as they called themselves in the days of Charles the Second of England, still operates over 150 fur trading posts in Western Canada, from the Saskatchewan to the Coppermine, and from the Nipigon to the Fraser. They have more Indians hunting and fishing for