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From Winnipeg to Fort Ellice, on the Assiniboine, and a few miles only this side of the western limits—a distance of over 200 miles—nearly the whole of the land is fit for cultivation. The valleys of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, now included in the province of Manitoba, are also very fertile. We have already said enough on the subject.

Several cities, besides Winnipeg and St. Boniface, are progressing rapidly, as, for instance—EMERSON, situated on the east side of Red river, opposite WEST LYNNE, with which it is connected by a bridge, and having many stores, hotels, and even daily newspapers;—MORRIS, a flourishing town on the Red river, at the mouth of Scratching river (*Gratias*), 24 miles north of the boundary line and 36 from Winnipeg. The population is over 600; there are several churches, stores and hotels, a school, a grist and saw mills, two brick yards, two grain warehouses, and a weekly newspaper. It is the centre of a fine agricultural country and will soon have a railroad connection with the agricultural and commercial centre of the country;—NELSONVILLE, situated in townships 3 and 4, range 6, about 60 miles from Winnipeg, and 58 west from Emerson, being one of the leading towns in Southern Manitoba and surrounded by a rich district. It has several churches, stores and hotels, grist and saw mills, a Dominion lands office, a newspaper, the *Manitoba Mountaineer*, the registry office for Dufferin and Lorne, and post office with bi-weekly mail;—NIVERVILLE, on the Pembina Branch of C. P. Ry. 20 miles south-east of Winnipeg, and having stores, hotels, a grain elevator, a daily mail and telegraph office;—SELKIRK, situated 25 miles from Winnipeg, and the terminus of the Pembina Branch of the Canada Pacific Railway. It has several good hotels, stores, churches, etc. Two lines of steamers run daily to Winnipeg during the season;—RAT PORTAGE, the present terminus of the C. P. Ry. east, and situated on the Lake of the Woods, distance from Winnipeg 133 miles. It promises to be a large town, having already several stores, hotels, mills, etc. Gold has been discovered on several of the islands in the Lake of the Woods, and large mining operations will be carried on this year;—STONEWALL, 18 miles north of Winnipeg and connected with it by a branch of the C. P. R. It is the market town for the townships of Grassmore, Rockwood, Victoria, Brant, Argyle, Dundas, Greenwood and Ridgeway, and has several large stores, a town hall, grist mill, several churches, and many residences. The entire township is underlaid with limestone rock;—WESTBOURNE on the White Mud river, with a population of about 300, having a church, a school, a post office, hotel, blacksmith shop and stores, and being the station of the Dominion Land Agent for the district;—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, situated 54 miles west of Winnipeg, on the north side of the Assiniboine and which is making great progress. The *Marquette*