is invested in furniture and clothing, to say nothing of \$45,000,000 invested in automobiles and about \$22,000,000 in loose change in banks, savings associations and private citizens' pockets.

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## MANITOBA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

(Montreal Gazette, June 10, 1930)

On the 15th of July, 1870, Manitoba entered Confederation, then three years old, and on the 15th of July next the people of the Province will celebrate their diamond jubilee.

At the time of the joining up of Manitoba with the provinces to the East, the historic region was regarded as the Northwest, a place where buffalo roamed the prairie and the red man lived as his forefathers had done for centuries, there were no railways and no cities. It was the frontier towards which adventurous youth looked with yearning eyes.

Louis Riel and Donald A. Smith were figures that loomed up in the news that came from there. With the entry into Confederation, Manitoba began to boom, but there was a setback there and later on and then came half-breed disturbances. The first prairie province progressed steadily despite these setbacks and became one of the most important agricultural centres of Canada. Then, in the 80°s, the Canadian Pacific came and the future of the Province was assured.

Manitoba today has an area of 251,832 square miles; its territories stretch up to Hudson Bay and it has a population of over

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