

necessitate many portages, being encountered on the way—to Athabaska Landing; from which point freight is packed by trail 90 miles to Edmonton. From Edmonton to Calgary by the Edmonton extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway is 194 miles; and from Calgary to Winnipeg on the main line is 840 miles. The total distance travelled from Fort McPherson to Winnipeg is thus 2,978 miles. In the winter the distance from Fort McPherson to Edmonton is covered by dog trains, a regular packet service being maintained along the entire line of the Hudson's Bay Company's posts or "forts" as they are still called. After leaving Fort McPherson, the dog train first comes to Fort Good Hope, then to Fort Norman, and next to Fort Simpson, which is the head

