

INTRODUCTION.

Very large editions have been published each year by the Department of Agriculture, of the Speech delivered at Winnipeg by His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada, on the occasion of a dinner given him at the Winnipeg Club, on the 10th October, 1881.

There is yet, however, a call for copies of this Speech, in view of the confidence attached to the words of His Excellency, and it is for this reason that the present edition is issued.

It may be repeated that the route taken by His Excellency, accompanied by a party of gentlemen, is sketched on a skeleton map attached to this pamphlet. The time taken in travelling occupied from July 4th to October 15th. The total number of miles travelled were :—

By rail.....	5,561
“ road.....	1,366
“ water.....	1,127
Total.....	8,054 miles.

The travel by road, or more correctly by prairie trail, comprised the greater part of the distance between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains, the western objective point of the journey. The conveyances were waggons with such relays of horses as could be obtained on the prairies, the party spending their nights under canvas.

The following is a rough tabulated itinerary of His Excellency's journey between the dates above mentioned :—

FROM.	TO.	MILES.		
		RAIL.	ROAD.	WATER.
Halifax.....	Toronto.....	1,191		
Toronto.....	Collingwood.....	96		
Collingwood.....	Thunder Bay.....			727
Thunder Bay.....	Winnipeg.....	325	9	160
Winnipeg.....	Carleton.....	115	447	
Carleton.....	Prince Albert.....			60
Prince Albert.....	Battleford.....			180
Battleford.....	Calgary.....		324	
Calgary.....	Fort McLeod.....		102	
Fort McLeod.....	Fort Shaw.....		280	
Fort Shaw.....	Helena.....		84	
Helena.....	Dillon.....		180	
Dillon.....	Ogden.....	347		
Ogden.....	Omaha.....	1,032		
Omaha.....	St. Paul.....	370		
St. Paul.....	Winnipeg.....	454		
Winnipeg.....	Ottawa.....	1,631		
TOTAL.....		5,561	1,366	1,127