

## **New Townsites on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.**

More than 100 new townsites are being established along the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Winnipeg and Edmonton, as shown on the accompanying map, which include the five railway division points of Rivers, Melville, Watrous, Biggar and Wainwright. As the country through which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway passes is acknowledged to be the most fertile section of the entire North-West, all of these new towns are situated in good farming or stock-raising districts, and lots can now be obtained at any of the points named by application direct to the Company's Land Commissioner, at Winnipeg.

A full description of the character and resources of the country will be found in the following report:

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### **REPORT OF PROF. J. MACOUN**

of the  
Dominion Geological Survey Dep't, on the Natural Resources  
of the Country along the Prairie Section  
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### **GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY**

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**E**ARLY in May, 1906, I received instructions to proceed to Portage la Prairie, and from thence to make an examination of the country on both sides of the Grand Trunk Pacific as far as Edmonton, Alberta. Besides making notes on the agricultural capabilities of the districts passed over I was also to pay attention to the natural history and make collections of plants, birds and mammals. The appended summary will show, in brief, the results obtained:—

#### **Personnel of Party.**

I left Ottawa, June 1, and proceeded to Portage la Prairie. My party consisted of Mr. William Herriot, of Galt, Ont., who assisted me with the botany; Mr. George Atkinson, of Portage la Prairie, who came as cook and ornithologist, and Mr. Ben. Younghusband, who had charge of the horses. We were ready to start on June 8, but owing to continued wet weather we did not leave Portage la Prairie until June 11.