

Fresh from Winnipeg.
A Richmond Hill Man's Views.
MARKHAM PEOPLE NORTHWARD BOUND.
Winnipeg, March 21st, 1882.

To the Editor of the Herald:
SIR—We left Toronto for Winnipeg on the 14th of March, and arrived at the Hub on the 17th, being about 71 hours on the road. There were quite a number of people from Markham Township on the train, among whom I noticed Mr. J. Bowman, late of the Weights and Measures Dept., who had his family with him, twelve members in all. He is bound for Portage La Prairie, where he has purchased a farm of 320 acres for \$9,000. Mr. A. Eyer, and a family of nine, were also in our party, bound for the Portage, where he has secured a farm, his homestead and pre-emption being about 150 miles back. He does not intend to move his family back for some time. His land is in the Oak River settlement, and it is expected that the railway will run through by next fall. A son of Mr. Wellman, of the 3rd Con. of Markham, accompanied them.

Mr. James Robinson, of Unionville, went through with us to Hallock, in Dakota, where he has a brother. His destination is Brandon. Mr. Mark Hall, of King, also came through with us. He intends to invest in farm lands in the North-West. All of the above are snow bound in Winnipeg. There are no trains running west of this, and have not been since the 17th.

The trip up here was one of the most pleasant I ever experienced, and the people on board being full of hope and brilliant prospects, were the most good natured and happiest lot of travellers I ever met. Mr. D. A. Holbrook, of Toronto, had the management of the excursion, and his kindness and efficiency cannot be too highly praised. He supplied every want that laid in his power, was kind, courteous and attentive to all, and never seemed to grow tired of answering questions, or securing information or any article that was required.

We have had about as much variety of weather here, as there is in Ontario. The day I arrived, the streets were sloppy, and the side-walks were covered with the most greasy and slippery mud I ever saw.

I have already met with several people from around Richmond Hill, amongst whom are Mr. T. Devlin, of Maple, Mr. George Lawson, and our old friend, Mr. Wm. Hopper, who is looking well, and as though the climate agreed with him.

Board and lodging is very hard to get here. I am paying \$4.50 per week. There is plenty of work to be done, and good pay for it. I was offered \$3.50 per day to go to Hat Portage and work at the Bridge, where board is \$4.50 per week. It is a great mistake to come to this country so early, as it is far too cold to work out side.

Winnipeg, March 23rd, 1882.

DEAR SIR—It is still very cold here, and there is no communication with the outside world by rail. There has been only one train in from the east since Sunday, and none from the west since Friday last. The snow is drifted on the track some nine and ten feet deep, and continues at that depth for miles. The snow is very dry and hard, and the fence work cracks it almost as solid as a rock. It is not an uncommon thing for the engine to jump from the track, when plunging against a bank, and run for several lengths on the hard snow. There has been a snow-plow with three engines at work to clear the line for some days. The engines back up for about half a mile, and dash into the bank, throwing the hard snow against the fence with such force that the boards are broken.

Notwithstanding such matters, I like the country well. It is certainly extremely cold but it is not unpleasant. I have experienced it as low as 30° below zero, but even at that temperature, I was not as cold as I often felt in Ontario when the mercury was a good deal higher.

The craze for town lots still continues, and lots are being sold at Rapid City, over seven miles out on the prairie, for very fair prices. The Ontario people who have a little money are the losers. It requires a fortune to do anything in really good property in Winnipeg. Yesterday a lot on Main St. changed hands at \$43,000, and there is some property that will bring a higher figure.

The great rush this Spring will be for Qu'Appelle District. There are hundreds of persons on the road for there now, although the land has not been surveyed into Townships yet, the base area meridian lines only being laid out. Mr. John Gilroy, of Richmond Hill, is going out. There is plenty of good land there, but building material is very scarce. Lumber sells at \$70 to \$80 per thousand.

I intend to go out into the Bittle District as soon as the roads are open, as I would like to reach my destination about the latter part of April.

I had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. H. Starr, formerly of Richmond Hill, preach on Sunday last. I heard that he intends to bring his family out here.

I will write again, if you wish, as soon as I see enough of the country to give you some interesting information.

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