

shooting a buffalo with a pistol.¹²⁵ Wyatt offered himself as having “a residence of nearly 30 years in Canada, and, with few exceptions, personally knowing every part of the country described.” More to the point, the end pages of the volume were filled with advertisements for agencies operated by Wyatt, including what he labelled the “European Passenger Office” of the “Manitoba and Canadian Rail and Lakes Route.” He also advertised his role as agent for the Lake Superior and Collingwood Line, the Georgian Bay Transportation Company, the Northern Railway of Canada and the Hamilton and North-western Railway in conjunction with either Barlow or Fred Cumberland. Wyatt was also prepared to supply information for prospective travellers on the Great Western Railroad, the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, and the Muskoka Steamboat Line. All of these directed the reader’s attention to “Geo. H. Wyatt, 15, Water Street, Liverpool.” The address was not a casual choice as in the same building could be found a John Dyke, the Liverpool agent of the Canadian government, although Dyke’s reports from those years include no reference to Wyatt or his activities. In one widely reprinted article claiming that 77,000 emigrants had passed west from Sarnia into the United States, only to pass through to Manitoba, he identified himself as “of the Manitoba office.” Again, this was not official, but simply a marketing brand that Wyatt provided.¹²⁶

A second travel volume also appeared in 1880 entitled *Manitoba, the Canadian North-West and Ontario*. Again, Wyatt claimed “a residence of nearly 30 years in Canada, an intimate connection with leading railroad and steam-ship lines throughout the Dominion and having answered thousands of questions from intending settlers ...” as his qualifications. Original writing, however, was not among those skills, as he dodged anticipated claims of



¹²⁵ Liverpool: Liverpool Printing and Stationery Co., 1880). This appears to have been marketed in Canada as *A Journey from Liverpool to Manitoba*, as that title was described as “by G. H. Wyatt, is an instructive sketch, intended chiefly for the sportsman, of the routes to the North-West, via the Hunting and Fishing grounds of the Upper Lakes.” *Dominion Annual Register and Review 1880-1881*, (Montreal: John Lovell & Son, 1882) 294.

¹²⁶ *Manchester Evening News*, 6 August 1880.