WINNIPEG, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1913.

Fragments of Early Red River History

PLAN of the SETTLEMENT on. RED RIVER. es it was in June 1816.

HOW LIOPD Selkirk IN 1817 REWARDED HIS STEADFAST SCOTTISH SETTLERS Extracted From The Selkirk of Kildohan in Lands and Permission to Distil Mountain Dew"

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TYPES OF LORD SELKIRK'S SETTLERS IN 1821-2.

From black and white print in portfolio of colored sketches in Canadian Archives, Ottawa. These drawings appear to have been made by a Hollander (for the descriptive under lines are in Dutch), who came out with the Swiss colonies to Red River

(Editorial Noto)—The documents hereunder are copied from a report dated fied River, 15th May, 1833, addressed by Governor Simpson to Mr. Andrew Colville, as administrator of the Selkirk Estate in Britain, who was also a director of the Hudson's Bay Company,

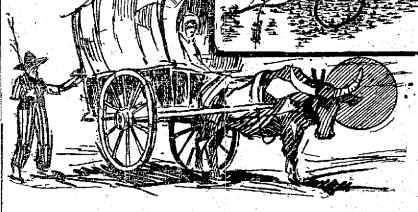
Undertaking Written in Lord Selkirk's Own Hand. "Fort Douglas, Red River, August, 1877.

Twenty-four lots of land lately surveyed and marked off by Mr. Peter Mier on the left bank of Red River are to be occupied as follows, viz :-(The names in brackets are those written by Selkirk and scored out by deDonell when substituting the other names.)

arks in this margin and alterations in writ-ing of Alex. McDonell. Lot. By James Sutherland. AME Red River JMB Red River (Alex. McBeath), Jnc. Bruce (Gone); (John McBeath), Peter Robertson (Gone). John McLean Martin Jordan Hugh McLean John Bannerman. Alexander Sutherland. Red River William Sutherland. Jereh. (Alexander Sutherland) Suth-Red River Angus Matheson. Red River Red River Alexander Polson Alexander Matheson. er John or Jane Matheson. I Jane she is dead) John Matheson. Donald McKay. George McKay. Red River William McKay. Robert McKay William Bannerman, George Ross. Alexander Murray. Dead Red River John Flett.

(Note Te No. 12-Jerem'h Sutherland dead. Alexr. Sutherland sold his od to Jem'y Inkster and withdrew from colony for three years, but after ards returned and is now on a different lot, therefore he has forfeited his In to the Right of Distillation. (Editor's note. This note is evidently Gevernor Simpson in 1833; also that regarding lot 16 in margin.)

Editor's note. St John's Cathedral stands on Lot 4 to-day.) These lots are laid out along a line run by Mr. Fidler in the direction north East or thereby, Lot No. 1 commencing at a distance of one mile or hereby from Fort Douglas, and Lot No. 24 ending at Frog Plain. Each lot a frontage of 10 chains (or 220 yards), a little more or less, along the said in line, except Lot No. 12 which has only 5 chains (or 1110 yards). The Stiston lines between the lots are at right angles to the main line, and are arked off towards the river by lines of stakes. Each lot is to extend to the islance of 90 chains or 1,980 yards back from the river, so as to contain netr English statute acres, besides each lot is to have a separate piece of foodland, containing ten statute acres, to be laid off on the East side of the her, at any place where the Earl of Selkirk or his Agent shall consider as by suitable for the purpose. These ten acres are to be preserved by the Tupler as woodland, and not to be used for any other purpose. Till this odland is measured and marked off, the occupiers of the aforesaid lots be allowed to take wood for building or firewood from any place most hand on opposite side of the River. (Note. See plan published herewith) In consideration of the hardships that the settlers have suffered, in condence of the lawless conduct of the North West Company, Lord Selkirk Mends to Stant the aforesaid lofs gratuitously to those of the Settlers who and made improvements on their lands before they were driven away from last year; PROVIDED ALWAYS that as soon as they have the means that pay the debts which they owe to the Earl of Selkirk or to the



Hudson's Bay Company, for goods or provisions supplied to them or for other

expenses incurred on their account.

"As soon as any of the aforesaid settlers shall have paid his debt, and shall have built a house and have brought into cultivation one-tenth part of his land, he shall be entitled to have a regular deed to convey the said lot to him and his heirs forever. All such Leeds will include clauses to the following effect:—

"ist—That the owner of the lot and every person residing upon it shall conform to all the conditions laid down in the Deed of Feofiment granted by the Hudson's Bay Company to the Earl.

"2nd—That he shall not sell or dispose of his lands to any person not approved by the Earl of Selkirk.

"3rd—That he shall not distil any spirituous (liquor) nor suffer any to be dis-

proved by the Earl of Seldirk.

"3rd—That he shall not distil any spirituous (liquor) nor suffer any to be distilled by persons residing on his lands, unless by perinission from the Governor or other officer duly authorized by the Hudson's Bay Company.

"4th—That he shall contribute to the support of the Clergyman and Schoolmaster, and to the repair of roads and other public works, according to the custom of other British Colonies, or to such rules as the Hudson's Bay Company may establish for the common good of the Schilement.

"If any of the persons to whom the aforesald lots are assigned shall neglect to build or settle upon them, and shall not have improved or cultivated land to the extent of five acres within the space of three years, it shall be in the option of the Earl of Selkirk to dispose of the land to other settlers.

"In case of the lands on the opposite side of the river being laid out in lots for settlement, the settlers in possession of the aforesald twenty-four lots shall have the first offer of purchasing the lots opposite their own; and they shall not be disposed of at a cheaper rate to any stranger.

"Mr. John Pritchard (Note—"Red River")

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"Mr. John Pritchard Donald Livingstone John Farquharson "Red River" "Gone" "Gone" Alex'r McKay and John Bruce "Gone"

are to be entitled to the privileges granted to the other settlers aforesaid as soon as they have brought into cultivation the small lots they have taken in the Point below Fort Douglas, marked in the Plan of the Point as No. 6, 5, 7, 2, 4, they will be entitled to an additional let of one hundred acres, including ten acres of woodland. But each of their lots in the Point must continue to be inhabited by a family, or otherwise will be in Lord Selkirk's disposal to be given to other settlers. given to other settlers.

given to other settlers. The clause "In order that the settlers may not be put to inconvenience by the clause against distilling, Lord Selkirk undertakes to procure a license, and to establish a still, where each of the aforesaid settlers may be allowed to make twenty gallons of Whiskey annually from his own grain; but only for the use of his own family and household; and any settler who shall sell any of the spirits so allowed to be distilled shall forfeit the privilege in the time to come. "(Signed) SELKIKK."

Acceptance of Undertaking by Settlers.

"We, the understaned settlers, cheenfully agree to all that is required of us in the above written paper, and return our grateful thanks to the Earl of Selleirk for giving us our lands gratuitously without exacting the price which we had stipulated to pay for them."

(Signed) 1 John Flett

George Ross Alex'r Murray Angus Matheson Alex'r Matheson Alex, Polson Donald (his X mark) McKay 8. George (his X mark) McKay 9. John (his X mark) Bannerman 10. William (his X mark) Sutherland Alex'r (his X mark) Sutherland 12. John (his X mark) McBeath

WHERE WINNIPEG NOW STANDS

This plan is copied from Amos' reports. The first large lot of Fidlers survey (marked "B" at corner, and Mr. McLean's) is not included in the consecutive numbering, from 1 to 24, of the lots assigned by Lord Selkirk to his settlers in August, 1817. St. John's Cathedral stands today on lot No. 4.

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Commutation Asked for Distilling Privilege.

Appended by Governor Simpson to the foregoing is the following list showing the terms upon which the persons therein were willing to relinquish the privilege:

Alex'r McBeath, L. 50 as compensation.

John McBeath, L. 60 as compensation.

John McLean, the fulfilment of Lord Selkirk's engagement to the letter. Wm. Sutherland, whatever Governor Simpson may consider reasonable. Angus Matheson, L. 40.

Alex'r Polson, L. 40. Alex'r Matheson, L. 100, or the remission of his old debt. Wm. McKay, L. 30 (Note by Governor, "This man has already deserted,

therefore forfeits his land).
Robt. McKay, L. 40, or an annuity of L. 5 for Mrs.
Wm. Bannerman, L. 40.
John Flett, whatever Governor Simpson pleases.

David Livingstone, whatever Governor Simpson pleases. John Pritchard, L. 25.

Governor Simpson's Report on Above, and on Selkirk's Promise of a Presbyterian Preacher.

Governor Simpson, in forwarding copies of the foregoing documents to Mr.

Covernor simpson in forwarding copies of the integring covernor simpson in forwarding copies of the Integring covernor simpson in forwarding copies of the Integring copies in the Scotch settlers to distil spirituous liquous had nearly brought me into serious distinuities with them, and I verily believe that had I not been on the spot they would have carried their point by main force if necessary. By a little management, however, I got possession of the still, and have put things in such a train with them that they will keep quiet for a couple of verre.

of years.
"There were 29 who in the first place had good claims, but their numbers." are now reduced to 14, although the whole body of them maintain that the right of one is as good as that of another. Some that have no claim at all are more clamorous than those whose names appear in the document in Lord Selkirk's handwriting on which they found their claim, copy of which is herewith transmitted for your information. gay!

"Some of these people set a high value on their right to disth. One stupid fellow, Sutherland, who has no right at all, talked of £200; others of £50; but I think I could compound with them for £20 per man.

The Promised Preacher. "These people lay great stress upon Lord Selkirk's promise to provide them with a Gaelic preacher, and I think his lordship did make such a promise although it does not appear in writing. Fat it is evident from their own remarks that he did not mean to go to a greater expense than £50 per annum.

with board and lodging.
"For such a clergyman some of the most scrupulously conscientious say,
if the clergyman be provided, they will relinquish their claim to the right to

Governor Simpson's Secret Service.

The astute governor then goes on to relate how he had seemed the still and outwisted the distillers by employing one of their own leaders to act as his spy and tool. This man he describes as having seen more of the world than his neighbors, as a cunning, canting, hypocritical scoundrel, capable of doing much mischief among his ignorant countrymen. Upon the strength of these qualities, the governor reports that he had hired him as secret agent up in the beach woods know how to at the salary of £20 per annum, the payment of which was only known, besides to themselves, to the local governor and the accountant, Mr. Thomas Simpson.

Besides the permanent yearly "Honorarhum" as a contract that he parameter with the accountant. Mr. Thomas Hardwood Record.

Hardwood Record.

WALT MASON'S CORNER How I regret the good old days, and all the pleasant, happy ways now perished from the earth! No more the

worn breadwinner sings, GOOD OLD no more the cottage DAYS rooftree rings with sounds of hearty mirth. The good

old days! The cheerful nights! We had then no electric lights, but oll lamps flared and smoked; and now and then they would explode and blow the shanty cross the road, and sometimes victims creaked. The windows had no window screened. The windows had no window screens. there were no books or magazines to make our morals lame; we used to sit round in the dark while father talked of Noah's ark until our bedtime came. No furnace or steam heating plant would make the cold air gallivant; a fireplace kept us warm; the house was and smoke to boot, when'er there was a storm. No telephones then made men curse; if with a neighbor you'd converse, you hoofed it fourteen miles, the girl who wished to be a belle believed that she was doing well if she lieved that she was doing well if she knew last year's styles. There'll never be such days as those, when people be such cays as mose, when people wore no underclothes, and beds were stuffed with hay, when paper collars were the rage—oh, dear, delightful, by-gone age, when we were young and

WALT MASON. "QUERIES."

Does ash make the best fire?
Is it "fir" to the Pacific coast?
Could burglars pick a hem-lock?
Is a veneer related to an engineer?
What color is red oak when it is

green?
Does a dealer in buck-eye get the buck ague?
Should not bass-wood be good to make drums of? Should not all dairy buildings be built of butter-nut?
If Cy cedar on the street, would Cypress her hand?
Would hack-bury look well in a fun-

at the salary of £20 per annum, the payment of which was only known, be sides to themselves, to the local governor and the accountant, Mr. Thomas — Hardwood Record.

Simpson.

Besides the permanent yearly "Honorarium" as spy, the governor also usually eatch the birch? We pine to recommends the concession to this man of a claim to a lot of land which he spruce up these chestnuts, but wood it had reported against two years previously.