

# THE COURIER.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1884.

## Official Directory.

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### The Hudson Bay Project.

The explorations prosecuted by the Canadian government during the past summer have not resulted favorably to the project for opening a sea route to Europe by way of Hudson Bay for the grain of Manitoba. Thus far only preliminary reports have been made, and final reports must await the return of the winter observation parties stationed on Hudson's Strait. But in spite of the efforts of some of the Manitoba papers to extract some comfort for the project from the facts published, it is evident to the impartial reader that the officers of the expedition are by no means sanguine of any useful fruits following their labors. The straits leading to the bay do not open until June, and appear to be more or less obstructed by floating ice throughout the summer. The diary of the expedition for August shows that ice prevailed in the straits for nineteen days out of the thirty, and snow storms occurred on five other days. Churchill Harbor, on the west side of the bay, the proposed terminus of a railroad from Winnipeg, did not open this year until June 26. Mr. Spencer, the Hudson Bay Company's officer there, says that it freezes up about the 6th of November. There would, he thinks, be little difficulty in entering the harbor in fine weather, but when the weather is thick or heavy, beacons would be necessary at several points. Along the coast from Cape Churchill to the harbor the shores at low water are full of shoals, on which a vessel would strike long before they could be seen in thick weather.

The land end of the project is even less encouraging than the sea route. J. W. Klätze, the dominion government explorer, who was sent to inquire into the feasibility of constructing a railway from Winnipeg to the Hudson Bay connection with this route, does not speak favorably of the ultimate success of the undertaking, and thinks, if ever accomplished, it will be at a price few capitalists would care to embark in. The line runs through a region as difficult to traverse as the north shore of Lake Superior, being composed of alternate swamps and rocky barrens, and affording no possible local traffic for a railroad.

It does not require any argument to show that capitalists cannot be persuaded to build 500 miles of very expensive road through an absolute wilderness for the sake of a grain traffic which would last only four months out of twelve, supposing the wheat to be largely held over the winter, and only one month at the late harvest time in Manitoba. There would be no return freights for the road at any time, and no business whatever during the long period of each year when Hudson Bay is inaccessible to steamers.

The project, ambitious as it is, and interesting from the geographer's point of view, must be abandoned, and the people of Manitoba must fall back on the conclusion that their natural waterway by way of the great lakes and the Erie or Canadian canals. When the Canadian Pacific is opened around Lake Superior, they will doubtless be again disappointed. The new road is not going to confer any substantial benefits upon them in the eastern connections it will afford, because the natural commercial centers of the products of Manitoba is not in the distant Canadian cities, but in the near dual metropolis of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The above article is from the Northwest for December. As the magazine is published in the interests of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, and the Hudson Bay route would be a serious blow to its interests, the statements and conclusions must be received with a grain of salt.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Sep. 29, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 15th day of November, 1884, viz: William Vail, D. S. No. 15,656 for the n e 1/4 of sec. 6, township 148 n, range 59 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: C. H. Johnson, H. V. Safford, P. L. Holand and N. C. Rukke, all of Willow, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1884, at his office.  
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
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 Iver Jacobson, attorney.

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., October 15, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 15th day of December, 1884, viz: Neils O. Kjos, D. S. No. 15,656 for the s w 1/4 of section 20, tp 147 n, r. 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Knud Melby, John Anderson, John Tane, T. G. Roble, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1884, at his office.  
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
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 Byron Andrus, attorney.

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**—Land office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 3, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 23d day of January, 1885, viz: Albert E. Shue, H E No. 15,656 for the s w 1/4 and s e 1/4 of section 22, tp 148 n, r. 59 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Allen Pinkerton, John Holton, Jack McDonald and Robert More, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses will be taken before Byron Andrus, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 29th day of Dec. A. D. 1884, at his office.  
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
 John N. Jorgensen, attorney.  
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**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 3, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof on the 23d day of January, 1885, viz: Ingebjor A. Tvetakken, D. S. No. 16,175, for the n e 1/4 of section 4, tp. 148 n, r. 59 w, and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Erik Erikson, Lewis Larson, Ole Aslakson, and Livert J. Tandem, all of Lee postoffice, Nelson county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Byron Andrus, judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1884, at his office.  
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
 And you John G. Goldthrite, who filed D. S. No. 15,656, on 6th day of April, 1884, hereby notified to be and appear before the U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., on the 23d day of January, 1885, and show cause if any you have, why said Ingebjor A. Tvetakken should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said land.  
 HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
 John N. Jorgensen, attorney.  
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