

PLACE NAMES IN MANITOBA.

Place names of Manitoba are an interesting study, especially if we can know something of the local color behind the name, and the original meaning.

They are of interest also, owing to the situation of the Province as the gateway to Western and Northern Canada.

The town of Emerson used to be called, "The Gateway City," because at the time when settlers first began to come to Manitoba in large numbers, they all passed through Emerson.

Place names recall to our attention, incidents and traditions which are a part of the National history. They reflect the romance of discovery and exploration and settlement of a great new country. They bring to our attention, the ~~xxxx~~ history of the many lands from which the people of Canada have come and they recall the native Indian period, before the coming of the white man, for the Indians supplied the name of the Province and the names of many of its principal features.

The oldest native name, is that of Lake Winnipeg. for it was called by that name long before a white man ever saw it.

The oldest British name is Nelson River. This was given by Sir Thos. Sutton, when, in his search for the North West Passage, in 1612. he raised the British flag at Fort Nelson and took possession of the land, which he called New Wales, and which is now within the boundaries of Manitoba.

The name "Hudson's Bay" appears on a map published in 1635, twenty years after that intrepid navigator and explorer, Henry Hudson, and his young son, had been turned adrift on the stormy waters of the Bay, by a mutinous crew