# Afterword

THANKS for reading Vantage Points III! I hope that you and all other readers enjoyed these articles and want to know more about the heritage of the southwestern corner of Manitoba. There's so much information to learn from our elders and hearing about times past can make us feel more connected to the places we live today. We are walking on the land that, not so long ago, was covered with buffalo, wild fur-bearing animals and birds, and yes mosquitoes too. We still can view remnants of the First Nation and Métis hunting communities, the fur-traders and early European settlers. To-day we are a nation of immigrants, a community composed of people from all over the world. There are many stories to investigate and to record as everyone has a story to tell. Please take the time now to write down your memories of your early life—like many others you may remember not only the hardships and struggles, but also the time of great memories; of family gatherings and friendships that last forever. And like many others, you may decide that those times were the best of your lives.

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