

day, I allowed smoking to only the respectable men ; they were all poorly clothed, and the women more so than the Men, and this sex in decency, modesty, and cleanliness, fell short of the upper country women : like all the Natives along this River their living was the Salmon fishery with the Seine and Dipping nets. Had they been clean and well dressed, both Sexes would have had a good personal appearance ; they informed me they had heard of white people from the sea, and warned us all to beware of the Dalles and Falls which were close below us ; the soil was light and like what we had passed : At night the old Men with some trouble got them all to retire to their lodges, and after smoking a few pipes left us to pass a quiet night.

July 12<sup>th</sup>. We were now at the head of the Dalles, to which there is a carrying place of a full mile. I have already mentioned the Dalles of the Saleesh and Spokane Rivers ; these Dalles were of the same formation, steep high walls of Basalt Rock, with sudden sharp breaks in them, which were at right angles to the direction of the wall of the River, these breaks formed rude bays, under each point was a violent eddy, and each bay a powerful, dangerous, whirlpool ; these walls of Rock contract the River from eight hundred to one thousand yards in width to sixty yards, or less : imagination can hardly form an idea of the working of this immense body of water under such a compression, raging and hissing, as if alive. (some twenty two years after I passed in 1811, M<sup>r</sup> Peter Ogden<sup>1</sup> one of the Partners of the Hudson's Bay Com-

<sup>1</sup> Peter Skene Ogden, born in Quebec in 1794, was the youngest son of Isaac Ogden, a U.E. Loyalist of Lower Canada who was for many years a Justice of the King's Bench at Montreal. He entered the service of the North-West Company in 1811 at Isle à la Crosse, was transferred to the Columbia district in 1818, and remained there until his death at Oregon City in 1854. Next to Dr. John McLoughlin, he was the most prominent officer of the Hudson's Bay Company in the district. For a sketch of his life, see *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society*, vol. xi. Ogden visited Montreal and Lachine on vacation in 1844, and he may have then met Thompson and told him the incident here recorded. [T. C. E.]