

When the Canadian Companies were united, I mentioned this subject to Mr. John Haldane, a partner, who was then at Fort William. He said that now, our interests being united, we must direct all our opposition against the Hudson's Bay Company, and not allow them to get a footing in the beaver countries. He then said, he had been so far candid with his former friend of the Hudson's Bay Company in Athabasca, as to tell him, that such would be the case, and that, great as his former friendship had been, so now would be his enmity. Indeed, the Hudson's Bay servants, by having been perfectly neutral during our contest, had incurred the displeasure of both parties, for, had they supported either of them, the other party would have been unable to continue the competition.

After the junction of the Old and New North-West Companies, I was sent into the Nipigon country, to the north of Lake Superior, where I remained four years. The place where I was stationed, was successively under the direction of Mr. John Dougald Cameron, a clerk, Mr. Duncan Cameron, and Mr. Ronald Cameron, partners of the Company. Another part of the same country was under the management of Mr. John Haldane, the partner, where, assisted by his clerks, Messrs. Angus M'Donell, Alexander M'Donell, and Aulay M'Aulay, he committed a variety of criminal violences. Sometimes armed parties boarded the Hudson's Bay boats, and forced them to return to the sea coast: at other times they plundered and burnt the trading houses of that Company, wounding, and otherwise ill-treating the