

REPORT
ON THE COUNTRY BETWEEN
ATHABASCA LAKE AND CHURCHILL RIVER

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INTRODUCTION.

The present report is chiefly the result of an exploration carried out in the summer of 1892, to which is added the survey of the north shore of Lake Athabasca, made in the summer of 1893.

During part of the summer of 1892, while we were travelling along the same routes, Mr. D. B. Dowling acted as my topographical assistant. During the remainder of the summer he travelled over and surveyed independent routes, and his reports on these are included between quotation marks.

The geographical survey of the north shore of Lake Athabasca was made by James W. Tyrrell, C.E., in 1893, acting as my assistant. When unaccompanied by either of these gentlemen the surveys were made by the writer.

The map accompanying this report has been compiled by Mr. Dowling from the above surveys, with the addition of the survey of Churchill River by Mr. T. Fawcett, D.L.S. The position of Fort Chippewyan, near the west end of Lake Athabasca is taken from Mr. W. Ogilvie's map of Athabasca River.

The Churchill River was first ascended from Frog Portage by some of the enterprising fur-traders from Montreal, who afterwards combined to form the North-west Company, and since that time it has formed one of the principal canoe-routes into the more distant country.