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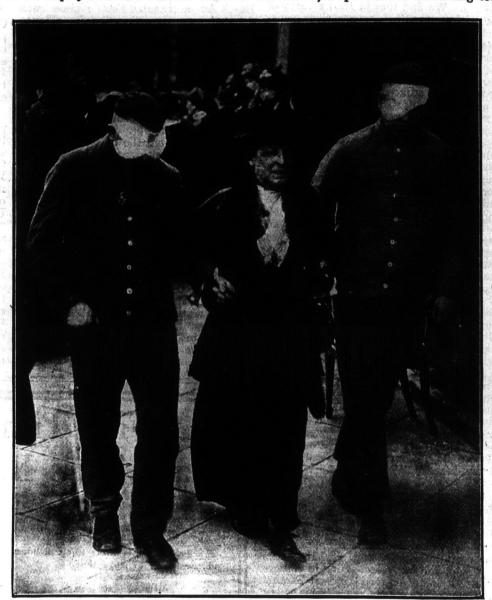
Even in Winnipeg to-day are residents chandise. Hence, employees were com-who arrived from the Old Country by this pelled to live on products raised by route, afterward traversing the distance to Fort Garry by canoe to Norway House, using a sail boat along Lake Winnipeg Vessels arriving with supplies returned to London laden with pelts; early records of the Company are indicative that the navi-gation of Hudson Bay was principally a matter in which luck was the principal factor, yet, nevertheless, few accidents are registered in the Company's annals of ships upon this one of the most treacherous seas of the American continent. A catastrophe would have spelled starvation; in very early periods, loss from a financial standpoint would have materially affected the Adventurers' career. It is still customary to hold thrice yearly sales of fur products in England. At these auctions, attend buyers from every centre of commerce in Europe.

The Free Trader must be mentioned. In or about 1805, the Great Company in order to distinguish between traders in their employment and another class of

pelled to live on products raised by themselves. At every post when climatic conditions permitted, a large patch of potatoes was cultivated.

The following articles with quantitative proportion, constituted the annual allowance to the Chief Factor at any place: Flour, 3 cwts.; 336 lbs. of sugar; 18 lbs. black tea; 9 lbs. Japan tea; 42 lbs. raisins; tallow candles, 30 lbs; 3 lbs. mustard; 63 gallons of port, a similar quantity of

The alcoholic allowances were, during Sir George Simpson's tenure of the governorship, abolished. In lieu thereof, the Company's servants received annually the sum of ten dollars, an equivalent not donated to the officials, who in addition to the Chief Factor, comprised Chief Trader, Chief Clerk, Apprentice Clerk, Postmaster this latter an employee of lengthy service and capable of officiating as interpreter. For a Chief Trader, the scale of provisions was one half supplied the Factor; a specification amounting to



A titled English lady leading two brave Tommies, blinded in action

them, called these latter the Frees. It was customary with these individuals to conduct business amongst Indians at encampments, supplying them with cloth for squaws skirts, flannels of gaudy coloring, powder, shot, tobacco, tea, knives, capots, this latter a kind of cloak. Upon any occasion the Free Trader arrived in a camp, the reader may rest assured his customers paid an exhorbitant figure for any purchases made. The money of those years was known as "Made Beaver" an amount in value to the present currency of fifty cents. This cash was used at all trading places; was divided into four amounts, an eighth, quarter, half and whole Beaver.

In early years it was customary to appoint a time in which the hunters were outfitted for the season's chase. From information given by the Indians as to prospects, together with his record in the Company's books, the amount of his indebtedness was fixed. He was provided with a specified quantity of ammunition and various accessories such as blankets and generous supply of food. In early years transportation of goods was an important issue with the Company. That distant posts might be reached necessitated

men many of whom had served under fifty per cent of the Trader's rations, formed that of Chief Clerk and apprentice; the Postmaster received one-third of the Chief Factor's allowance. A leading feature of the year's events was the week's visit to headquarters, York Factory or Moose River. This gathering was always scheduled for the month of August and formed the only apportunity of the formed the only opportunity of the twelve month for the officials to meet together. The arrival at the forts was a signal for great demonstration; firing of guns; hoisting of the Company's flag. During this gathering, the evening hours were devoted to sports and dancing, the usual rigid discipline of the fort relaxed.

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The transportation of the fur catch from the posts will form a subject of interest to people acquainted with Manitoba in years of railroad facilities alone. Pelts were made up in packs of ninety pounds and dispatched to their first destination by canoes. At one time a package known as the mixed, was composed of various classes of skins; in the latter sixties, this method of packing was discontinued, an arrangement highly unsatisfactory to every person concerned. The former style was eventually reintroduced sequential to several disasters in shipments for which the separate system was alleged to huge expenditure for freightage. It was not deemed feasible to convey more than were placed in a pile, and for several days an imperative requisition of heavy mer- subjected to pressure of heavy weights.