

possible, with the least possible delay, it was important to organize the staff on a scale and in a manner calculated to secure satisfactory results.

The uninhabited, trackless and seemingly impenetrable nature of a great deal of the country to be explored, rendered it the more important that every means should be taken to prevent failure in obtaining the information sought for, or disaster to any of the parties engaged on the several branches of the survey.

A Commissariat Department was organized to attend to all matters connected with the procuring and transportation of supplies.

As far as it was possible or expedient, a uniform system was instituted for operations in the field and for recording information obtained.

General and special instructions were drawn up for the guidance of every member of the staff.

To simplify correspondence and lessen the chances of mistakes in connection with the Commissariat Department and also for easy general reference, the several divisions of the Survey were designated by letters of the alphabet and as reference will frequently be made to them in the detail Reports which accompany this, the following explanation is here presented :

Division **B**. Extending from Mattawa to the confluence of the Montreal and Ottawa Rivers.

Division **C** Extending from the Ottawa to a point near the head of the Montreal River.

Division **D**. From the Montreal River to a point about midway to the west branch of Moose River

Division **E**. From the last named point to Moose River.

Division **F**. From Moose River to Small Black River, north of Lake Superior.

Division **G**. From Small Black River to Long Lake.

Division **H**. From Long Lake to Red Rock, at mouth of Nepigon River.

Division **I**. From Red Rock to Lac des Iles.

Division **K**. From Lac des Iles to the canoe route to Lac Seul.

Division **L**. From Canoe Route to Lac Seul, to White Fish Bay, Lake of the Woods.

Division **M**. From White Fish Bay to Red River, near Fort Garry.

Division **N**. Expedition northerly by rivers Ottawa. Abbitibbe, Michipicoten and Moose, to James' Bay.