

Part II.

THE SASKATCHEWAN.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE SASKATCHEWAN BRIGADE.

MONDAY, Aug. 8th, 1808. Dispatched the Lac la Pluie Indians, and at eight o'clock embarked in my small boat, bidding adieu to Panbian river. I took three men with me. My lading consisted merely of my baggage and some dried provisions. I found some Indians opposite Grand Marais; stopped to give them a pipe of tobacco and bid them farewell.

At Rivière aux Marais I stopped at another camp for the same purpose, and then pushed on. Those Indians, with whom I had associated for so many years, appeared really affected at my departure. We camped near Plumb river. *9th.* Before day we were on the water. At Rivière aux Grâties we put ashore for a short time at another camp, and then proceeded. At the Long Reach we found more Indians, to whom I gave some tobacco; they would have loaded us with moose and red deer meat. Camped at Rat river. *10th.* At sunset we arrived at the Forks, where I found a camp of Indians, and Delorme, a freeman [note ¹², p. 193]. *11th.* Hoisted sail, and about two miles below Seine river met a canoe coming up for me with the two men I had sent to Bas de la Rivière. We put ashore, transferred my baggage to the canoe, and started my people in the boat for Panbian river, with a supply of high wine and