

lakes in the tract alluded to, until the deer begin to approach the woods, about the middle or end of August. A few of the Bâtard Loucheux tribe hunt along the east side of the Anderson below the mouth of the Lockhart. Their lodges consist of poles placed nearly upright with a partial covering of turf, and their dress and appearance was extremely dirty, thus presenting a great contrast to the Esquimaux, whom they affect to despise. The country in this quarter was sandy and marshy, with several plains and numerous small lakes and its general appearance flat. The Anderson River Mountain was now much nearer and bore E.N.E.

We left the Indians in the evening, reached the Ross, and there encamped. We next day saw three more lodges on another lake, and were supplied with some half dried fish. From this place we made a portage of two miles to a smaller lake, which we crossed, and then reached a larger, along which we continued until we came to a narrow strait dividing it from another lake. These lakes were less encumbered with ice than the others, and our progress, therefore, was better. The country in the vicinity was high and hilly. Small sandy hills or knolls of a conical form were invariably observed near the entrance and outflow of the river, as well as along the banks of the several lakes.

On the 10th we ascended the Ross to the largest lake (named "Colville Lake") yet seen, which was reached about noon and found to be almost entirely covered with ice. We, however, followed a narrow space of water on the right shore, and by means of a few portages we succeeded in getting to the other end of the lake about midnight. On this occasion, while paddling along at a distance of 150 yards from land, the canoe sprung a leak which threatened to sink us, and it was only by very hard paddling we managed to save ourselves. The canoe, however, sunk in four feet of water. It was taken on shore and again repaired. In our course thither it required constant baling, but had at length become useless. The banks of Colville Lake are