

River, and as the teamsters refused to go further till to-morrow, there was nothing for it but to put up in the shanty for the night. The Kaministiquia is a clear rapid river, about fifty yards in width, and is here crossed by an excellent bridge. It is said that the scenery through which this river passes is truly magnificent, and that the Kaministiquia Falls, some miles below this point, are equal in height and grandeur, though not in width, to the Falls of Niagara, while the surrounding scenery is even more grandly beautiful; but for this I have only the word of a few of the men of the First Expedition who accompany us, but I am inclined to think that they are somewhat given to exaggeration, still there can be no doubt that there is surpassingly beautiful scenery to be found in this region of rocks, lakes and rivers. In conversation to-night with a man who has been living in these parts several years, I learned that good crops of oats and barley have been raised, and that hopes are entertained of the success of wheat culture in the valleys which are plentifully found among these hills.

SATURDAY, 28th.—At seven o'clock this morning we once more took the road, and after travelling two hours through a hilly and a barren district we reached the Matawan Bridge and Shanty at nine o'clock. It was here that the majority of my comrades spent Thursday night, a few of them in the shanty, but the greater number in the open air, notwithstanding that there was a sharp frost and that their clothing had been completely saturated with the heavy rain of that day, but of course it was an unavoidable circumstance, as there was no place of shelter for them; those who had got no further than the Kaministiquia were more fortunate, as they were all able to get into the shanty there. The Matawan River is about the same size as the Kaministiquia, and is, like it, swift and rapid, and passes through an equally wild tract of country,

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