

increased, without a shadow to mar it, for the kind fairy that bestows good health was not behind the giver of good looks, and neither measles, whooping-cough, croup, mumps, nor any other of the ordeals through which the average boy has to pass nowadays, disturbed the serenity of Archie's cradle.

By the time he was twelve years old he stood full five feet in height, and was the very picture of health and heartiness. Three different races were represented in him, and he showed some of the most striking traits of each. The bright, frank face, the firm mouth, the steadfast purpose were as clearly Scotch as the merry laugh, the love of music, the fondness for dress were French, and the piercing eye, the acute ear, and the wild passion for outdoor life were Indian in their source.

In like manner did he share in some of the failings of his strangely mixed parentage, for he could be as obstinate as any Scotchman, as excitable as any Frenchman, and as jealous as any Indian, and altogether was a sort of a boy that it would have sorely puzzled the common run of parents under ordinary circumstances to deal with, but who, away up at Fort Chipewyan, in the midst of a life that was anything but ordinary, and with the firm hand of a father who brooked no disobedience controlling him, gave every promise of growing up into a worthy manhood.

It must not be forgotten to mention that ere he was quite half-way to the twelve years already mentioned, a little sister appeared upon the scene to