

**NARRATIVE of Mr. JOHN PRITCHARD, of
the Red River Settlement.**

IN the spring of 1801 I engaged as a clerk in the service of what was termed the X. Y. or, "New North-West Company" of Montreal, then carrying on the Fur Trade in the interior of North America, in competition with the "Old North-West Company."

From Montreal I proceeded to Red River, in the neighbourhood of Lake Winipic, where I remained until the year 1805, when the two Companies joined their stock together in partnership, and since that time their united force has been directed against the traders of the Hudson's Bay Company. The latter Company, during the contest of the Canadian Companies, received no opposition from either of them; on the contrary, both were very desirous of cultivating the friendship of the clerks who represented that Company, in order to induce them to join in opposing their rivals from Canada; and I know of many presents that were given, both by the Old and New North-West Companies, to the servants of the Hudson's Bay Company, with the view of bringing them over to their purpose.