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Fort William

Fort William has an early and eventful history which if fully written up would be highly interesting from an historical point of view. It is not the intention to give here a complete account of all the events which have transpired in the early days, but to touch upon the most important ones.

The banks of the Kaministiquia River, on which the town is situated, have been the stage upon which strange scenes have been displayed, wild and daring exploits performed by the Indians, early explorers and traders.

David Mills, M.P., in the report of the Western Boundaries of "Ontary," shows that the famous explorer, D. G. Du Lhut, built a trading post in 1669 on the banks of the river. Of this post it is said in La Houtain's *Memoirs of North America*, P. 214, that it was a fort "where he (D. G. Du Lhut) had made large magazines of all sorts of goods, that fort was called Caministigoyan and did considerable service to the English settlements on the Hudson's Bay."

The French Government, the year 1717, sent out an expedition under Lieutenant Sieur de la Noue to explore across the continent to the Pacific Ocean with instructions to establish three posts or