CHAP. XXVII.

WINTER JOURNEY WITH DOGS FROM FORT GARRY TO CROW WING.

Arrival of Lord Richard Grosvenor, Lord Frederick Cavendish, Mr. Henry Danby Seymour, M.P., and the Hon. Evelyn Ashley, at Fort Garry.— Buffalo Hunting.—Lord Grosvenor's Expedition to Fort Ellice.—Preparations for a Winter's Journey.—John Monkman.—Cline.—Daily Allowance of Dogs. — A Winter Road. — A Cariole. — A Sledge. — The Driver. — Making the Road.—Prospects of a Race to Crow Wing.—The Start.— Fort Pembina.—Mr. Mackenzie.—The Woods and Prairies in the Winter Season.—Temperature at Pembina.—A Camp in the Snow.—Preparations for the Night.—Mocassins.—The Morning Start.—Making a Cache in Pine River.—Dogs watching the Operation.—They return at Night to break open the Cache.—Terrible Fate of Mr. Mackenzie in Dec., 1859, frozen to Death in attempting to reach Pembina from Pine Creek.—Running across a Prairie with the Thermometer at 20° below Zero.—Appearance of the Party after the "Run."—Appearance of a Camp during the Night.— Watchfulness of the Dogs.—Catching and harnessing them in the Morning.—Treatment of Dogs by the Half-breeds.—Overturning a Cariole.— Traveling in a Snow Storm.—Preparing to Camp in a Snow Storm.— Dogs "lying close" after a Fall of Snow during the Night.-Sagacity of these Animals.—Red Lake.—News of Monkman's Party behind us.—The Roman Catholic Missionary frozen to Death two Days previous to our Arrival at Red Lake Mission.—Indians reading the History of the Missionary's Journey from his Tracks on the /Ice. - Indians relating the History of his Journey.—Savage Mimicry.—The Rev. Laurenz Lautiger, the Roman Catholic Missionary. — The Height of Land. — Cass Lake. — Arrival of Monkman's Party at Midnight, Leech Lake. — A Dance. — The last Night in the Woods. — The last Day's Run. — Pine Woods. — Morning.—A twenty-mile Gallop.—Crow Wing. .