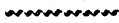


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*Account of the Transactions at FORT WILLIAM,  
on Lake Superior, in August 1816, by Mr.  
FAUCHE, late Lieutenant of the Regiment  
De Meuron, who accompanied the EARL OF  
SELKIRK to settle at the Red River Colony  
in North America.*



In the month of May 1816, orders arrived in Canada for the reduction of the Regiment De Meuron, in which I was a lieutenant.—His Excellency the Administrator-in-chief, on communicating the same to the colonel of the regiment, acquainted him with the advantages held out by his Majesty's government to the officers and men who would wish to remain and settle in that country. The Earl of Selkirk was then at Montreal; and as his Lordship wished to obtain a number of efficient settlers for his colony at the Red River, he agreed with several of the officers and privates to accompany him for the purpose of settling there. His Lordship was very particular in his choice of the men, as none but those of the best character, and who knew some of the requisite and useful trades for the settlement would be accepted. Engagements accordingly were entered into between them and the Earl of Selkirk, who agreed to give the officers and men a portion of land. In addition to this the men were to receive agricultural implements, and to be paid at the rate of eight dollars per month for working the boats to their destination. His Lordship further agreed that if the men on their arrival at the settlement, should not wish to remain there, they should be sent back at his Lordship's expense to Montreal, or to Europe, by the ships from Hudson's Bay.

On the 4th of June, 1816, three officers, myself being the

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