

please them greatly, if one can judge by their shouts which they continued as long as we remained in view.

Being then only July, a cool night had succeeded the tropical heat of the day. Not the least breath rippled the surface of the lake, and the boat seemed to glide upon a vast mirror. But from this, it must not be inferred, that Lake Winnipeg is always calm; for violent storms sometimes arise which expose boats to the greatest dangers; and are increased by the shallowness of the lake and the presence of rocky islands. Before retiring for the night, I approached the Captain and asked him how long it would take us to reach Stone Fort.

"If the fine weather continues" said he, "we shall be there in thirty-six hours, that is to say, about ten o'clock Saturday morning." This answer was all the more agreeable to us, since we wanted to reach Winnipeg by Saturday evening if possible.

The cabins of the *Colville* which, like those of the *Lily*, contained each two beds, were not very comfortable; but we were better off with respect to board. As for the crew, it was composed principally of Indians and half-breeds speaking, I think, all the Indian dialects of Canada.

The next day in the afternoon, we arrived in sight of Icelandic Settlement, which has been founded since 1875, upon the southern shore of Lake Winnipeg. One asks oneself with surprise, what those colonists were thinking of to settle in such a place; for that part of the country, taken on the whole, is unsuitable for the culture of cereals. It would have been better for them to settle elsewhere, and