

outset we had nearly our entire season's stock of provisions to carry.

The ascent of the river to Pipestone Pond occupied us till the 20th July, owing to the shallowness of the water in many places, the frequent portages and the necessity of making double and treble trips with our canoes. The weather also proved exceedingly rough and stormy for the season and was the means of greatly retarding our progress on the larger lakes.

The survey proper was fairly commenced at Pipestone Pond on the 23rd, and continued upward to Great Burnt Pond, and thence to Crooked Lake, where we arrived on the 1st August. This large lake, which is one of the principal sheets of water on the Bay East River, was, from its central position, selected to form the basis of our season's operations. Here we stored the bulk of our provisions, on an island in the lake; and having partly surveyed it, we proceeded onward, from its western extremity, to a large lake called Meelpaeg* on the head waters of Little River. The portage across was difficult and laborious, but we succeeded in fairly launching our canoes on the latter water on August 7th. The survey of this extraordinary lake occupied us an entire month, and another lake to the eastward, on the same water, was not completed till the 12th of September.

It was now time to commence our long journey to the north. We accordingly returned to Crooked Lake by a different route, taking in Island Pond, the last of the large lakes on the Bay East River. We reached Crooked Lake again on the 15th. While engaged in finishing the survey of the latter lake, we found our stock of provisions running very low, and I concluded to dispatch two of our Indians with the largest canoe to the mouth of the Exploits River for a fresh supply, which I had ordered to be sent on before leaving St. John's. They left us on the 19th September, and we did not again meet them till the 6th October. In the meantime the survey was pushed forward as rapidly as possible with our now diminished crew.

Having finished Crooked Lake, we commenced the ascent of a small and very rugged stream leading directly towards the north. With great labor we gained the height of land on the 24th Septem-

*This is not the lake of the same name mentioned in last year's report as occurring on the Long Harbor River. This is Western Meelpaeg, while the latter is called the Eastern Meelpaeg.