

## CHAPTER II.

*GENESIS OF THE SELKIRK COLONY.*

WITH the main historical facts leading to the planting of a colony from the north of Scotland in the midst of the American continent, it is reasonable to assume that the most of our readers are fairly familiar, and it is not the purpose of these papers to go at length or in detail into such matters. But the drift of events may be noted in order that the actual situation of the colonists may be understood before we pass into the study of personal life and immediate surroundings in their new home. "The Governor and Company of Adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay," or, as they were better known, the Hudson's Bay Company, had from about the year 1670 practically controlled the whole of America west of the great lakes. We are in the habit