

Company, the following entry being written in his journal of the above date. "This day left the service of the Hudson's Bay Co., and (entered) that of the Company of Merchants from Canada. May God Almighty prosper me." On the same date he left Bedford House, and on May 28th, arrived on foot at Alex. Fraser's house at the head of the Deer's River. On June 7th, he left this House and descending the Deer's River, proceeded as quickly as possible to Cumberland House, meeting on the way Messrs. McLeod, Roderick McKenzie and Simon Fraser, members of the North-West Company for which he was now working.

He reached Cumberland House on June 23rd, and left it on the 27th, reached Lake Winnipeg on the 28th, and travelling by way of Winnipeg River, he reached Lake Superior on July 22nd, having as usual, made a survey of his route.

Here, being thrown among new associates, he makes a note of the men composing the North-West Company, and having charge of the different districts. The following list includes the most of those named :

Wm. McGillivray and Alex. McKenzie, agents ; Rod. McKenzie, Angus Shaw, and James Finlay for Montreal ; Cuthbert Grant, back of Red River ; Wm. Thorburn, Red River ; Daniel McKenzie, Fort Des Prairies and Red Deer River ; Wm. McKay, Muskeiko Country ; Simon Fraser, Grand Portage ; Sayer, Lake Superior.

Clerks : Donald McTavish, Beaver River ; Alex. McKay, Isle a la Crosse ; John McGillivray, Muskrat River Country ; Duncan McGillivray, Upper Fort Augustus ; John McDonald and J. Hughes, Fort George ; Arch. Todd, Lower Fort Des Prairies ; McGillis, Red Deer River ; John McDonald and George McKay, Red River and back countries.

On August 9th he left the "Grand Portage," at the mouth of Pigeon River near Lake Superior, in company with Mr. McGillis, and descended through Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods to Lake Winnipeg, which he reached on September 1st. Crossing this lake and ascending the Little Saskatchewan or Dauphin River, he reached Lake Manito (Manitoba) on September 10th. He crossed this lake and reached Lake Winnipegosis by way of the Meadow Portage. On September 17th, being camped near the mouth of the Little Dauphin River, provisions were received from Fort Dauphin, on or near Dauphin Lake. They immediately started northward, and on the 19th, Mr. McGillis left to go up the Red Deer River,