

Iroquois—The discovering party arrive—Dine on the Snow—Depth of snow in the mountain—Distance—A council held—Discouraging circumstances—Disaffection—The camp in disorder—John Grey the ringleader—His plots counteracted—The crisis—A bold undertaking—Road-making—Men and horses—Extraordinary efforts—A novel sight—Depth of snow—Try it again—Plans for making the road changed—Persisted in—Completed—Anxieties—Extreme point of Flathead River—Its length—Leave the valley of troubles—Source of the Missouri River—Cross the mountain—The effect of perseverance.

HAVING given an account of the fur trade in the "Far West," and of the people employed in it, in our first volume, we proceed in this to relate our personal adventures in the Snake country.

In the spring of the year 1823 I drew up a statement on the subject of the trade in the Snake country, which, after submitting to the gentlemen superintending the Company's affairs on the Columbia, I forwarded to the Governor and Council at York Factory. In the meantime, however, as several of the trappers and hunters had, on Mr. M'Kenzie's retiring, been left without much employment, a party was fitted out for the Snake country, and placed under the direction of a Mr. Finan M'Donald, a veteran of the north-west school, now in the Hudson's Bay Company's service.

Soon after M'Donald's departure, however, John Warren Dease, Esq., a chief trader of the new Company, arrived from Rupert's Land, informing me that I had been named to succeed Mr. M'Kenzie in the charge of the Snake country, and that he had