

perior, would thereby fall within the American boundary, I was pitched upon to pursue an unknown tract in order to explore another passage into the interior country, independant of the old one known by the name of the Great Carrying-Place. I accordingly set out for that purpose, and succeeded in my expedition much to the satisfaction of the merchants ; but as the Americans have not yet been able to obtain possession of those Western posts on the lakes, ceded to them by the late peace, the traders still continue the old route.

When the goods arrive at the Great Carrying Place, they are embarked in Canoes of smaller dimensions, the navigation being still more intricate ; and here they meet the winterers who are returning with furs traded in the course of the preceding winter. Not less than one thousand Canadians and Europeans are employed by the merchants in this business, who are incorporated under the firm of the North-West Company, besides perhaps as many more who go to Detroit on the fur trade, and return to Montreal with  
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