

knowledge I can state that it is not their usual custom. The day after visiting the field, orders were given for destroying a schooner belonging to the Colony. Hugh M'Gillis, a partner of the North-West Company, superintended the unrigging and stripping the schooner of cordage, blocks, iron-work, and other articles, which could be turned to any use. This was done at the water side, just below and in front of Fort Douglas, and all the last-mentioned partners, namely, Archibald Norman M'Leod, M'Kenzie, M'Donald, M'Laughlin, Leith, Haldane, Campbell, M'Lellan, Henry, and Fraser, were present at the fort while this work was performing, and looking on with approbation. These articles were lodged by the direction of M'Gillis, in the stores of the fort, and the planks of the deck were also torn up, and conveyed to the fort, and one of the masts was erected as a flag-staff at Fort Douglas, where it now stands. Orders were at last given to set fire to the hull when the wind should favour, which was accordingly done by the half-breeds, a few days afterwards, by immediate direction from Alexander M'Donell, when the wind blew from the northward.

During the time that Archibald Norman M'Leod, Alexander M'Kenzie, and their partners, were at Fort Douglas, Cuthbert Grant, Alexander Fraser, Antoine Hoole, Peter Pangman Bastonois, Louis Lacerte, Michael Bourassa, Robert Montour, William Shaw, Antoine Hoole, Francis Deschamps, Rodrick M'Kenzie, and Thomas M'Kay, half-breeds and clerks, or interpreters in the service of the North-West Company, as well as old François Deschamps