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Notes of a good old Timer

The following are few notes left by the late Mr. Thomas Taylor referring to the time he was in charge of the old Jasper House Post of the Hudson Bay Company.

..... Michel Gaucher was hunting at Jasper House for the Hudson Bay Company the winter of 1855-56. Thomas Taylor was then a second class clerk or rather a clerk of a £75 s.d. a year contract, being in charge. This was Mr. Taylor's last year on this contract, having already served seven years in the Company's service. The reason Mr. Taylor went to Jasper's House was this: A Mr. McKenzie was appointed to Jasper's House; he left his wife at Rainy-River, thus being compelled to pass the winter at Jasper alone, as he spoke very little Indian & nothing else was spoken in the country then, & Taylor conceived the idea of an exchange, as both were

good accountants. The Books of the Saskatchewan District would not suffer in the hands of either. Mr. William Saint-Clair, the Chief-Factor in charge of the District that year, was approached by the two clerks, who gave his consent to the change. Mr. Taylor went to the Jasper-House by boat from Fort-Assiniboine and got there, at Jasper, on the 18th October 1855; found all the Indians & half-breeds assembled at the Post; made advances to all & send them off to hunt fur, amongst: Michel Gaucher & two others as moose hunters for the winter. They were good & successful & kept the Fort in meat both moose and sheep. Michel Gaucher was married & had two children S^{te} Pierre & Moise. After I left, he had a large family. When I returned to North Alberta & in charge of Lake S^{te} Ann's Post in 1885, I found Michel Gaucher still alive, & his sons Bernard & Baptiste good hunt-