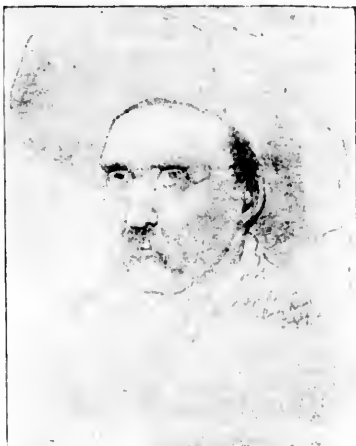


incorrectly) advised as to regions and routes one has no wish or intention of exploring.

But most luckily at Edmonton there was one man who did know the country we were making for, and knew it and its inhabitants well, for he had for years been stationed at Dunvegan in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's fort. This was Mr. H. B. Round, about whom I shall have more to say later. Suffice it at present that he at once encouraged our making the attempt, and only corrected our plans by suggesting that we should start from Dunvegan and work west in-



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stead of north. The thousand perplexities that threaten every traveller who enters a country new to him were in great degree dissipated by the information and advice that Mr. Round gave us, and after three days' acquaintance we had got to lean on his judgment so completely that we begged