

accomplished, surrounded with every comfort and convenience, in five or six days.

The intrepid pioneers of whom I write, were the first to cross from Canada to British Columbia overland, and their courage and perseverance deserve to be recorded in history, even briefly as it may be. The company numbered one hundred and fifty, most of them youths gathered together from different parts of Eastern Canada. Many of them had been tenderly reared and well educated. They left their homes, some of them to perish on the journey, and others to open up and develop this country. They crossed the north-western part of the continent of America from Fort Garry (now the city of Winnipeg), and braved the dangerous rapids of the Fraser River.

Part of the company reached Quesnelle Mouth, Cariboo, in the months of September and October of the year 1862. Of the one hundred and fifty who formed the expedition, there were some who never reached Cariboo. They separated from the rest of the party at the headwaters of the Fraser