

gradually to the hills by which it is bordered. A smaller stream flowing from some small lakes in sight, joins the river just below this place. A few remains of snow drifts still are to be seen here and there, but the country generally appears green and fresh."

Several very stormy days on which it snowed pretty steadily, kept them all in camp, after this they decided from the small hunt to move on, so that after a stay of eight or ten days, they were again going northward. The river leading from the lake was very shallow and nearly impassible, so a portage, two miles and a half in length, was made northward over rocky country, to a lake, apparently in the same chain. Camp was made on the shore of this lake, and on the morning of July 18th, they started in the canoe again.

"Found the lake to be of about two miles in length, just as the river leaves it there is a rapid, in the centre of which is a small island on which we made a portage. Onwards, we found the river the whole way, with the exception of three small rapids, two of which we ran, more of the nature of narrow lake expansions than a river. It has very little current, and is very deep, with a width averaging two hundred yards. We passed through two lakes beside the one on which we camped last night, of two or three miles in length. On both sides of the river the country is rough, being covered with hills and bluffs of grey rock and stones. The general course of the river is north east. After having made eighteen miles we camped at the point where the river leaves the third lake, on the western bank where there is a fine sandy beach with a grassy bank rising to a hill behind. This Mr. Pike and I climbed and from there we had a good view ahead. The country we found fine and smooth, again with grassy ridges and valleys.

"July 19th - Starting out, we found a strong current with small rapids widening out again, after about a mile, into a long narrow lake possibly ten miles in length. A river from the west was noticed shortly after leaving camp. The banks on both sides were rocky. Leaving this lake the river flows for three or four miles with strong current having three or four rapids all of which we ran, then we enter a small lake on which, on finding a fine sandy beach on the east shore, we camped. From the north end of the long lake the country is pretty level prairie