

capable of containing six to twenty persons. There were pits to preserve the stores, and the relics of a vapor bath. On the banks of a beautiful sheet of water called Red Indian Lake, several clusters of huts were found, but all had been deserted. There was a canoe twenty feet long which appeared to have been driven on shore. Wood repositories for the dead were framed with great care, the bodies wrapped in skins, with which were a variety of small images, models of canoes, arms, and culinary utensils. The party ascended the River Exploits, continuing to find similar traces of habitations, but long abandoned. There were fences to entrap deer extending in a continuous line at least thirty miles, which must have required some five hundred men to keep them in repair, but all is now relinquished and gone to ruin. Thus ended this philanthropic search prosecuted at the expense of that benevolent society, began with hope and expectation and ending in disappointment. There was another tribe of Indians occupying different parts of the interior called Micmacs or hunting Indians. Their sole study seemed to be the destruction of birds and beasts, whose cries they imitated with superior skill, and on whose flesh they existed. These exhibited a considerable mixture of French blood, and had been converted to a form of the Roman Catholic Religion, and were visited by a priest of that persuasion, at the different settlements, once every summer. I should have stated that Mr. McCormack had already crossed the Island in 1822, and his journal is of such an interesting nature that I cannot forbear making a few extracts from it. His route lay through the central portion of the Island, from Trinity Bay on the east, to St. George's Bay on the west coast, as he considered this to be the direction in which the natural characteristics of the interior were likely to be most decidedly exhibited. Having secured the services of an Indian as companion and made all necessary preparations for such an arduous undertaking, he embarked at

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