

They move from place to place on horseback. The equestrian exercise in which they are continually engaged, the nature of the countries they traverse, vast plains and mountains, pure and exhilarating in their atmosphere, seem to make them physically and mentally a lively and mercurial race. They are hardy, lithe, vigorous, and active, extravagant in word and thought and deed; heedless of hardships, daring of danger, prodigal of the present, and thoughtless of the future.

The following table gives an account of one year's produce of furs, obtained either through the instrumentality of these men, or by direct trade with the Indians, who have learnt by degrees the advantages that result from commercial intercourse with the white men who have settled among them:—

Bear	2,100
Beaver	106,000
Buffalo	500
Deer	750
Ditto, dressed	1,200
Elk	700
Fisher	1,650
Fox	1,000
Kitt fox	4,000
Lynx	6,000
Marten	32,000
Muskwash	17,000
Mink	1,800
Otter	4,600
Raccoon	100
Wolverine	600
Wolf	3,800

This country, known but so short a time, is now sprinkled with stations, and posts, and forts by the Hudson's Bay Company, for the conjoint purposes

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