

pay the whole purchase money. With an air of effrontery he asked me to unload one of my horses to satisfy the demands of the old father-in-law, and because I refused him, he threatened to leave me and to remain with the savages. Provoked by his conduct, I suddenly turned round and horsewhipped the fellow, and, fortunately, the Indians did not interfere. The castigation had a good effect, it brought the amorous gallant to his senses—the squaw was left behind."

In the same year, on August 25th, Mr. Stuart, with men and merchandise, set out from Oakinacken for "She Waps," and four months later, December 20th, Mr. Ross, who had been again left in charge of Fort Oakinacken, left the fort to pay a visit to his chief at "Cumcloups," where he arrived on the last day of 1812. He found that Mr. Stuart had just established himself in his winter quarters, and that the Northwest Company following hard on his heels, had built a post alongside of him, "so that," wrote Ross, "there was opposition there as well as at Mr. Clarke's place, without the trickery and manoeuvring. M. La Roque, the Northwest clerk in charge, and Mr. Stuart were open and candid and on friendly terms." With Mr. Stuart, Ross remained for five days, and then returned to Fort Oakinacken, following a new route. He wrote: "But I chose a bad season of the year to satisfy my curiosity. We got bewildered in the mountains and deep snows, and our progress was exceedingly slow, tedious and discouraging. We were five days in making as many miles." After suffering hunger and privations, shared by man and beast, Ross reached an Indian camp where a day was spent to recuperate, "procured some furs, and then, following the course of the Similka-meigh river, got to Oakinacken at the forks," reaching the fort on January 24th, 1813.

On May 13th Mr. Stuart with his men and furs, arrived at Fort Okanagan from the "She Waps," in reference to which post he wrote: "I have passed a winter nowise unpleasant; the opposition, it is true, gave me a good deal of anxiety when it first arrived, but we agreed very well, and made as