

V.—*Diary of Nicholas Garry, Deputy-Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1822-1835. A detailed narrative of his travels in the Northwest Territories of British North America in 1821. With a portrait of Mr. Garry and other illustrations.*

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### PREFATORY.

This valuable manuscript has been communicated to the Royal Society by the Reverend Canon Nicholas T. Garry, of "The Rectory," Taplow, England, the son of the founder of a well-known western fort, who was a deputy-governor and director of the Hudson's Bay Company for a number of years. The document has been copied and annotated with a great deal of care by Mr. Francis N. A. Garry, the grandson, as the following note from him shows :

"The Diary of my grandfather, Nicholas Garry, who was from 1822 to 1835 Deputy-Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, is contained in a locked quarto volume bound in brown leather. The paper has the watermark of "I. Whatman, 1820."

"Written as the Diary is on both sides of the page and in the hurry and discomfort of camp life there has been much difficulty in deciphering it. Notes and scraps of information, accounts, routes, etc., are scattered all through the Journal proper. These, or such of them as appear to me to be of any value, I have thrown together in the Appendix under the heads of Union of the Companies of the N. W. and Hudson Bay, Routes, Lord Selkirk's Colony on the Red River, Bible Society, Voyageurs' Songs, York Fort, Indians, Trade and Prices, Treaty of Ghent, and miscellaneous notes. Where possible I have referred to them in the Diary, but many of them are practically independent and have an interest of their own."

"The deciphering of the Diary, the arrangement of the scattered jottings and the chronological sequence have occupied far more time than was anticipated. I should have preferred to have a few months more for the preparation of the notes, but the work has been promised to the Royal Society. It is therefore forwarded in its present condition in the hope that it may prove to be, in its own way, of some interest, as containing the thoughts and experiences of one who contributed not a