

The staff of the British Commission were the following :—

H.M. Commissioner, Major Cameron, R.A.
Secretary, an officer of the Royal Engineers.
Chief Astronomer } Officers of the R.E.
Two Astronomers }
Two Surveyors.
One Surgeon.
One Geologist and Naturalist.
One Commissariat Officer.
One Veterinary Surgeon.
Four Sub-Assistant Astronomers.
Three Assistants to the Surveyors.
One Assistant Surgeon.

The last fourteen of these offices were filled by Canadian gentlemen, who were nominated by the Government of the Dominion. There were also in the permanent employment of the commission 44 non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers, one waggon-master, 12 depôt keepers, (who were persons qualified to undertake the care of provisions and to issue stores and rations), and 13 officers' servants.

During the period of work in the field, teamsters, axemen, and labourers were hired for the season at so much a day. The number of these in each year are shown in the tables at the end of the appendix. The detail of the trades of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers, and lists of the instruments and stores brought from England for the use of the commission are given in the same place.

DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND, 1872.

The Commissioner and the Secretary left England in July, 1872, and proceeded to Washington, U.S. From thence they went to Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion of Canada, and finally started for Red River in the beginning of September.

The officers and men of the Royal Engineers, having with them all the instruments and outfit which had been purchased in England, left Liverpool on the 22nd August, 1872, Captain Anderson, F.E., the chief astronomer, being in command of the party, and they reached Quebec at the end of the month. Hence they proceeded by water to Toronto, on Lake Ontario, thence by railway to Collingwood, on the Georgian Bay, where they embarked in one of the Lake Superior line of steamers, which took them to Duluth, in the State of Wisconsin, U.S. The destination of the party for this port had been reported by Captain Anderson to the Major-General commanding the United States troops in the district; and, on arrival, a telegram was received from the Adjutant-General of the division giving the requisite authority to pass through the country, and offering, with great consideration, that an officer of the staff should accompany the party to the frontier. As no peculiar difficulties were anticipated, it was not thought necessary to accept this kind offer, as the doing so would have entailed a long journey upon the officer concerned.