

eral unfounded reports were abroad as to the practicability of opening a road between the Red River and the Lake of the Woods to establish communication with Canada via Lake Superior, he responded to a wish very generally expressed to unite in forming a party to explore that section of the country, and to trace out any eligible sites for Missionary operations. Accordingly, a party consisting of five persons, each having a horse, and each carrying his own axe, gun, ammunition, chart, compass, and other light equipments, started on this expedition; and after passing over about 25 miles of fine prairie land, they entered, and pierced the Great Forest for between 50 and 60 miles till they reached the neighbourhood of the Lake of the Woods, frequently cutting a track to pass between the trees; and then they returned without any accident, save some of their clothes torn to shreds, with the most satisfactory report as to the great ease of laying open a road along that line of country, which may be seen from the subjoined account of his Lecture thereon:—

“THE LAKE SUPERIOR ROUTE”

“On Wednesday Evening last the Rev. G. O. Corbett gave a lecture at Headingsley, descriptive of that Section of the Lake Superior Route, which lies between this Settlement and the Lake of the Woods. His lecture was illustrated by diagrams of the country, which he himself had drawn on canvass, which enabled his audience to follow him with ease in his