

number, landed and took possession of Fort William, making prisoners of the officers of the Company, McGillivray, McKenzie, and Fraser, and sending them as prisoners to York and Montreal because of the massacre of Governor Semple and the Red River settlers. He wintered in Fort William and in the following spring continued on to Red River to restore and help the suffering colony.

There were many parties and companies interested in the fur trade in this western country, much contention and rivalry existed, many battles were fought for supremacy in the valley of the Kaministiquia, one by one the weaker was forced out of the fur trade and finally compelled to join the strongest party.

In 1821 the Northwest Company amalgamated with its only rival, the English company, which had operated from Hudson Bay under the name of the Hudson's Bay Company.

After the amalgamation of the companies, strife subsided and the place was governed with regal authority by the factor in charge. Governor McIntyre now of Fort William having been the last factor in charge.

The Indian Mission established in 1846 by Rev. Father Choni under the Jesuits was as now situated on the south bank of the river about two miles above its mouth,—it then contained a church, dwelling and a few wigwams, it has since grown to be an institution of importance, having a large convent, church and fine three story stone dwelling.

The Indians, in place of wigwams, have now comfortable frame houses, and instead of depending entirely on hunting and fishing are raising stock and doing general farming.

Not the least interesting part of this interesting old place is the work being done by the Sisters of the Mission,—in their school they now have about 100 Indian and white pupils who are being trained and educated to that degree of excellence which in after years will enable them to occupy the highest positions in social and commercial life.

The old wooden church building still remains as a relic of the old days and at the present time is used for divine worship.

The Hudson's Bay Co. held undisputed sway over this country until early in the sixties. About that time attention was drawn to the rich mineral deposits in the surrounding district, which brought an influx of mining men, prospectors, and their

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