

379. What was the size of that party?—During the season there were over twenty-five or thirty-five men employed.
380. Do you mean at one time, or at different times?—At different times.
381. What was the average strength of the party?—Sometimes twenty-five, and sometimes more than thirty-five.
382. Over what territory did they operate?—We made the exploration between the Hay Lakes, south of Edmonton, to the Root River.
383. Was that an exploration, or an exploratory survey?—It was an exploratory survey.
384. That is different from the work which you performed at Nipigon?—Different from the work on the north shore of Lake Superior. This was an instrumental survey.
385. The explorations are made without instruments of any kind, I believe?—Simple explorations are made without instrumental measurement.
386. How long were you employed on this last service?—The survey was commenced on the 11th of August, and finished on the 13th of November.
387. Were most of the party then discharged?—The party was hired in Winnipeg, and about the 25th of November we left the neighborhood of the Hay Lakes on our return to Winnipeg, but when near Fort Pitt we received instructions to return to Edmonton and commence a location survey.
388. Did you return?—I went to Carleton to meet Mr. McLeod, leaving my party at Fort Pitt, and returned to Edmonton.
389. Were the men of your party retained at work, or discharged at that time?—They were retained under pay. They were travelling; they were not at work.
390. Do you know how long they were retained under pay travelling?—For the time necessary to enable us to go from the Hay Lakes to Carleton and return to Edmonton. We commenced the survey again on the 4th February, 1876.
391. After they got to the point that you describe, Edmonton, were they then discharged?—No, they were not discharged. It was very difficult to get men there. We could not have got men to go on with the work if we had discharged those that we had brought from Winnipeg.
392. How long did they remain under pay without work?—The survey was finished on the 13th of November, 1875, and commenced again on the 4th of February, 1876.
393. During that intervening period were they under pay and not at work?—Yes, except at travelling. They were not at work exploring.
394. Were they at one place much of that time?—I received instructions from Mr. McLeod to bring the party down to Carleton to meet him, but instead of doing that I left the party where the messenger found us, at Fort Pitt, and went down to Fort Carleton myself. While

Surveys—Exploration.

From 25 to 35 men employed during season.

Between Hay Lakes and Root River.

An exploratory survey.

North of Lake Superior an instrumental survey.

Survey commenced on the 11th August, finished 13th Nov.

Location Survey.

Instructions to commence a location survey at Edmonton.

Commenced survey again 4th Feb., 1876.

From 13th Nov., 1875, to 4th Feb., 1876, men under pay and doing no work.