

been long ago a clearing made there, and as it is the most suitable spot in the vicinity for a stockade, and visible to any one coming in a canoe from the direction of Lake City, it was probably the site of a French post. The Indian trail to the head of the lake ran through the valley of the creek and passed Frontenac station, where the two cannon balls were recently found. They may have been buried by the Indians as "wakan" or supernatural.

APPENDIX.

In an article from the pen of the writer upon *Sieur Verendrye* and sons, published in 1875, there were some erroneous inferences. Since then the itinerary of Verendrye's sons of their journey to the Rocky mountains has been published, and it is now more easy to trace the route of the explorers.

On the tenth of April, 1739, Verendrye sent his son, the Chevalier, to look out for a site for a fifth post, north of La Reine, at the Lake of the Prairies, which was built and called Fort Dauphin, and at a later period a sixth post was established at the Saskatchewan (*Paskoyac*) river, and named Fort Bourbon. The father passed the summer of 1740 at Montreal and Quebec, but on the thirteenth of October returned to Fort La Reine.

The two sons of Verendrye left Fort La Reine on an exploration toward the Rocky mountains on the twenty-ninth of April, 1742, and on the twenty-first of May reached the Mandan villages, on the banks of the Missouri river. Here they rested two months, and from thence traveled for twenty days west-southwest, probably in the valley of the Yellowstone river. Moving south-southwesterly about the middle of September they arrived in a village of Beaux Hommes, and remained with them until the ninth of November, when again proceeding south-southwesterly, on the twelfth day they came to a village of Petite Cerise. From thence they marched to a Pioya village, and continuing southwesterly arrived at a village of the "Gens des Chevaux," which had been destroyed by the Snake Indians. Here guides were obtained to lead them to the "Gens de l'Arc," and on the eighteenth