

manuscript journal of his journeyings, which is in the archives of the French Government at Paris, in its original deerskin wrapper.



HIS historic tablet is now in the possession of the Government of the State of North Dakota. Soon after its discovery, which was within a few days of the one hundred and seventieth anniversary of its being buried by the Chevalier de la Verendrye, photographs of it, obverse and reverse, were taken by Mr. W. O'Reilly, of Pierre. The photographs were reproduced in the Free Press on Saturday, April 12 last, in connection with an article by Mr. Charles N. Bell, F.R.G.S., of Winnipeg. That was the first publication of photographs of the tablet, and Mr. Bell's article was the first published after the finding of the tablet, in which there was given a comprehensive account of the explorations of the Chevalier de la Verendrye, his two brothers and his father, Pierre Gaultier de Varenne de la Verendrye, whose name is worthy of so high a place in the roll of the names of the adventurous French explorers of the seventeenth and eighteenth

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