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Mackenzie River, sufficiently painful and forbidding. Yet has it features of interest to hardy adventurous spirits—the buffalo hunt, the bear chase, the capture of the fur-bearing animals, and the traffic with the Indians—which prevent monotony and offer excitement. This wild kind of occupation, together with certain remuneration and the prospect of rising in the Company's service, induces an adequate number of our countrymen to forego for a season the domestic comforts to which so much importance is attached at home, and doggedly endure the solitariness, desolation, fatigue, cold, and perils of a sojourn in the northern wilds of the western world. Nor is there perhaps to be found a more striking example of hardihood and energy in the search after commercial prosperity, than is afforded by the officers and servants of the Hudson's Bay Fur Trading Company at the remoter outposts, who live through half the year with a temperature below zero, and deem themselves fortunate if twice in a twelvemonth they hear a little of what is going on in merry England.

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