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water of the Saskatchewan, he having sent runners in that direction, who had returned, not being able to accomplish their journey.

Deeming the ice sufficiently secure, we started on the morning of the 27th of November for Chimawawin, having three dog trains heavily laden and my men with light sledges drawing their own blankets, which place we reached on the morning of the 30th.

On the 1st December we commenced the survey of this reserve. A portion of the mainland was taken into the reserve, two islands and a part of another island, the work terminating on the 7th of the month.

We left Chimawawin on the 8th December, and not being able to procure fish for dog feed, I had to send back to that place for a supply, which delayed our progress, we arrived at Duck Bay, Lake Winnipegosis, on the 15th, and reached Water Hen Lake on the 18th.

On the afternoon of the 21st December we made Manitoba House, a Hudson Bay Company's post about twelve miles south-west of the Narrows of Lake Manitoba, where we were kindly received by the gentleman in charge.

We arrived at Westbourne on the morning of the 24th, being obliged to remain camped there during Christmas Day, the cars not running.

I reached Winnipeg on the 27th, and there having paid off my party and rendered my accounts, I left for Ottawa on the 9th January, and arrived on the 13th.

I beg to state that the above outline report is but preparatory to a general and fully descriptive one, and will accompany my plans and field notes of the work executed this season.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

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