

at Old Kilpatrick, in Dumbartonshire, at the parish school, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to the grocery business in Dumbarton and served the required three years time. He was then apprenticed to the trade of shipwright with the firm of Denny & Rankin, of Dumbarton. This firm failed before his time was up and he completed his articles with the well known firm of Peter Denny & Brothers. He remained at Dumbarton for two years working at his trade, and during 1869 and 1870, he worked on the Tyne, in England. He returned to Scotland in Christmas of the latter year, and on the 2nd of May, 1861, he left Glasgow on the steamship Patrick for Canada. He went direct to Toronto where he worked at his trade for three months, and then engaged with Captain Dick to work on the construction of some Government steamers, which were being built at Fort Francis, at which place he put in the winter. This was the first experience he had had of backwoods life in Canada, and one that he will never entirely forget. In addition to the suffering which he endured from privation and exposure, he nearly lost his life in an accident in which his hand was almost cut in two. That he did not lose his hand was owing to the skill of an Indian who bound and poulticed the wound. In the following spring he with five companions started down Rainy river in an open boat, on their way to Winnipeg. When they reached the Lake of the Woods they found it covered with ice, although it was then the month of May. They had accordingly to abandon their boat and walk across the lake, carrying their supplies and outfit on their backs. They ran short of provisions and had to pack muskrats in case of absolute need. When they reached the government station at North West Angle they had been without food for eighteen hours. One of the party, who had contracted rheumatism, was laid up here, while the others pursued their way over the prairie, on which the snow was still tolerably deep. Mr. Clark wore a pair of high heeled boots he had purchased before leaving Toronto, and in these his feet became so sore that he was finally obliged to discard them, and for the next sixty miles he walked through snow and brush in his bare feet. When they finally reached Winnipeg the whole party was in such a condition of exhaustion that they were laid up for a fortnight. Mr. Clark remained in Manitoba till 1870. In the winter of 1872-3 he was engaged at Broken Head river, south shore of Lake Winnipeg,