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## CHAPTER XX

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### LATER SCOTTISH FUR TRADERS OF NOTE

THE proportion of Scotsmen who rose to leading positions in the Company, such as Chief Factor and Chief Trader, was very great. The following figures are very suggestive. Under the Deed Polls of 1821, 1834, and 1871 there were 263 commissioned officers, and it is estimated that their nationalities were as follows:—

French Canadians	...	...	...	...	11
Irish	...	...	...	...	22
English	...	...	...	...	59
Scottish	...	...	...	...	171
Total	...	...	...	...	263

We have deemed it best to give for reference the year in which they were appointed. It will not be forgotten how good Archdeacon Cochrane in writing to James Hargrave, the great Hudson's Bay Company's forwarding agent at York Factory in Sir George Simpson's time, and who had been complaining of slow promotion to a Chief Tradership, said: "Are you likely to get another feather in your cap? I begin to think that your name will have to be changed into MacArgrave. A

## *The Scotsman in Canada*

'Mac' before your name would produce a greater effect than all the rest of your merits put together. Can't you demonstrate that you are one of the descendants of one of the great clans? "

### *List of Scottish Hudson's Bay Company Officers, Mainly Chief Factors, from 1821 to 1896.*

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|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1821 | John Macdonald         | 1840 | James Douglas           |
|      | John Thompson          |      | Donald Ross             |
|      | James Leith            | 1842 | Archibald McDonald      |
|      | John Haldane           | 1845 | Nicol Finlayson         |
|      | Colin Robertson        | 1846 | John Work               |
|      | Alexander Stewart      |      | John Sieveright         |
|      | James Sutherland       | 1847 | Murdo McPherson         |
|      | John George McTavish   |      | George Barnston         |
|      | George Keith           | 1848 | John Ballenden          |
|      | John Dugald Cameron    | 1850 | John Rae                |
|      | John Stuart            |      | William Sinclair        |
|      | Alexander Kennedy      | 1851 | Hector McKenzie         |
|      | John McLoughlin        |      | William McTavish        |
|      | James Keith            |      | Dugald McTavish         |
|      | Angus Bethune          |      | James H. Lawson, Factor |
|      | Donald McKenzie        |      | Ewen Macdonald, Factor  |
|      | Alexander Christie     | 1854 | John Swanston           |
|      | John McBean            |      | John McKenzie           |
| 1823 | William McIntosh       | 1855 | James Anderson, (A)     |
| 1825 | John Rowand,           | 1856 | William McNeill,        |
| 1827 | James McMillan         |      | William F. Tolmie       |
| 1828 | Allan McDonell         | 1859 | James Anderson, (B)     |
|      | Peter Warren Dease     |      | Roderick Finlayson      |
| 1830 | Roderick McKenzie, Sr. | 1860 | William J. Christie     |
| 1832 | Duncan Finlayson       |      | Charles Dodd            |
| 1834 | Peter S. Ogden         | 1861 | John M. Simpson         |
| 1836 | John P. Pruden         |      | James A. Graham         |
|      | Alex McLeod            | 1862 | James R. Clare          |
| 1837 | Angus Cameron          |      | Wemyss M. Simpson       |
|      | Samuel Black           |      | Donald A. Smith         |

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## *Later Scottish Fur Traders of Note*

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1864 James S. Clouston Joseph Gladman	1874 John H. McTavish Alexander Munro
1866 William McMurray	1875 Roderick McFarlane Roderick Ross, Factor
1867 Robert Campbell Robert Hamilton	1879 Colin Rankin Peter Warren Bell
1869 James G. Stewart	Archibald McDonald
1872 James Bissett George S. McTavish	1887 James McDougall
1873 Robert Crawford, Factor William H. Watt, Fac- tor John McIntyre, Factor.	1888 Peter McKenzie 1892 William Clark 1896 Alexander Matheson Factor

NOTE 1.—In some few cases the nationality is not clearly made out.

NOTE 2.—Short notes are given referring to some of the above, to be found by the dates. In these cases it is when they have not been otherwise more largely noticed in the history.

### *Notable Officers.*

James Leith, Chief Factor of 1821, a Scotsman, in 1838 bequeathed £12,000 to be expended for the benefit of the Indian Missions in Rupert's Land. Leith's family disputed the will, but on the addition of £300 a year being offered by the Hudson's Bay Company the Court decided the will in favour of the Church, and £700 a year is thus provided for the Bishop of Rupert's Land.

George Keith, a Scotsman, became a Chief Factor in 1821. Having spent most of his fur-trading life in the districts of Athabasca, Mackenzie River, and the Great Slave Lake, and having



