

main land, they camped three days at the mouth of the Hudson River. The next journey was the Portage River, on the west shore of Keweenaw Bay, where much was heard of rich copper deposits. Here the canoes were taken ashore, and by a well-beaten trail a portage was made to the other side of Keweenaw Point and much distance saved. Five days' journey along the south shore of the lake brought their canoes to an encampment of Christinos, not far from the Montreal River of modern maps. A half-day's journey brought the two explorers to a point two leagues long jutting out into the lake, but only sixty paces in width. By a short portage the beautiful bay of Cheguamegon was discovered, and Groseilliers and Radisson, with their Huron guides, went to the head of the bay and camped near a small stream, between the modern towns of Ashland and Washburn, Wisconsin.

#### First European Port on Lake Superior

The Hurons told the Frenchmen that they wished to go to a village five days' distant, to visit their wives and friends. A settlement of refugee Hurons was at this time toward the sources of the Black and Chippewa rivers, in Wisconsin. Groseilliers and Radisson agreed to wait for them fourteen days, and occupied the interval in building the first rude European fort or trading-post on Lake Superior. It was of pickets in the shape of a triangle. The door faced the lake, fire-place in the middle, and sleeping place in the right-hand corner. It was surrounded by an abattis of branches of trees, and around the whole was suspended a long cord upon which were small bells which took the place of sentries. A small brook was near by. On the twelfth day of their residence at the bay, some of the Hurons came back with fifty young men, and preparations were made to visit their village. The Frenchmen, after a march of four days through the forest, reached a village near a lake eight leagues in circumference. The next day they reached a settlement of one hundred wigwams, and were the guests of the chief. Here were met some Malhominees (Menominees), and an old man of the tribe adopted Radisson as