

still standing, about the middle of the city of Winnipeg. After the mail had long been brought once or twice a year by the fur company, and when regular mail conveyance was established, Mr. Campbell was appointed postmaster, the first in the far Northwest. He was a native of Lower Canada; and died suddenly of heart disease while painting a window in his house, in the fall of 1852, aged about seventy years. He bore a good character; but, as was too commonly the habit of North West traders, left a wife and numerous offsprings without any provision for their support. A son is now a farmer near Portage de Prairie, in Manitoba, and doing well."

Mr. McArthur proceeds to give an account of William Dease, who was a colleague and companion of Thomas Simpson, the Arctic explorer, under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay Company. Returning from the far North in 1839, he received a pension of £100 sterling from the government and died at Montreal at an advanced age. He was not, however, the Capt. Francis M. Dease, who figured at Prairie du Chien, while the British had possession during 1814-15.

#### Col. Pettival, vol. ix, 301

Col. Pettival, a government engineer, is mentioned by R. C. Taylor, in Silliman's *Journal*, July, 1838, p. 95, and in Lapham's *Antiquities of Wisconsin*, p. 64, as engaged in a topographical survey of Fox River in the summer of 1837, and opened several mounds in Wisconsin at that early period.

#### Le Sellier, Maj. Long's Guide, vol. x, 72, 102, 103

Prof. Butler furnishes this additional note: Of Le Sellier, who was Maj. Long's guide in 1823, James Watson Webb gives the following information. That in February of the preceding year, Lieut. Webb, then an adjutant in the U. S. army, was sent with important dispatches from Fort Dearborn to Fort Armstrong and took refuge in Le Sellier's trading hut. Webb describes Le Sellier, whose name he spells "La Saller," as an old Canadian *voyageur*, with an Indian family, and a head whitened by the snows of eighty winters. Webb was secreted from the Winnebagoes in the good old man's loft during their war dance close by, while performing which they dug up the hatchet for war against the whites, and the dispatch bearer was then told by the old trader how to elude the braves on the war path. See Webb's *Altowan*, p. xix.