

with his purchases, and those of William Burnett stationed at the mouth of the St. Joseph,¹ and John Kinzie and Robert Forsyth at Chicago, and deliver them. The vessel would then take the year's gathering of furs, etc., as a return cargo to Detroit. The same vessel probably brought goods for the Mackinaw traders. Thus were matters of transit managed, on upper Lake Michigan, say from about 1800 to 1809.

La Fromboise, a fine, worthy man, moved away from Milwaukee, about 1807, back to Mackinaw. The narrator knows nothing more of him.

Joseph la Croix, from Mackinaw, came to Milwaukee as a trader, about 1804; he had an Ottawa wife and family, and settled about half a mile above Le Clair's, on the opposite side of the river. La Croix did about the same amount of business as Le Clair. When the latter left in 1809, La Croix was still there. He got his goods from Mackinaw.

One Anderson, an American from Mackinaw, came to Milwaukee about 1806,² and remained for two winter seasons. He was a young man, without a family, and located on a little creek just above the Indian village, on the southern side of the river. Not succeeding very well, in his trade, he returned no more.

The Indians at Milwaukee would cultivate not to exceed five or six acres to a family,—mostly sweet corn, pumpkins, beans, melons and a few potatoes. They would have to fence in their fields against their horses. They had neither cows nor hogs; they needed no pork as they had game. They would fence rudely, with bushes, poles and brush—sometimes poles fastened to bushes. They used no plows; they would only hoe the ground. There were no buffaloes there, but plenty of deer; very few bear, but no elk. It was a great place for muskrats.

On second thought, one Maronda [Mirandea], a French

¹ See Hurlbut's *Chicago Antiquities*, pp. 49-78, for an account of Burnett, and extracts from his letter-book, giving interesting references to Northwestern affairs between 1786 and 1803.—ED.

² Capt. Thomas G. Anderson. See his narrative in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., pp. 153-158; also references to him in Col. Robert Dickson's letters, *post.* — ED.