

and Wisconsin rivers. A ditch was dug across the prairie, about on a line with the old portage trail, farther down the Wisconsin than the present canal. But the trench was never filled with water except when the Wisconsin was high, and proved to be of no use.¹

I first visited Milwaukee in July, 1833, on a tour of exploration. With me, were Daniel Le Roy and P. B. Grignon, and we were mounted on horses. As far as Fond du Lac, our course lay on the same trail that Judge Doty and I had made in 1829. After that, we struck southeast to the shore of Lake Michigan, following it closely until the Milwaukee river was reached. Jacques Vieau and Solomon Juneau traded at this point. I had known them and their families since 1827, for their homes were really in Green Bay, at which place they obtained all their supplies. Both Vieau, senior, and Juneau were in Chicago, with the greater part of their families, at the time of our arrival; but young Jacques Vieau, son of the elder, officiated under the parental roof.

When we set out on our tour, we agreed to eat everything we saw, and one time were compelled to thus dispose of a hawk. At Milwaukee, there were no provisions for us; but there were several Indians loafing around and we engaged one of them to go out and get us some ducks. These, Jacques cooked for us, and we ate them cold upon our return trip, which was made by the way of the lake shore. On Sheboygan river, four miles above the mouth, there was an Indian village. We found a net spread near the mouth of the river, and in it two fine fish which we appropriated without ceremony. Next morning, an Indian from the village overtook us and supplied us with dried and smoked whitefish, which we found quite palatable. Manitowoc was out of our line, so we did not see the native village said to be there. The only other lodges on our course were at Waukesha and Milwaukee. We reached Green Bay after a delightful trip, in which the eager search for provisions only served to strengthen our appetites.

¹ *Hist. Columbia Co.* (West. Hist. Co., 1880), p. 610.—Ed.