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EXPLORATIONS IN THE INTERIOR
OF
THE LABRADOR PENINSULA

THE COUNTRY OF
THE MONTAGNAIS AND NASQUAPEE INDIANS.

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Anderson's River rises near Bear Lake, drains the country between the Mackenzie and the Coppermine River, and falls into the Arctic Sea. The country is rich in fur-bearing animals, and before the expedition of Macfarlane in 1857 it was wholly unknown. The upper part is hunted partially by the Hare and Loucheux Indians, the lower by the Anderson's River Esquimaux. Ross River is an important affluent of Anderson's River, so also is the Lockhart. The Loucheux Indians, called the Bâtard Loucheux of the Esid of the Anderson, form lodges of turf on poles.

The Anderson's River Esquimaux differ from the Western Esquimaux of Mackenzie River; they are friendly with Bâtard Loucheux, and hunt on the banks of the river for reindeer. The coats of some of the Esquimaux met on the lower part of Anderson's River were made of the skin of the Rocky Mountain goat, which Mr. Macfarlane first supposed they had procured from the Western Esquimaux; but the people, who were in great number, turned out to be Western Esquimaux, and were very fierce, and after some short time stopped the canoes of the expedition, which Mr. Macfarlane was compelled to abandon, not without endangering the lives of the Hare Indians with him, who were the first to abandon the canoes. Some of the Esquimaux were recognised as trading at Red River Post. Some of the Western Esquimaux and the Anderson's River Esquimaux pass the winter together.

The zoology of Anderson's River, with the affluent Ross River, comprises moose and reindeer, black bears, otters, wolves, wolverines, siffleux beaver, musquash, martens, musks, squirrels, rabbits, and foxes, also frogs and mice. *Birds*—Canada, laughing, snow, and Esquimaux geese, stork-king, teal, and long-tailed ducks, divers, loons, swans, hawks, owls, swallows, gulls, plovers, robins, snow-buntings, willow grouse, and ptarmigan.