

away, and there was no money to erect it again, even if it had been thought desirable to do so. We found it wholly deserted. I was desirous of having some further search made for the bones of a mastodon, parts of whose skeleton had been obtained by Captain Goach, master of a small vessel engaged in the salmon-fishery, a few months before our arrival. On the locality being pointed out, I found that the mass of the dam and other alluvial deposits had been heaped upon the place, and created such an obstruction as would have rendered their removal an herculean task, and have required some weeks' labour.

Neither I nor my officers had time to spare to accomplish this task; besides, it was very probable that the bones, which had been represented to me as nearly denuded prior to the flood, had been washed away and lost. The bank in which the bones were found is composed of red marl and gravel.

After leaving the mill, we had a long ride before us; for it was our intention to reach Champooing before dark. The country, as we approached that place, became much more thickly settled, and the ground stony. Before dark we reached a deserted house, belonging to George Gay, opposite to Champooing, and formerly occupied by Mr. Young. Finding the stream difficult to cross, we determined to take up our quarters in this house. About two miles from our stopping-place, we passed some salt springs, to which the cattle and game resort in great numbers: they are strongly saline, and cover a considerable extent of ground. This is considered, as Johnson informed me, the best grazing ground for their cattle.

In consequence of the baggage-horses and party losing their way, they did not reach the camp until near midnight.

Shortly after our arrival, George Gay was employed "to break in," as he called it, a cow for milking! This operation, as performed by George, however necessary, was not calculated to raise him in any one's opinion, and therefore I shall not venture upon a description, farther than to say, that the treatment the poor beast received was in my opinion as unnecessary as it was cruel.

In the evening, we had a visit from Mr. Moore and several of the other neighbours, and I was much amused with the various accounts they gave of their trappers' life. I must here express the correct views they entertained relative to the introduction of spirits into the settlement. To my surprise, they seemed to be of an unanimous opinion that spirituous liquors would soon destroy them; and since Mr. Slacum's visit they have entered into an agreement among themselves to forego their use. It is a wise determination, and as long as