Mackenzie's Travels.

General History of the Fur Trade.

In the winter of 1778-9 Mr Pond found a vast concourse of Kristenaux & Chipewyans on the

called the Athabasca, about 40 miles from the Lake of the Hills, into which it empties

p. 9 itself.

About this time the small pox broke out among them, supposed to have been brought by a war party from the Missouri. Mc Kenzie's account of its ravages is frightful. "It destroyed with its pertilential breath whole families and tribes." Great numbers

pp. 10-11 committed suicide.

On the Lake of the Two Mountains, which may be termed the commencement of the Utawas River, at the Seigniory belonging to the clergy were stations of Algonquins & Iroquois, consisting in all of about 500 warriors. He gives a very poor account of their character "they do not advance towards a state of civilization, but retain their ancient habits, language and customs, and are becoming every day more

pp. 20-21 depraved, indigent and insignificant."