parts of this country. He is by distinction called Nectam, which implies personal preeminence. Here also the elders meet in council to treat of peace or war.

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Lake of the Woods. Inhabitants dimin- [illegible] They have left much [illegible] to intemperance.

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Red River. "The natives who are of the Algonquin tribe, are not very numerous and are considered as the natives of Lake Superior. The country being near the Mississippi is also inhabited by the Nadowasis, who are the natural enemies of the former." He gives a glowing account of the adaptation of the country to Indian life. "This great extent of country was formerly very populous, but from the information I received, the aggregate of its inhabitants does not exceed three hundred warriors, and among the few whom I saw, it appeared to me that the widows were more numerous than the men."

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"The other branch (the western) is called after the tribe of the Nadowasis, who here go by the name of the Assiniboins, and are the principal inhabitants of it. They must have separated from their nation at a time beyond our knowledge, and live in peace with the Algonquins and Kristeneaux."

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"The Assiniboins and some of the Fall or [illegible] tants of this country, and voyage on the river occupying the centre part of it; that next Lake Winipic, and about its source, being the station of the Algonquins & Kristeneaux who have chosen it in preference to their own country. They do not exceed five hundred families." Dont Mont beaver but buffalo, while the Algonquins &c attend to fur hunting.

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On the R. Dauphin which runs through Lake Manitoba into L. Winipic. "The inhabitants are the Kristeneaux from the north of Lake Winipic, & the Algonquins from the country between the Red River & Lake Superior & some from the Rainy Lake, but as they are not fixed inhabitants, their number cannot be determined they do not however at any time exceed 200 warriors.

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