

HUDSON BAY

GREAT WHALE RIVER

TO KANIAPISKAU →

WINISK

James Bay

x FORT GEORGE

FORT GEORGE RIVER

ATTAWAPISKAT

ATTAWAPISKAT RIVER

PAINT HILLS

EASTMAIN RIVER

FORT ALBANY

x EASTMAIN

RUPERT RIVER

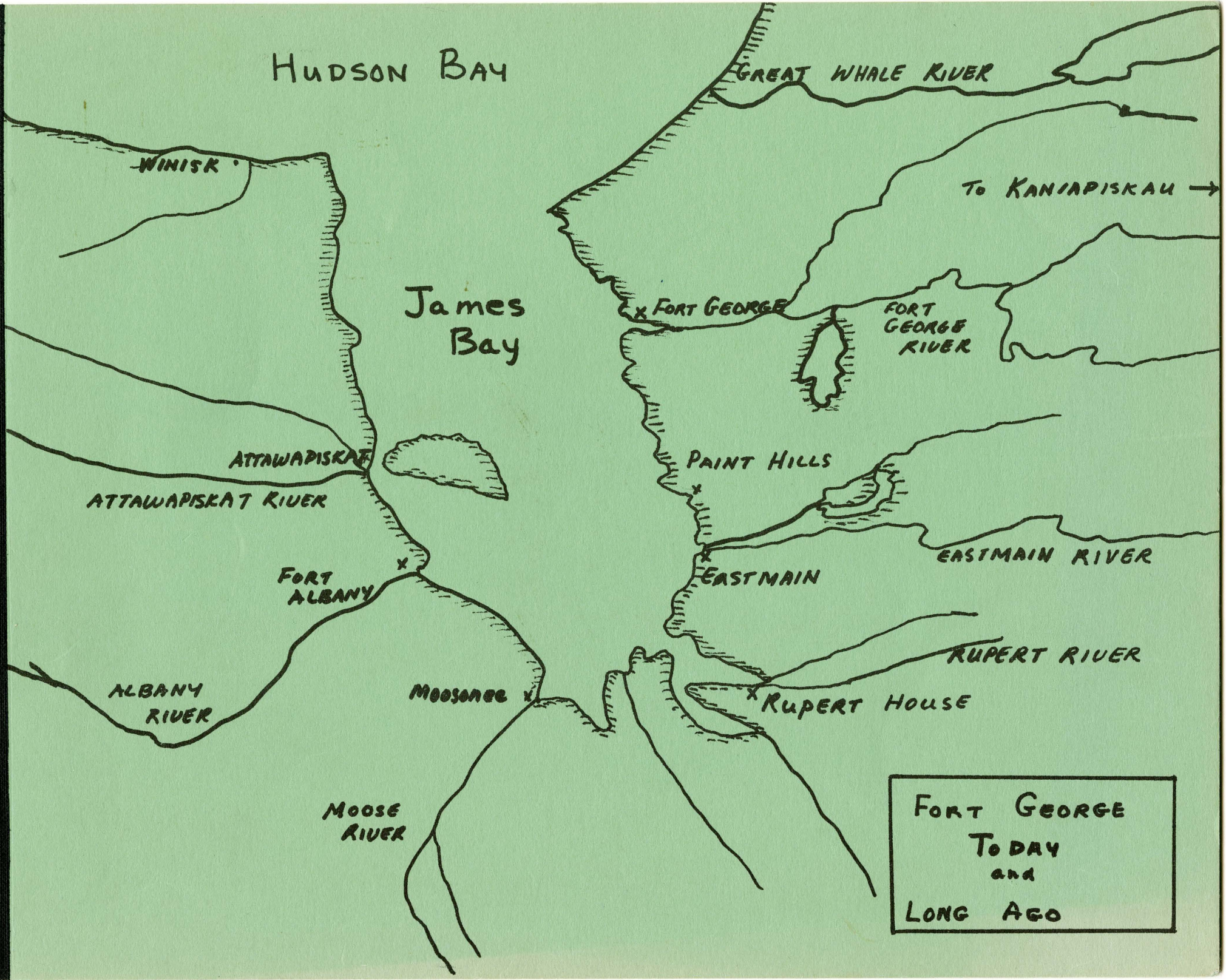
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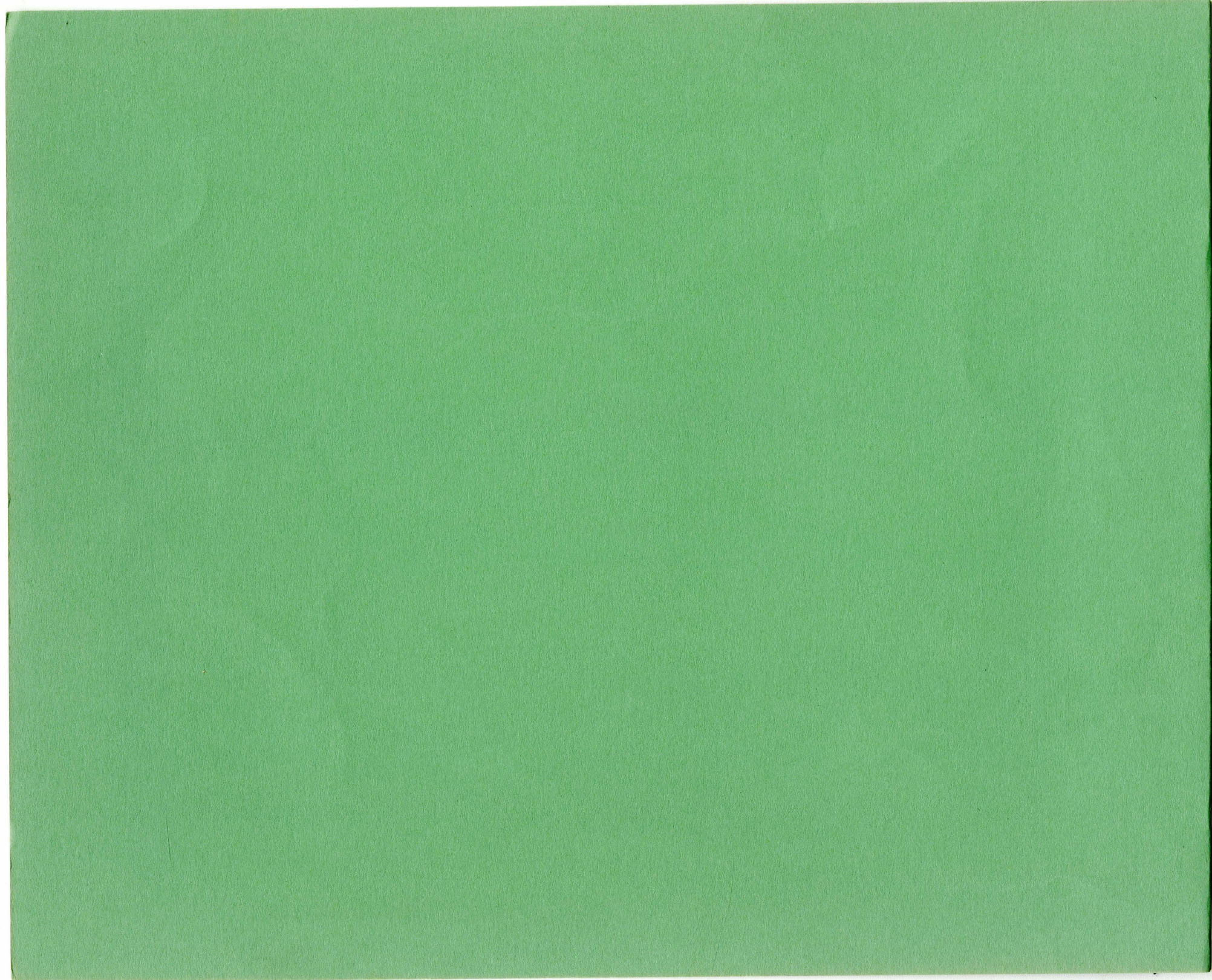
MOOSONEE

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MOOSE RIVER

FORT GEORGE
TODAY
and
LONG AGO





F O R T G E O R G E

T O D A Y

and

L O N G A G O

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MARION

DIAMOND

Fort George Long Ago



LONG AGO

Mr. Head told us all about in Fort George long ago. He said the school was not there. The people do not live in houses. They live in michuups. The people in michuups cook food to eat. Inland there were not polar bears, and here in Fort George there were many polar bears. Mr. Head said some people are in Fort George and some are inland and they live far away from Fort George. Mr. Head was in the inland in winter. He was in Kaniapiskau. When he went to the inland he was poor. He just have white birds and beavers and bears and deers. He didn't have any bread or milk. He just have tea. He said he went hunting and he fell down and he didn't see anything at all. In three days he didn't eat any food. Then he went hunting again and he killed deers.

- Hugo Blackned and
Hannah Bearskin

THE CHURCH

Today Mr. Locke told us about the church.

There was a little church. It was made of flat logs. It was built in 1881.

The first minister was Mr. Watkins. He was here for five years and maybe he was a kind man. Tom Mark's father was a minister here too. Tom Mark rang the bell. The bell fell down on the ground.

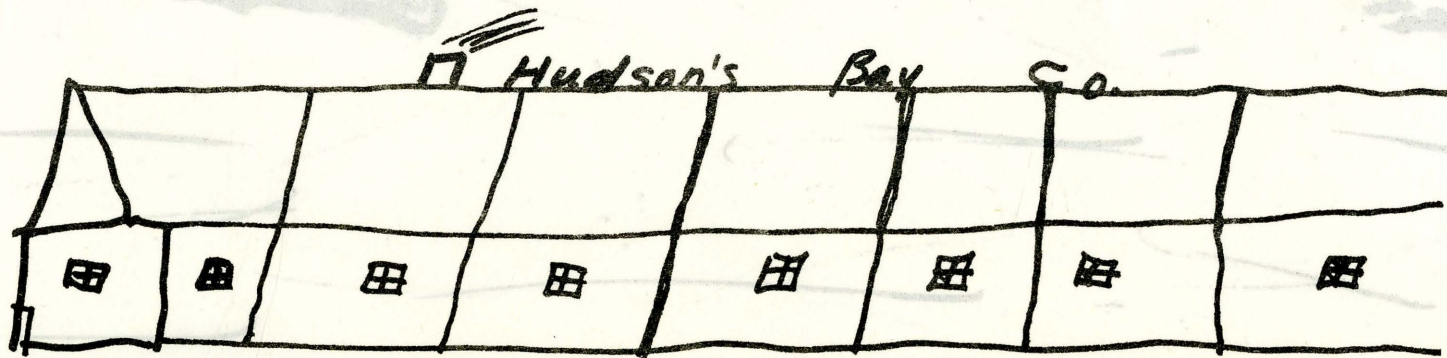
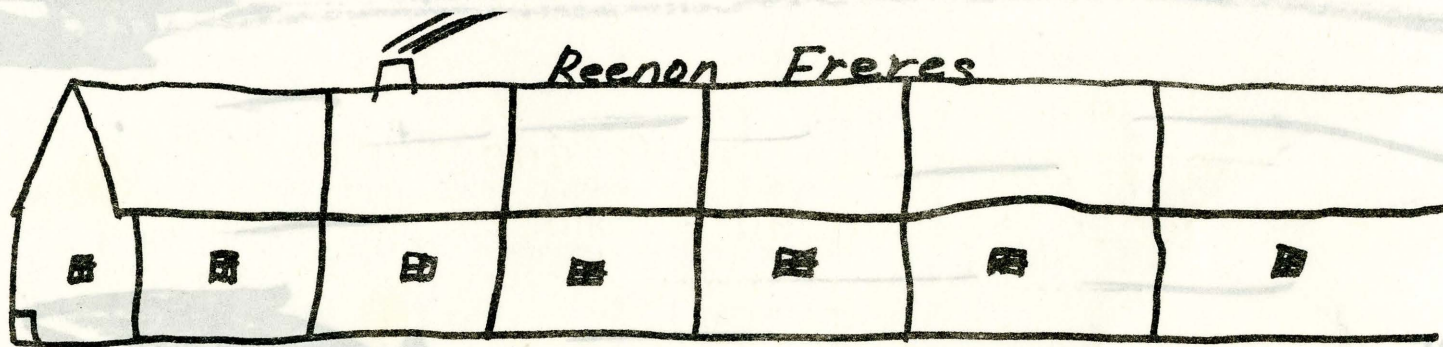
All ministers were travelling back and forth in a year. When people wanted to marry when the minister is not here, they went to the Manager and signed their names.

- Marion Diamond

TWO STORES

Long ago there was two stores. One of them was called Hudson's Bay Co. and the other one was called Reenon Freres. One was very far away and the other one was very near. When they went to buy something in Reenon Freres they go very far and the Reenon Freres was very big and the other one was very big too and it was long.

Virginia
Blackned





Michuap

Mr. Head,

He went fishing

River.

Jarvis
cox.

HOUSES

Long ago there are no houses. They used to live in the michuup. Sometimes the people used to hang the food on the sticks inside to smoke them. Sometimes they put the geese on the string and cook the goose. When they ate the goose it was so good. Sometimes they go hunting and they stay there for a little while to sleep in the little michuup. Sometimes they have a rest in the michuup. Mr. Head said, "When I was a little boy I went fishing in the water. I was very, very cold. I went home again. I came back again. We ate the fish. It was good."

Janie

THE SCHOOL

Mr. Walton started the school in Fort George long ago. He wrote a Cree book. In the Cree book he put his name and her wife's name on the front of the book.

The children were die when they have no food to ate. The men used to hunt for food. There was not enough food to be in the woods and the children dead.

SEAL RIVER

When Mrs. Lameboy was a little girl she lived in Seal River. There was a little village. There was a store. The people lived in michuups. Most of all they hunt food for the children. Some men were hunting seals and beavers and rabbits and bears and moose too. The mothers put the beaver's fur on a round stick. The people live at Seal River would come back in the summer.

- Lillybelle Pachano

INLAND

When I was seven years old I helped my parents to do the trapping. Sometimes my father hunt beavers and many animals. We take a gun and axe and see-saw and traps, and little traps for rabbits and weasels and muskrats and white birds. The big traps are for big animals like beavers, and bears and otters and wolves and foxes. One day when I was with Mother we saw a squirrel on top of the tree. My mother said to me to get the gun and some bullets and I run home for the gun and bullets. I went fishing with my sister. I got a fish pulling the rope and my sister said to hold it and I hold the rope tight. My parents kill 11 beavers when I was there too. My father went hunting in the morning. Sometimes he comes home at night. My mother and me were chopping woods and cutting some of the woods.

MY FATHER AND MOTHER

One day there was a family came into the land and they made a big michuup. We live there until Christmas. My sister made a nice cake for our dinner. In Christmas dinner I was ever happy to have lots candies and cookies and gums.

Before Christmas I put a tree in the bank of the river.

- Elmer Georgekish

MY FATHER AND MOTHER

My father and mother don't go inland. They are working in Fort George. My father is working at the school and my mother is working at Webb's Lodge. On Saturday we will go with my father. We will go ice fishing with the ski-doo. I will go with Norman Matthew and my father and me. We will wear warm clothes and we will wear snow shoes too because snow shoes keep you from falling. My father will take a gun. My father can just hunt on Saturday. People can not hunt on Sunday. This is what the men do when they go ice fishing.

- Evelyn M.

MY MOTHER

My mother works in the school. She works in the sewing room and my father gets some logs. He uses axes to cut the logs and they put them on the sled and the dogs pull the logs very hard. Some times he kills white birds flying in the sky. He hide on the bushes and the white birds come and my father shoots the white birds. He killed two white birds. Another was coming and he shoot another one. My sister works in Mr. Holiday's house. She goes Monday, Thursday and Friday and she cleans up the Mr. Holiday house. She goes home in 4:30 and my mother goes home in 5:30, and that's the end of the story.

- Hilda Spencer

INLAND

Last year my parents were inland. First they went on an airplane. I wave to my mother when they were flying. Maybe they were eating white birds or beaver or rabbit. They took milk, meat and other things in the store. They took sugar too. They live there until spring. Then they came. I was very happy to see my mother and my sister and my father. They took milk for my little brother. When I went home to my mother I ate white bird and I drank tea.

- Kathleen Pepabano

GOING DOWN THE COAST

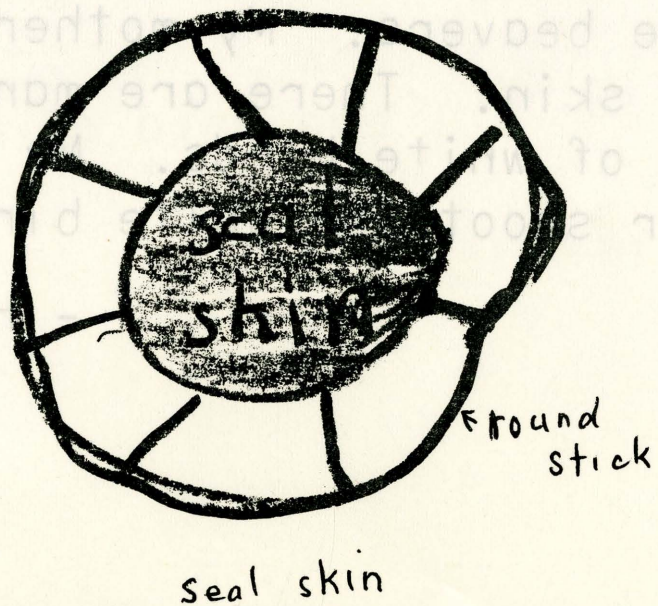
My father went down the coast before I went to school. I was going with my father and Bob and his father. We used dogs and sleds. My father traps beavers and foxes and Bob's father traps foxes and beavers too. My father killed two beavers and Bob's father killed three beavers. My mother takes off the beavers skin. There are many trees and we saw lots of white birds. My father and Bob's father shoot the white birds.

- Harry Rupert

INLAND MONTHS

My father and my mother go to the inland. They take many food. They go to the wild forest to kill some animals. They go to the Big Island. They get there on an airplane. In the Big Island there are big high mountains. I went inland before I went to school. I killed a rabbit. My father killed many animals. My father goes in the woods for trapping. When I was inland I help my mother do hard work, and I grew up.

- Mary Ratt



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THE POOR MAN

Once upon a time there lived an Old Man. He lived with nobody. On Saturday he went fishing in the shore. He saw a whale swimming in the water. He didn't care. The whale lived far away in the ocean. He went home with nothing in his hand. He was 69 years old. He wash his hands and he wash his face. He put lot of soap. Then he went to sleep. He has a little cat. He feed him some milk. He ate his breakfast. He ate eggs and jam and bread and milk and toast. He had a good time. He sweep the floor and wash the dishes. One morning he went to hunt some whitebirds. It was winter. He shoot 6 whitebirds. He cook the whitebirds. Some men came. The Old Man was very happy. The men were hunting whitebirds. He shoot 8 whitebirds and the other men shoot 7. The Old Man went to the little village to buy some food. My father told me this story.

- Mary Ratt

INLAND

Long ago the people in Fort George went to the inland to get some food. My grandfather went too. The people were poor. They just have meats. They stay all winter. Some people still go inland. They take lots of thing to use them.

- Hannah Bearskin



