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While waiting at Port Essington for a steamer to Vancouver, I went to Port Simpson, and had a look at its harbour as well as at the western portion of Work Channel, along which a railway line from the Skeena River to Port Simpson would necessarily have to be located.

Returning to Port Essington, I picked up my party and finally reached Vancouver on October 12.

From the time we left Hazelton until our return there, about 360 miles of actual explorations were made, and 530 miles travelled by trail; this latter, added to the distance to Hazelton from Ashcroft, 550 miles, makes 1,080 miles by trail. The canoe trip to Port Essington was about 150 miles; so we have a total of 1,230 miles of horse and canoe travel between Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Port Essington, on the Pacific coast, from May 20 to October 1.

With this preliminary report, I beg to file a small sketch map showing my explorations of this season. (Scale of 10 miles to the inch.)

The whole respectfully submitted,

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