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ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

STORIES BY THE MEMBERS OF THE WELLMAN EXPEDITION.

An Injury to the Leader Compels a Retreat by Forced Marches After an Auspicious Start.—Frans Josef Land Pretty Thoroughly Explored.

HULL, England, Aug. 28.—Mr. Walter Wellman, the leader of the Wellman Polar expedition, who returned to Tromsø, Norway, on August 17, after having successfully completed explorations in Frans Josef Land, arrived here today. He walks with the aid of crutches, as his right leg, which was seriously injured by his falling into a snow covered crevasse while he was leading his party, is still useless.

The explorer was accompanied by the American members of the expedition, who are well.

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"The next day we gathered stones, and under these we buried our dead comrade. A few fitting words were spoken as we stood around.

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under our feet. It swayed and deep crevices yawned about us. Several dogs and sledges were crushed. In the darkness and storm it was impossible to see a path of safety. Expecting to be overwhelmed at any moment by the ice, we scrambled over the field of ice and saved most of our equipment, except the dog food, reaching a place of safety in half an hour. Our brave Norwegian comrades did not express the slightest fear. While it was possible to go on for a time, my leg now demanded a retreat. For two or three days I stumbled along, unable to walk. There was nothing to do then but get on a sledge and be dragged back to headquarters by the men and dogs. Forced marches by my devoted comrades saved my life.

"The point at which we turned back was twenty-five miles northwest of the Friesland Island, where Dr. Nansen landed in 1895. North of these islands we photographed three islands and some large land, unseen either by Payer or Nansen. We also found that Payer's so-called Dove Glacier does not exist.

"It still remains possible to reach the pole by Frans Josef land. But I cannot say if I shall make another effort."

After Mr. Wellman's return to Harworth House, on August 17, Lieut. Baldwin and four Norwegians went out to Wilczek land, charting the unexplored east coast, and discovering a new island, extending to 64 degrees east, almost as large as Wilczek land. They named it Graham-Bell land, after the president of the American Geographical Society.

Lieut. Baldwin returned to the base on April 30.

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"Then a seemingly trivial accident turned the satisfactory advance into a precipitate retreat. While struggling with the sledges, in rough ice, my right leg was bruised and sprained by my falling into a snow-hidden crevasse. For two days I went on and had other circumstances not occurred, I should have pressed onward so far that I should never have been able to return alive. At midnight on March 22 we were awakened by the crashing of the ice

THE EXHIBITION.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE FAST BEING BROUGHT TO PERFECTION.

Some of the New Exhibits Promise to Be Very Interesting—Amusement Hall Will Have Some Star Performers—A Big Display of Live Stock.

Exhibition arrangements are becoming nearly a thing. There is very little space, indeed, remaining unengaged in the buildings. The nature of the exhibits promise most interesting exhibits.

The special attractions promise a complete overhauling of last year's, and in fact in all departments there are indications of a better fair than in former years.

Some changes have been or are being made in the buildings for the better arrangement of exhibits and the placing of walks so that the crowds will be best accommodated. This change will be most noticeable on the main floor, directly after entering the building.

New and interesting exhibits will be those of acetylene gas, showing the process by which it is made. H. B. Pitts in one space will show one process, and another will be shown elsewhere in the building.

The Natural History Society will make a big showing, including live fish, snakes, lizards, etc. The C. P. R. will have a very extensive exhibit, where the local government's game exhibit will be last year.

The Consumers' Goods Company has taken a large space near by, and the London Foundry Company, Ltd., of London, Ont., is another new exhibitor. R. H. Smith & Co., of St. Catharines, Ont., purpose showing shoes extensively.

Fugaley, Dingham & Co., of Toronto, have a large space for their hand, Shaw & Crawford have a space to show glass blowing and glass cutting, and also will exhibit the Passion Play pictures.

Part of carriage hall has been given over to exhibit of agricultural implements, as agriculturists will not come in early but are now fast taking up space and carriage hall is virtually filled.

The carrying men and their equipment on the south side, near the west end. Machinery hall is not fully advanced yet, and some spaces remain.

Edwards is showing some special attractions in this department.

In agricultural hall an interesting feature will be a hand printer making copies. Many applications are being received.

The live stock department will be a great attraction. Special feature in carriage horse exhibits will be the daily parade on the new track. Arrangements are being made for the art gallery, cultural building—in the new position for keep of the carriages for these horses.

Among the entries are 10 to be sent to J. S. Baber, of Leavelle, Me., including the famous French coach horses. The new drive will be 1,000 feet circumference and in new position.

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none of the cattle which are being imported into Cuba are fit for human consumption. The paper adds that a quarantine should be insisted upon. The Diario gives the case of one shipment of cattle where 45 head died during the voyage. It says the municipality, instead of buying itself with trivalentine might better take this matter in hand. The paper asserts that the number of veterinary inspectors now employed is insufficient.

The Hon. P. Pais, of this city, declares the time has arrived for the Cubans to "offer the Americans what they think is a necessary safeguard for their commercial and industrial plans, ready in exchange the right to govern themselves and develop their own resources."

Governor General Brooke has refused to sanction the proposed payment from the treasury of Cuba of certain bills presented by General Montenegro for supplies furnished to the Cuban troops.

FRANKING STATIONS To be Established by the Dominion Government in the Maritime Provinces.

ORAWA, Ont., Aug. 30.—Professor Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, left for the maritime provinces today in connection with the establishment of chicken fattening stations, and to arrange for the establishment of creameries in some parts of Nova Scotia where co-operative dairy work has not yet been introduced.

The provincial government of Nova Scotia have announced that they will make for carrying on an chicken fattening station, provision for the granting of about \$1,200 in each county where a successful creamery or cheese factory is not yet in operation. The Dominion department of agriculture will run these creameries for a few years on a plan similar to that followed in Prince Edward Island and ultimately successful there.

Meetings will be held at Coltonville, Corner, September 9th, Baddeck on the 18th, about on the 15th, Grand River on the 19th, Egan on the 20th, Boylston on the 23rd, and Antigonish on the 26th. Arrangements will be made for carrying on chicken fattening stations at Sussex, Andover, Truro, Kentville, Charlottetown and Summerside. The fattening chickens will be forwarded to Great Britain to further open up trade in fattened poultry from Canada.

RAILWAY BUILDING. The York and Carleton Company to Build Their Line from Cross Creek to Stanley.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 31.—A meeting of the York and Carleton Railway Company was held at the office of W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., last evening. Those present were D. R. Moore, James Gibson, Stanley Douglas and Messrs. Hume and Thompson, M. P. P.

Mr. P. P. P. was also elected a director. The company are confident of securing the local subsidy and expect to commence work in the course of a few days.

THE PARISHIAN GROUNDED In the Channel Near Montreal—She Was Considerably Injured.

MONTREAL, Aug. 31.—While the Allan liner Parisian, which called here this morning for Liverpool, was on her way down channel about distance from Montreal her steering gear got out of order and the vessel grounded and scraped her plates against the sides of the channel.

She sustained considerable injury and, as she was taking water, it was decided to stop at Anticosti, near Borel, and tug and lights were sent to her assistance. It is expected that after being lightened the Parisian will be able to proceed to Quebec, where the necessary repairs will be made to enable her to continue on her voyage.

St. Stephen Items.

St. Stephen, Aug. 29.—Dr. Delmsted and daughter Edith left Monday evening for a short visit to Boston.

Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, of Seattle, who has been visiting his brother and family, started on his return trip this morning for his western home. It is 21 years since Mr. Fitzpatrick was in the east before.

Rehearsals every evening of the stingers to take part in that beautiful cantata, Queen Esther, which takes place on Friday and Saturday evening of this week, showing that undoubted talent is being manifested by many brilliant young singers of the St. Croix.

It is unnecessary to speak as their reputations are already established. Prof. Fondray of New York, who has charge of the entertainment, is enthusiastic over the splendid voices which he has secured for the different parts.

Sale of Timber Berths.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 30.—The result of the sale of timber up to 3 o'clock today was as follows:—

Head of Pimouet Branch and Green River, 84 square miles—to A. F. Randolph at \$34.50.

West of North Branch Gouzonville River, 2 miles—to William Richards company, upset price.

A MAMMOTH PICNIC.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS CITIZENS UNITE IN A HOLIDAY.

Places of Business in the Two Towns Were Closed and the Outing Was Participated in by All—With Efficient Committees in Charge the Affair Was a Success.

St. Stephen, Aug. 30.—Four thousand is probably a conservative estimate of the number of people who attended the town picnic yesterday on Crocker's grounds. A general holiday was proclaimed on both sides of the river, factories as well as business places of all kinds were closed during the afternoon and everybody went to the picnic. Not a sign of liquor was witnessed on any person, and no necessity for a policeman to keep order.

Everyone was good-natured and vied with one another in making it pleasant and a day to be remembered. No person will hesitate in recording the general success of the picnic. The picnic committee were in charge of the picnic, and all kinds of conveniences as well as on foot. Efficient committees were appointed from the business men on both sides of the river, and everything was done in perfect order to carry out the large programme of sports and all other matters connected with the picnic. Not a sign of liquor was witnessed on any person, and no necessity for a policeman to keep order.

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Main Five Finger brook, 9 miles—to George Moffat at \$53. Tracy's brook and Main Restigouche river, 9 miles—to George Moffat at upset price. Restigouche river, near mouth of Tracy's brook, 9 miles—not sold. White's brook, 9 miles—to William Gurry, upset price.

White's brook, Restigouche river, two miles—Withdrawn. Head White's brook, 2 miles—to Geo. Moffat, at \$50.

Main Five Finger brook, 3 miles—to William Richards & Co. at upset price. Head Main Five Finger brook, 2 miles to Wm. Richards & Co., at \$27.

E. H. Allen is officiating as auctioneer and Deputy Surveyor General Fiewling and Deputy Receiver General Babine are conducting the sale. All berths have to be paid for in cash on the spot.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 31.—The sale of vacant timber lands, which was commenced in the old court room chambers at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was concluded at midnight. The berths put up at auction aggregated 3,874 miles and about one-third or a total of 1,168 miles were disposed of. The competition was quite keen in some cases but the bidding was done rather cautiously. The highest figure was reached when a 7 1/2 mile berth on the west branch of Fortage river, Northumberland county, was put up. It was knocked down after some lively bidding to J. J. F. Winslow, of this city, who was selling for P. H. Hennessey, at \$123 per mile. The upset price for berths was \$8 per mile, in addition to the mileage, and the leases will have 19 years to run. The total proceeds of the sale aggregated \$34,250.

A list of the berths which brought over \$50 per square mile, and the purchasers of the same is as follows:—

Tracy Brook, 9 miles to George Moffat, at \$53.

Fabineau river, 10 miles to Adams, Burns & Co. at \$52.

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Fabineau river, 9 square miles, to Andre Cushing & Co. at \$75.

Head of Little river, 6 1/2 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co. at \$71.

Head of Fabineau river, 3 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co. at \$76.

Nine Mile Brook, branch of Nepisiquit river, 7 1/2 miles, to Andre Cushing & Co. at \$50.

Forty Mile Brook, nine miles, to Andre Cushing & Co. at \$56.

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Head of Forty-four Mile Brook, six miles, to Adams, Burns & Co. at \$55.

West branch of Portage river, 7 1/2 miles, to J. J. F. Winslow for P. Hennessey at \$123.

East of Lower North Branch Little Southwest Miramichi River, nine miles, to T. B. Winslow at \$51.

North Pole and Indian Brook, 9 miles to Wm. Richards Co. at \$54.

Head of Gordons Brook, branch of Cain's river, six miles, to W. T. Whitehead, at \$101.

South of Cain's river, 6 miles, to Wm Richards Co. at \$55.

Head of Little Forks, Green river, 5 1/2 miles, to Hon. A. F. Randolph, at \$54.

The average price per mile realized on the berths sold was \$20.

Doctors in Conference.

TOMORROW, Aug. 31.—At today's session of the Dominion Medical Association Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, in the course of a discussion on tuberculosis, urged that the dominion government be requested to appoint an inspector to examine the inmates of public institutions and isolate any found with symptoms of disease.

Tonight the members of the association were the guests of the Toronto doctors at a moonlight excursion on Lake Ontario.



CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. SICK HEADACHE. Positively cured by these Little Pills.</