

considerable expense, has imported a number of reindeer from Siberia to Alaska for furnishing food and means of transportation to the Indians, but here, in our Canadian territory, are vast herds of them. "As a traveller," says Mr. Tyrrell, "the reindeer is swift and endur-

most admirably suited, both because of its great warmth and its remarkable lightness."

Leaving Reindeer Camp on August 2nd, in a few days the explorers reached a great lake which was covered, even in midsummer, with ice seven feet thick, except



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ing, being capable of hauling from two to three hundred pounds upon a sled, as much as one hundred miles per day. As compared with the dog, it possesses the great advantage of being able to obtain its food by the way. From the skins of the reindeer the Eskimo make almost every article of winter clothing. For this purpose it is

close to shore, where in a narrow channel for a hundred miles they paddled their canoes.

Much time was lost in threading the many lakes into which the stream expanded, as it was ever difficult to pick out the particular arm of each which gave egress to the river. Day after day they were beset with storms of sleet