

Observations for latitude near noon.

Journal of
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Chronometer.

h. m. s.			° ' "	
7	6	0	27	51 40
	8	50		51 10
	14	30		46 40
	17	00		44 40
	19	30		42 10

Temperature + 16°
Correction + 3' 30"

We proceeded about half way down the coast hills, pitched our tents and lunched at 1h. 30m. We then placed the depôt upon one cart and took it to the coast. It was placed upon a shingle ridge, 40 feet above the sea and 300 yards from it, where it forms a conspicuous object; but to prevent its being passed by a coasting party in thick weather, a small cairn was built close down to the beach.

All the land to the eastward and northward appears continuous and extends as far round as N. b. W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., but this extreme is either very distant or very low and is covered with snow.

The western extreme is a very low sandy point bearing W. by N. and distant about three miles.

The probable distance of the land bearing north is from 20 to 25 miles.

The sea runs into E. b. N. and I should think much further, but the land intercepts one's view in that direction.

With a telescope more land is just distinguishable extending to the left as far as N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ N., but there is a break in this land which bears N.N.W. Right peak on double-peaked hill bears W. by S.

After seeing the depôt placed and stones heaped about it, I sent the men back to the tents, and walked along shore to the westward. The beach is very flat and is composed of the finest sand and mud; from our depôt no hummocks could be seen to the eastward, and a few only of three or four feet in height about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to the west of it.

The ice is unbroken, rugged, and much discoloured by the fine sand blown off shore, as was also the snow on the land.

Found a piece of drift wood two or three feet long and four inches in diameter high up on the beach; a specimen of it is preserved. Saw the track of a reindeer in a mud flat now frozen hard, but no recent traces of animals; there was scarcely any vegetation to be found. Picked up a few small fragments of coal off the mouth of a ravine; reached the western extreme seen from the depôt and distant three miles; took bearings.

Next western extreme W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. seven or eight miles; it is a very low shelving point, right peak on double-peaked hill S.W.; eastern extreme of this beach E. by S; depôt E.S.E. ϕ at 5.41, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

It was quite dark when I got back to the tent at half-past seven.

Ninth Journey.

To encampment, N.N.E.
3 miles.
Thence to depôt, N.N.W.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

P.M.
Calm. c.
Temperature + 13.

North land not visible.

A very cold morning with strong wind and thick snow drift.

Started at eight o'clock, wind rapidly increasing; cannot see the sledge beyond a hundred yards. We returned by our track of yesterday as long as we could see it, but the snow-drift soon obliterated all traces; travelled S.S.E. until near noon, when we were most unexpectedly stopped by a large ravine with very steep banks directly across our route. We travelled along it for a short distance to the eastward upon the glacier attached to its northern side, but one or two suspicious looking cracks appearing in it I determined to encamp at once. We had been going before the wind, but upon retracing our steps a short way to encamp several frost-bites occurred; it was blowing a very heavy gale with thermometer at + 6.

The men agreed in voting noses a nuisance in this country; from their prominent position they are usually the first part frost-bitten; also whiskers and moustaches were sentenced, as not only being useless but very inconvenient, the former catching the snow-drift, and one's breath freezing on the latter forms an icicle not easily removed.

Having nothing better to do we went to sleep after lunch, and slept until supper was ready.

FRIDAY, 24TH SEPT.

A.M.
N.W. 4 to 7.
o.c.q.
Temperature + 9.

Tenth Journey (on return).
S.S.E. 3 miles.
Travelled 4 hours.
Detained by weather 6 hours.

P.M.
N.W. 7 to 9.
o.c.
Temperature + 6.

Thick snow drift.