

Travelled 9 hours ; 7' made good.

P.M. I determined to try a different route across the land in hopes of escaping Stony or Icicle Pass. Entered a ravine and followed its course to the S.E. upon good travelling. After luncheon we struck out of it, and followed the best route which led to the E.S.E. The travelling continued good, although we could not keep our proper course, as the range of hills forming the southern shore of Liddon's Gulf continue their course to the eastward, while the coast turns to the N.E. towards the lagoons. Ascended a hill and took the following bearings :

Cape Edward, S.W. ; Centre Hooper's Island, S.S.W. ; Right Hand Bluff, S.S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. ; Centre Lagoon, S.W.

5. Encamped. Two deer came up to the tent, probably attracted by the blazing coal fire.

#### EIGHTEENTH JOURNEY.

*Saturday, 9th October 1852.*—8. Started to the S.E. 10. Came suddenly to a ravine about 300 feet deep and 800 wide. Descended by a snowy gully, and commenced ascending the opposite bank. Went on to examine the line of country, but returned on finding that a branch of the ravine crossed our track again in that direction. Descended with the sledges and tried another pass to the S.E.-ward. In doing so the large sledge fetched way stern foremost, dragging with it some of the men. It was a ridiculous sight, although rather alarming at the time. After luncheon, ascended with one sledge at a time, and arrived at a perfectly level country. It now became evident that the route by the Stony Pass was the best to follow next spring. Steered one point to the eastward of the Table Hills. The deer were again attracted by the tent fires.

Distance,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles made good.

N.W. 2 b.c.

#### NINETEENTH JOURNEY.

*Sunday, 10th October 1852.*—A.M. Our course to-day until noon was regulated very much by guess, as the weather was very thick. Between large stones and occasional herds of deer, we got on moderately straight. 10. Found the remains of a fireplace, a piece of iron, some rope yarns, with rogue's mark of yellow worsted, a piece of a paper tea bag, also the mark of a square tent. This must be the position of one of Commander M'Clintock's encampments, the iron being from Sir Edward Parry's cart, found by him at Bushmen Cove. 12.30. Crossed a broad but shallow ravine. Went to examine some large boulders. Underneath one of these I heard the barking of several foxes, but could only see one in spite of throwing stones down, and trying to reach the bottom with my leg. Built three small cairns and rejoined the sledges. 5. Encamped.

W.N.W. 2 c.m.s.  
Ther. + 5°.

Travelled 9 hours ; 7 miles.

North 1 b.c.

#### TWENTIETH JOURNEY.

*Monday, 11th October 1852.*—A.M. 8. Started for Winter Harbour. 1. Halted for lunch. Travelling good. Went to the top of a hill immediately over the head of Winter Harbour. On the way up I passed 2 small cairns, both of which I examined. They have been no doubt marks for surveying purposes. I ascertained from this position that abreast of the guave in the harbour was the best place for commencing our land journey next spring. I could also see the high land along the north shore of Liddon's Gulf. 5. Encamped at the head of Winter Harbour. Found the cart required the following repairs, viz., new shaft, 2 new uprights, 3 new spars for uprights. Took the broken parts to be repaired on board.

Calm.  
Ther. + 3°.

Travelled 9 hours, 5 miles made good.

Calm. o.c.

#### TWENTY-FIRST JOURNEY.

*Tuesday, 12th October 1852.*—A.M. 8. Started for the Sandstone Boulder. Went on in advance intending to note our visit by cutting 1852 upon it. On examining the small cairn upon the top built by Commander M'Clintock much to my astonishment a copper cylinder rolled from under a spirit tin. On opening it I drew out a roll folded in a bladder, which being frozen broke and crumbled. From its dilapidated appearance thought at the moment it must be some record of Sir Edward Parry, and fearing I might damage it laid it down with the intention of lighting the fire to thaw it. My curiosity, however, overcame my prudence, and on opening it carefully with my knife I came to a roll of cartridge paper with the impression fresh upon the seals. My astonishment may be conceived on finding it contained

M'Clure's records found.