

Arctic Explorations.

Major Greely delivered an address lately on Arctic Exploration, with reference to Grinnell Land at Burlington House, London. He made reference to previous expeditions and the geographical and scientific work accomplished, including those conducted by Captain Inglefield, when in search of Sir John Franklin, Captain Markham, Captain Nares, Captain Beaufort, and others.

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Later, and during the summer time, he was able to make a second trip into that country, covering some 370 or 400 miles. No doubt most of the geographical pictures which he brought with him from the Arctic circle as desolate and forbidding. But in Grinnell Land, along the glacial lake, he found a number of valleys leading to the westward, and eventually to the summit of a mountain, from which he saw the whole country stretched out before him like a map.

His attention was naturally turned to the northward, and there he saw the mountain ranges trending to the north-west, and he was led to believe that the sea was not far distant. In the valleys was game in some considerable quantities. They killed the musk ox, the reindeer, the caribou, and the Arctic hare, and saw some two hundred more. The mosses of the Arctic region grew in a luxuriant manner, and he saw some of the most beautiful and rare plants which he had seen elsewhere.

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IN OUR WEEKLY COLONIST TO INQUIRE DELIVERY, YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE COLONIST IS PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY, AND THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE FIRST PAID. WHAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE MONEY.

THE WEEKLY COLONIST. NOTICE. A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SALEM, AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY THURSDAY.

Local and Provincial News. CAUGHT AT LAST. Two Chicken Thieves Overhauled with their Booty.

At 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning Constable Edward Abel, while on duty at the southern end of Rock Bay bridge, was engaged in his regular rounds.

Personal. Mr. Charles MacGeech, the advance agent of the Alton Harbour Milling and Flouring Company, who arrived at Victoria for three nights, commencing on the 18th inst., arrived in this city yesterday to complete the preliminary arrangements for the engagement.

Barred Not. The organ (meaning The Colonist) can't do anything, then why should it do anything else? The year's operations resulted in a loss of \$25,000.

The Indian Tatagan Executed at Nanaimo Yesterday. NANAIMO, Feb. 11.—Tatagan, a Salmo river Indian, convicted at the Nanaimo assizes of the murder of a woman named Mary, was executed yesterday.

Fire at Popcorn. Special to The Colonist. POPCORN, Feb. 11.—Eight hundred barrels, together with about two tons of coal, were burned this morning at daylight.

THE CANADIAN TUNNEL.—Nelson Bostwick, who recently awarded a contract not only to build the Northern Pacific Cascade tunnel, but also to complete the tunnel, says the tunnel will be completed in the latter part of the year.

HANGED.—The Indian Kayman, or Tsalan, who was hanged for the murder of a woman named Mary, was executed yesterday morning.

NEW FLOOR.—Workmen commenced at 8 o'clock yesterday morning on the new floor of the room of the post-office.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT. FOURTH SESSION. PRAYERS.

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FROM THE EAST. The C. P. R. Syndicate's Energetic Policy.

From a gentleman who has recently visited the eastern portion of Canada and the Atlantic states we gather the following impressions which were made upon him during the trip.

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AMERICAN NEWS. EASTERN STATES.

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