

deep. The storms which had raged so long on the other side, and on the pass, did not trouble us here, for which we were grateful, as we were all worn out with the continual struggle against wind and snow.

A good deal of the river was open, but we were always able to avoid these places, as the valley was wide and bare of timber.

The stream had "glaciated" at a few points and we had the satisfaction of sledding over the bare ice of these glaciers for several miles.

About seven miles from our camp of April 11th, we encountered a narrow canyon about one mile long, in which there was an open waterfall with a thirty foot drop. To avoid this we were obliged to climb up the bank and shovel out a trail on one of the sloping hillsides which bordered the canyon.

On the night of April 14 we camped at the foot of this canyon in the first spruce timber we saw on the banks of the Gravel river, and again enjoyed the luxury of plenty of firewood, and beds of spruce boughs. This camp was about fifteen miles from the divide, the difference in elevation being about 900 feet.

On April 23, we reached a point on the river about thirty miles from the divide, which we were satisfied would afford boating water when the ice went out; hence we decided to rest here and make our spring camp.

The weather was now delightfully bright and clear, and the sun strong enough to soften the trail during the middle of the day, but the nights and mornings were cold and frosty. Latterly, we had to do most of our sledging at night; but were very fortunate in getting good sledding so late in the season.

ATHLETICS.

Two important athletic events took place on Victoria Day under the auspices of the C.A.A.U. Messrs. Ketchum & Co. pulled off a most beneficial event for boys under sixteen. Boys must be kept busy or they will get into mischief, and there is no healthier channel than athletics for their energies. The Spartan plan for the elimination of the weak may be a little severe, but strenuous athletics for the young is in accord with Darwin's theory of the preservation of races in the struggle for existence. Well done, Messrs. Ketchum.

The second event took place at the Oval, being an all-round athletic competition. Our own Mr. R. S. Stronach gave a typical exhibition of good sportsmanship. Stronach is to the manner born. He was probably much surprised at the comment his magnanimity aroused. May his good example bear fruit and multiply.

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White-winged peace hovers over the field of athletic warfare. Conciliation is in the air and it is as desirable as it is inevitable. Fighting like drinking is such sweet sorrow, and ath-

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