

Journal of
Commander McClintock.

P.
W.N.W. 2. c.
Temperature + 17.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPT.

A.M.
W.N.W. 6 to 4.
Temperature + 10.

Temperature + 14.

Seventh Journey.

N.N.W. 3 miles.
Travelled 9½ hours.

P.M.
Calm. c.

are fast wearing out our mocassins, and giving the men sore feet. I also much fear some accident to the carts. Encamped at 6 o'clock, the people very much fagged.

I have determined upon leaving the half of my depôt in the next ravine, and pushing on with the remainder to the north coast, so as to obtain some knowledge of its distance, and of the country through which perhaps we may frequently have to pass.

A strong breeze all last night, and still continues with much drift; it is also very cold. The men were all very busily employed before breakfast in mending their mocassins with the empty provision bags, each man sitting up in his blanket bag, and occasionally blowing his fingers.

When we proceeded at 9h. 40m., the weather was considerably improved and sun out. Travelled over the same sort of rocky ground until noon, when we descended into the ravine and deposited the half of our depôt upon a conspicuous rock, about forty feet up its south side. We then crossed the ravine in a N.N.W. direction, and halted to lunch at 2h. 10m. upon a hill on its north side.

Built a small cairn here, and left a pike standing in it. Proceeded N.N.W. over very stony ground, crossed one stony ravine, and followed the course of another N.E. half a mile. It then turned to the north, and widened out into a considerable hollow; here we encamped at 7h. 30m.P.M., close to a large isolated block of sandstone. This part of the country is characterized by its numerous low stony hills, and shallow ravines partially filled with snow; no vegetation, nor traces of any animals seen. Opened a case of pemmican, and used a portion for supper; the case was marked 40 pounds, but contained only 32 pounds of pemmican put up in 24 sausage skins, the interstices having been filled up with melted tallow, which serves as fuel. The pemmican contained a small portion of currants, and was very good, but was not so much liked as the ordinary description, to which pepper and salt may be added. Saw distant lofty land in the N.N.E.

WEDNESDAY, 22D SEPT.

A.M.
West 2 c.g.
Temperature + 13.

Eighth Journey.

W.N.W. ¾ mile.
N.N.W. ¾ W. 2.
N.W. b. N. 2¼.
Travelled 9½ hours.

P.M.
South 3 c.m.
Temperature + 10.

A gloomy morning. Started at 9h. 15m. passed through a hollow W.N.W. ¼ mile, then across one stony valley and through a second one W.N.W. ½ mile, when we reached a space of flat stony land and crossed it by travelling W.N.W. ¾ W. 2 miles, and lunched at two o'clock; pursued our journey over a stony rise, across a shallow ravine and up another rise, on the highest part of which I built up a small cairn; from this position a little bluff hill in a plain bears N.W. 1½ miles. We travelled 1¾ miles N.W. b. N. beyond this little cairn, and encamped on the south side of a series of very stony hills at seven o'clock. I walked on to these hills before dark and thought I could distinguish the sea between another but less formidable row of hills, about a couple of miles beyond me. Northward of the high stony row of hills on which I stood the descent is considerable, the land less stony and much less covered with snow. Our progress to-day amounted to five miles, but occupied more than nine hours of very hard labour.

THURSDAY, 23D SEPT.

A.M.
Calm b.c.

Set off in high spirits at half-past eight. By edging away a little to the N.E. we got over the stony hills, and then travelled north for a gap in the coast hills, where we came in sight of the frozen sea; high distant land was very distinct from N.N.E. to east, and to the westward there were hills of considerable elevation extending to N.W., and descending with regular slopes to the sea. Took sights for time.

Chronometer.

h. m. s.			°	'	"
4	51	40	23	44	40
	55	15		59	00
	56	54	24	5	40
	59	13		13	20
5	00	20		18	50

Temperature + 16°
Index correction + 3' 30"