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BACK AFTER SIX YEARS IN ARCTIC

Established Post in Land Where Mercury Drops to 72 Below—Some Experiences.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—After an absence of more than six years in the Arctic, Captain Henrik Henriksen and Rudolph Johnson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, have returned to civilization for a vacation. The trip out was by dog sleighs, leaving Herschel Island, November 18, crossing the Divide to Rampart House on the Porcupine River. The run to Fairbanks, 1,200 miles, occupied forty days, and the thermometer during all that time ranged from 47 to 72 degrees below zero. From Fairbanks they travelled by train to Seward and thence by boat to Seattle.

It was in the summer of 1914 that both, Danes by birth, left Vancouver in command of the fifty-ton gas boat Fort McPherson. They established trading posts at Herschel Island; Baile Island, 280 miles east; at Kiktagazuit, Aklavik, Port Bacon, Tree River, Kenois Peninsula, and Shingle Point. Extensive trading with the Eskimos was carried on. Life at a fur post is monotonous enough, but at an isolated spot in the Arctic circle the exercise of all the Christian virtues is required to face conditions often worse than irksome. It is a bleak, barren country, although in summer vegetation makes its appearance and it is this brief interval between winter and winter that fur trading is carried on most actively. The skins most valued are the fox, bear, weasel, musk ox and caribou.

Polar bears show no fear of men and have even proved to be very friendly animals. Captain Henriksen said they are "tame as cats." They are frequently seen in the vicinity of the fur posts, peacefully devouring some unfortunate seal on the ice.

However, at the sound of a shot they quickly disappear into the adjacent water. The fur is valuable, and the flesh, after hanging for a day or two, has been found very palatable. It is a delicacy much in demand by the Eskimos. Grouse also abound on Herschel Island, and as game laws are unknown in that northern fastness, the place is truly a hunter's paradise.

SEES DIFFERENCE IN OUTLOOK IN OUR EAST AND WEST
London, Jan. 20.—(By mail, Canadian Associated Press).—Presiding at the Royal Colonial Institute when Dr. Ellis Powell gave an address on Canada, Sir Campbell Stuart remarked that one thing that had impressed him in revisiting Canada in recent years was the difference in outlook, between that great part of

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the dominion which lies toward the Pacific ocean and the great part that lies towards the Atlantic ocean. He hoped it would be possible for the Canadian clubs, apart from entertaining distinguished citizens from every corner of the world, also to avail themselves of the great opportunities which come to them to invite eminent men from Western Canada to speak through their platform to Eastern Canada, and vice versa, to permit the thoughts of the east being heard in the west. It seemed to him,

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taking into consideration the geographical formation of Canada, that it was important to adjust this difference of outlook by arranging for constant interchanges of views between the two great sections which constitute the dominion—Western Canada and Eastern Canada.

The Marine Freight Handlers' Union held their regular meeting last evening in the Temperance Hall, West End. The president of the union, W. Lee, occupied the chair.

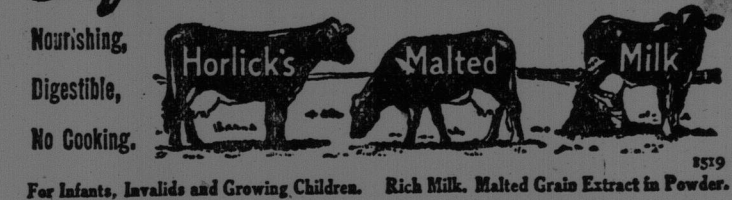
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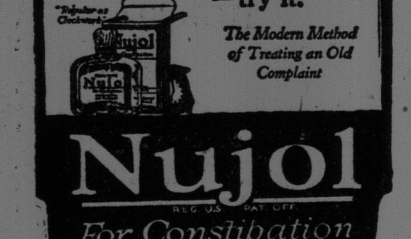
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Prosperous Days Ahead Say Big Business Leaders

A Nation-Wide Poll of Industry

Why business should be depressed in a land overflowing with supplies that the rest of the world is suffering for, with ships lying idle that could carry them, will puzzle future generations, and to say that such a depression can not last long in the face of the whole world's need of our products, is very much like saying one and one make two.

THE LITERARY DIGEST has asked hundreds of authorities covering the entire country, comprising business leaders, professors of economics, and financial editors of daily papers for their opinion as to the prospect of prosperity's return—and when. The answers are published in this week's issue, and people who can see nothing but gloom all around the business horizon may revise their ideas when they glance over the returns. Of course, it is very much like a survey of a battle-field, but it is a battle-field where the forces are already re-arming and re-forming, and are here and there beginning to advance again. Moreover, the American business army is one that has never known defeat, and the reason why is evident in the tone of unconquerable optimism that runs through even the casualty reports.

"Actual business recovery to begin April 1st"; "expect gradual improvement from now forward"; "expect business recovery gradual until Inauguration—then rapid"; "expect business recovery to begin probably in spring"; "recovery is already under way"; "conditions will improve from now on." These reflections reflect the general tenor of the many replies we have received from big business leaders throughout the country.

This poll of American industry is nation-wide, and covers every State in the Union and practically every important industry. Do not fail to read it in this week's DIGEST, February 12th.

Other important news-articles in this number of THE DIGEST are:

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