

our necks in snow if we tried to cross it. I had, however, not the slightest wish to try the experiment. I saw at once that it would be quite useless as a road-way even if we succeeded in crossing it, and I determined to return by the lake; but, instead of going down on to the level land again, to keep the ridge, correct my chart, and get a better idea of the lay of the land. We crossed the eastern of the two large rivers at 10, and the western one at 4 P.M.; the gorges of both of these streams were much deeper here than where we had crossed them below, and the rivers deeper. We had great difficulty in fording the second one. At 9 the next day (10th), having kept a little northward, we met one of our old marks at the southerly bend, marked on my outward journey, and imagining we were nearly up to the lake, kept to the south-west, to get on the summit of the ridge, which we reached at 4, and saw the opening of the lake beneath us. Descending the west side of the ridge, we reached the end of the lake at 6. We found the timbers of the raft lying on the beach, and soon put it together again. Next morning (11th) we started on the raft, and went the whole length of the lake with it, reaching the west end at 10; it took us a little longer than walking, but the rest to the Indians was worth the delay. At 10 we started along the Elk River, and by keeping its west bank avoided the swampy ground we had passed before, and at 1 reached the foot of the ridge.

We were not so fortunate with respect to the elk as when going; for though we saw signs of fresh trails, we were disappointed in not getting a shot at one, and had to content ourselves with the remains of the pork, we had kept on purpose for frying the elk with, for our breakfast; which was the more annoying, as we had all along bargained on getting an elk when we crossed the lake. I determined, instead of going through the gorge, to cross the east summit of the ridge, so as, if possible, to catch a glimpse of Mount Arrowsmith, which I had not seen since the 9th, when on the other (north) side of the lake. We ascended, keeping well to the south, and reached the summit at 2. We then continued along the ridge, and just when we were beginning to descend, and I had almost given up the hope of seeing anything, we came to a clear spot, and saw Mount Arrowsmith, as it is seldom seen, perfectly clear to the very top. From this we kept south-west, and descended the ridge by almost as easy a slope as we had ascended it by when setting out on the 29th-30th, followed the small river which runs into the Somas about a mile above the mill, and camped about 4 miles from Albernie. Next morning we proceeded down the hill, and reached the settlement at 10, coming out on the beach about half a mile below it.

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