

have reached the pole even in spite of the open season."

He thinks his expedition is justified by its results. It attained the "farthest north"; it proved the existence of a new land northwest of Grant Land, undiscovered and unnamed; it shed much new light on the knowledge of the coastline and ice-fields of the unknown parts of Greenland and Grant Land; it decided beyond a doubt that man and the Eskimo dog are the only two mechanisms capable of meeting all the difficulties of arctic work.

Their closest "call" was on the return trip, when a broad lead of open water barred their way back to the ship. For five dismal days they waited and watched for a chance to cross on an ice-bridge, for boats they had none. The dogs were cooked for food over a fire made from their valuable sledges. The sequel is best told in his own words:

"On the fifth day two Eskimos, forming my daily scouting party, whom I had sent to reconnoitre to the east, reported young ice a few miles distant extending clear across the lead, which might be firm enough to support us on our snow-shoes to the south side, now more than two miles distant. No time was lost in hurrying to the place, when it was evident that now was our chance or never. Each man tied on his snow shoes with the utmost care, and then in widely extended skirmish line and in absolute silence we began the crossing. Each of us was busy with his thoughts and intent upon his snow-shoes, which could not be lifted from the ice, and the slightest unsteadiness or stumble would have meant his finish. The thin film crusting the black water bent and yielded beneath us at every step, sending widening undulations from every man. I do not care for a similar experience. At last those interminable miles came to an end, and as we stepped upon the firm ice on the southern side, the long breaths of relief from my nearest neighbours in the line were distinctly audible."

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Labrador

Dillon Wallace, who recently lectured to the Canadian Club in Toronto on Labrador, told how on an exploring trip he had travelled 800 miles by dog sled and 2,000 miles by canoe around the coast of the great lone land. Of course all this immense waste looks as barren as did Cobalt a couple of years ago. But who can tell how many Cobalts it contains? Who can estimate Canada's inheritance?

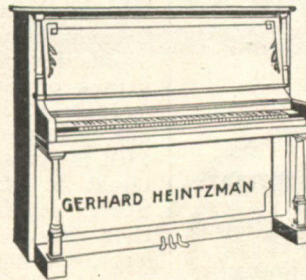
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Technical Education

Hon. W. A. Weir, speaker of the Quebec Legislature, speaking at the Builders' Exchange banquet in Montreal said: "It is a crying national shame for Canada that it cannot provide within its own borders for the technical education of its children and that, as a result, these children should be inferior to Belgians and Germans and Americans in their industrial equipment." And while Mr. Weir may be right in theory it has yet to be shown that any country in the world produces better workmen than native-born Canadians.

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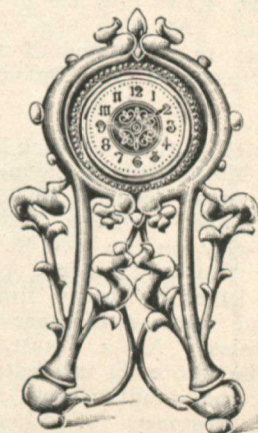
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