

camp 3 (4930 feet). Shortly below this camp the river descends through another gorge, and, as far as I could ascertain, it would be impossible to follow closely along the right bank from here to the confluence with the left fork of the Wapta. We turned a little to the west, and with many ups and downs, over most difficult ground, through a labyrinth of fallen timber, we worked our way to an open space, cleared by the avalanches from the slopes of Mt. Wapta. At noon we established here our last camp 8 (5100 feet). There was no water in the neighborhood of this camp, and we had to melt for our teapot the snow of an avalanche, still resting here close by. Our horses had likewise to apply to the frozen element; they were used to it, being accustomed to quench their thirst on the plains east of the Rockies, during winter-time, by licking snow. At four p. m. a thunderstorm swept over Mt. Stephen and Mt. Cathedral, which were in full view from our camp and presented a most striking appearance with the heavily loaded clouds hovering above and behind them. At five o'clock the storm came down upon our camp in full force, the rain nearly penetrating the tent. There was another shower at seven o'clock. Then the evening was quiet. My men, the jolly triplet, as a "good-by" to the mountains for this time, built a fire as big as I ever saw at this height above sea-level.

It was raining again next morning, but we were able to start at half past eight. First descending, we passed a swampy plain, and then climbed through dense shrubbery in two hours and a half to the pass (5420 feet) west of a little wooded mountain and seen from the railway. The descent from this pass and the ascent from Emerald Lake to camp 2 were perhaps the most difficult parts of the road traversed by our animals on this journey. But all the difficulties which rocky inclines and fallen timber opposed to them were most skilfully conquered. At 1.40 p. m. we found ourselves on the left bank of the Wapta, at the foot of Mt. Stephen. An hour's walk brought me back to Field.