

not run out. Went 22 lbs. short between our parties. Deposited 24 lbs. meat for return trip to the ship this autumn. Noon, lunched. (P.M.) 12.30. Cheered and parted company with Lieutenant Hamilton's party. Proceeded direct for Winter Harbour. Went on in advance towards the Sandstone Boulder, to examine the state of the snow on the land, and select a good place for landing the sledges. 3. Lost sight of them; followed the beach round to the head of the harbour. Determined to commence our land journey from that position to-night, and deposit the record on our return trip. Landed the cart with four cases of pemmican on the beach, and started on the land to the northward with the sledges. Found several relics of Sir Edward Parry's expedition, also a grave bearing the following inscription, neatly cut upon a slab of sandstone:

N.W. 2 c.m.s.  
Ther. + 20°.

N.W. 5 c.q.  
Distance, 6½'.  
Ther. + 15°.

To  
The Memory of  
W.M. SCOTT, Seaman,  
H.B.M. Ship  
Hecla.  
O<sup>t</sup> June 30th, 1820,  
Æ. 30 Years.

Found it necessary to double man the sledges, and then made but slow progress. 5. Encamped half a mile north Winter Harbour. Went on to examine the travelling beyond. Found the drift too heavy to gain a satisfactory view.

North 6 c.q.

#### SIXTH JOURNEY.

*Monday, 27th September 1852.*—A.M. 8. Started, steering N.W., both crews manning one sledge. Our progress in this manner was very slow, having to resort entirely to standing pulls; this, against a blinding snow-drift, was most disheartening. 11. Halted; sent men back for second sledge. While dragging it up, it was with the greatest difficulty we could follow our old sledge tracks, although not two hours old, and the ground well torn up by their cutting the snow on to the ground. Noon, lunched.

N.N.W. 6 c.q.  
Ther. + 10°.

P.M. 1. Proceeded. 2. Gale increased so that we could hardly face the drift. It had also the effect of making every stone or slight elevation appear double its size. 3. Fearing that this work would knock up some of the crew, I determined to deposit half the depôt, and attempt to cross with the remainder to Liddon's Gulf, or to where the ground improved for sledge travelling. Encamped, securing both tents together. Deposited half the depôt.

North 8 c.q.s.  
Distance, 2½'.  
¾ miles made good.

#### SEVENTH JOURNEY.

*Tuesday, 28th September 1852.*—A.M. Confined to the tent until noon, on account of the heavy gale and snow-drift. Noon, lunched.

N.N.W. 8 c.q.r.  
Ther. + 15°.

P.M. Wind abated. Found that this style of pitching tents was most disagreeable to the leewardmost party, as the eddy wind from the weather one completely buried the second sledge. 1. Started to the N.W. over very bad travelling ground, which obliged us double man and proceed with one sledge at a time, although it carried only half the load. 4.30. Came to a steep ravine running east and west. Pitched tents. Sent crews back for second sledge. Went back with Mr. Nares and four men to drag up the half depôt deposited yesterday. 6. Returned to encampment. Found missing from our equipment one pair of rifle barrels.

N.N.W. 4 c.q.  
Travelled 5 hours.  
S.E. 2 c.m.  
Distance, 5 miles.  
Distance made good, 1 mile.  
N.W. C. Bounty, N.W.;  
N.E. Hill North.

#### EIGHTH JOURNEY.

*Wednesday, 29th September 1852.*—Sent Charles Nisbet back to yesterday's encampment to search for the lost rifle. At 8 I became alarmed for his safety, as the wind had shifted with a heavy snow drift. Started in search of him. 10. Weather cleared. Returned to sledges. Sent out men in all directions to search and erect conspicuous marks. Noon. Parties returned, having found him, much fatigued, and entirely ignorant of his whereabouts.

S.E. 4. c.  
East, 6 c.q.s.  
Ther. + 15°.

P.M. 1. Proceeded under sail with half our loads, steering N.W. by W. (true). 5. Pitched tents. Sent empty sledges back for remainder of baggage. Observed twenty reindeer. Went in chase. Shot one very fine doe. The whole herd remained for some minutes within easy rifle shot. 7.30

Calm, o.b.c.  
Travelled 6 h. 30 m.  
Distance, 4½'; made good, 1½'.