

record, or unrecorded, was from Saginaw to this city, a distance of 365 miles, in six days and five hours. The trip is authentic, and was made by old John Busha and Andrew Piquette, both veteran mail carriers of 1857. In travelling, a guide, or hold-back rope, is used on the rear of the toboggan, while descending hills, to prevent it from crowding the dogs. The mail carriers of "ye olden time" trudged along stoically on snow shoes, making such a round trip as from here to Saginaw and return in from two to three weeks, according to weather and obstacles



TRAVELLING ON SNOW SHOES.

met with. Their pay was \$100 a trip. John Busha, one of the oldest carriers, says they would walk on an average of fifty miles every day; and not less than sixteen hours would constitute a day. He says they never ate more than a mere mouthful at night, but partook of a big breakfast and dinner of salt pork and hard-tack. By so doing, Busha says, their bodies secured their needed rest at night. Generally a supper would consist of a few mouthfuls of dry bread and hot, sweetened water. The old carrier says that if a man will let his body have proper rest at night; and then bind heavy woollen strips around his wrists, knees and ankles, supplemented by hearty meals at breakfast and dinner, on "strong" food, he can exert himself to the utmost, without much weariness, and no bad effects from a long, hard tramp. "Still it counts against a person in the long run, as my stiffened joints testify," said the intelligent old Chippewa, as he hobbled out to dispose of his day's catch of whitefish. Many are the interesting stories told of the adventures of old traineau men.