

At four o'clock we reached the broad valley of the Bow. Forging without difficulty on horseback, we spent a comfortable night in the clean section house at Cascade siding, about a mile up the track toward Laggan. I must mention the beauty of the ford of Simpson Pass, where we crossed the Bow. The river formed a foreground for the graceful range of distant peaks to the south, whence we had come. This ford and the pass to which it leads should be used by future visitors to Mount Assiniboine. Our circuit by the Vermilion had taken thirteen days from Castle Mountain round to Cascade, and we had travelled nearly one hundred and fifty miles.

I flagged the train next morning and was soon at Laggan, where I was joined in two days by Carryer, who rode the horse up the Tote road, arranging, however, not to stop at Eldon. Further explorations being impossible, owing to continued snows, I left shortly for the east.