

copy one remark that will show his love for the "old flag:" "I shall spend the glorious Fourth in Mexican territory, and not under the 'stars and stripes;' but the American flag shall float over me that day, if I can find the cloth to make one." He remained in this country some nine months, and then returned to San Francisco again. This trip was a failure in a pecuniary point of view; for he could not get the salary promised, as one of the parties had died; and he returned rather discouraged, his hopes of success had been so sanguine.

He had been in the city but a short time when the "Frazer-River excitement" turned the heads of the Californians. Gold had been discovered in large quantities in British territory, and it was thought it would prove a second California. The excitement in San Francisco was intense; and, with the hope of gaining what he had lost in Lower California, Sewall determined to join the multitude that were hurrying northward to the new El Dorado. In company with one friend, who was to share the hardships and the success of the trip, he left San Francisco, in June, 1858, in a steamer bound to Victoria, Vancouver's Island. At Victoria they purchased an Indian canoe; and, with three other men, — making five in all, — they commenced the journey up the river. It was a hundred miles to Fort Langley, their first landing-place; and they intended to go a hundred miles beyond this. Their canoe was heavily laden, and the river-currents were very strong. In speaking of this journey, Sewall says, "I think it is the hardest work I have ever done;" and he had done a *little* of that during his life.

He spent the 4th of July, 1858, at Fort Langley; and, as they were on British ground, he determined that an American flag should float over *their* tent, on that day at least. So, the previous day, he set himself to work to make a flag that should be a reminder of his home; and that flag is now in my possession. An old red flannel shirt furnished the material of that color, an old white shirt was torn up for the white, while a blue blanket furnished the field for the stars. He could not make the stars to suit him; and so he cut the figures '76 out of some white, and sewed it upon the blue; and this flag floated over his tent on that day, on that British soil. Here, too, he had only his tent to live