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THE ARCTIC RESEARCH.

Official Report of Dr. Hall, the Arctic Explorer — Interesting Investigations—Remarks to the Remains and Relics of Sir John Franklin's Party—Sailing by Dr. Hall's Escort.

Dr. C. F. Hall, the Arctic explorer, who has recently returned to New York from an extended research within the North Polar circle, furnishes the following narrative of his investigations and discoveries in that region:

REPULSE BAY, June 20, 1869.

HENRY GRINNELL:—

DEAR SIR:—This day I have returned from a sledge journey of ninety days to and from King William's Land. I was my purpose, and every preparation was made, to make this journey last spring, but my attention then having been called to Melville Peninsula, in the vicinity of Fury and Hecla Straits, where native report had it that white men had been seen, I directed my expedition there, by way of Am-i-tóke, Oog-lik Isle, Ig-loo-lik, with the avowed hope and expectation of rescuing alive some of Sir John Franklin's lost companions. The result of this journey was the finding of a tenting place of a few white men and a stone pillar they had erected close by it at the bottom of Parry Bay, which is some fifty miles south of the western outlet of Fury and Hecla Straits, and the visiting of several places where white men and their traces had been seen by natives of Ig-loo-lik and vicinity, in or about the years 1866-7. I also gained much information from the natives of Ig-loo-lik, North Oog-lik Isle, and thereabouts, that confirmed the report I had heard in the winter of 1867-8, which I have already stated. And still further proofs of this report have been also obtained on my late visit to King William's Land. My sledge journey to the Straits of Fury and Hecla, and thence down to Parry Bay and back to Repulse Bay by the route already defined, consumed ninety-six days.

The result of my sledge journey to King William's Land may be summed up thus: None of Sir John Franklin's companions ever reached or died on Montreal Island. It was late in July, 1848, that Crozier and his party, of about forty or forty-five, passed down the west coast of King William's Land, in the vicinity of Cape Herschel. The party was dragging two sledges on the sea ice, which was nearly in its last stage of dissolution—one a large sledge laden with an awning-covered boat, and the other a small one, laden with provisions and camp material. Just before Crozier and party arrived at Cape Herschel they were met by four families of natives, and both parties went into camp near each other. Two Esquimaux men, who were of the native party, gave me much sad but deeply interesting information. Some of it afirred my heart with sadness intermingled with pride, for it was a confession that they, with their companions, did secretly and hastily abandon Crozier and his party to suffer and die for need of fresh provisions, when, in truth, it was in the power of the natives to save every man alive. The next trace of Crozier and his party is to be found in the skeleton which McClintock discovered, a little below, to the southward and eastward of Cape Herschel. This was never found by the natives. The next trace is a camping place on the seashore of King William's Land, about three miles eastward of Pfeffer river, where two men died and received Christian burial. At this place fish bones were found by the natives, which showed them that Crozier and his party had caught while there a species of fish excellent for food, with which the sea there abounds. The next trace of this party occurs some five or six miles eastward, on a long, low point of King William's Land, where one man died and was buried. Then about south-southeast, two and a half miles further, the next trace occurs, on Todd's island, of the remains of five men lie. The next certain trace of this party is on the west side of the inlet, west of Point Richardson, on some low land that is an island or a part of the main land as the tide may be. Here the awning-covered boat and the remains of about thirty or thirty-five of Crozier's party were found by the native Pow-yat-to, of whom Sir John Ross has given a description in the account of his voyage in the Victory, 1829-34.

In the spring of 1849 a large tent was found by some of the natives whom I saw, the floor of which was completely covered with the remains of white men. Close by were two graves. This tent was a little way inland from Terror Bay.

In the spring of 1861, when the snow was nearly all gone, an Esquimaux party, conducted by a native well known throughout the Northern regions, found two boats with many skeletons in and about them. One of these boats had been previously found by McClintock; the other was found lying from one-quarter to one-half mile distant, and must have been completely entombed in snow at the time McClintock's parties were there, or they most assuredly would have seen it. In and about this boat, besides many skeletons alluded to, were found many relics, most of them similar in character to those McClintock has enumerated as having been found in the boat he discovered. The native who conducted this native party in its search over King William's Land is the same individual who gave Dr. Rae the first information about white men having died to the westward of where he (Dr. Rae) then was (Pelly Bay), in the spring of 1854. His name is Ta-nook-poo zhe-jook, and he is a native of Netchilla, a very intelligent and very intelligent. He is, in fact, a walking history of the fate of Sir John Franklin's expedition. This native I met when one day's sledge from King William's Land—off Point Dryden—and after stopping a few days among his people, he accompanied me to the places I visited on and about King William's Land.

The same year that the Erebus and Terror were abandoned one of them consummated the Great Northwest Passage, having five men aboard. The evidence of the exact number is circumstantial. Everything about this Northwest Passage ship of Sir John Franklin's expedition was in complete order; four boats were hanging high up at the ship's sides, and one was on the quarter deck; the vessel was in its winter housing of sail or tent-cloth. This vessel was found by the Ook-joo-lik natives near O'Reilly Island, latitude 68 deg. 30 min. north, long. 99 deg. 8 min. west, early in the spring of 1849, it being frozen in in the midst of a smooth and unbroken floe of ice of only one winter's formation. From certain evidence I have gained, both at Ig-loo-lik and Ook-joo-lik, that there must have been a dog of the grey-hound species belonging to one or the other of the two ships. I only know this through native testimony. It is quite likely that some one in England can tell whether there was a dog on board either of the ships when Sir John Franklin left, in 1845.

To complete the history of Sir John Franklin's last expedition one must spend a summer on King William's Land, with a considerable party, whose only business should be to make searches for records which beyond doubt lie buried on that island. I am certain, from what I have heard the natives say, and from what I saw myself, that little or nothing more can be gained by making searches there when the land is clothed in its winter garb, for the Esquimaux have made search after search over all the coast of King William's Land, on either side, from its southern extreme up to Cape Felix, the northern point, for anything and everything that belonged to the companions of Sir John Franklin, and these searches have been made when the snow had nearly all disappeared from the land.

My sledge company from Repulse Bay to King William's Land consisted of eleven souls, all Esquimaux. Although they are as untamable as eagles by nature, yet by their aid alone I was enabled to reach points otherwise inaccessible, and when there to gain much important information relative to the fate of Sir John Franklin's expedition. I tried hard to accomplish much more than I did, but not one of the company would, on any account whatever, consent to remain with me in that country and make a summer's search over that island, which, from information I had gained of the natives, I had reason to suppose would be rewarded by the discovery of the whole of the manuscript records that had accumulated in that great expedition, and been deposited in a vault a little way inland or eastward of Cape Victory. Knowing, as I now do, the character of the Esquimaux in that part of the country in which King William's land is situated, I cannot wonder at nor blame the Repulse Bay natives for their refusal to remain there as I desired. It is quite probable that had we remained as I wished, no one of us would ever have got out of the country alive. How could we expect, if we had got into straitened circumstances, that we should have received better treatment from the Esquimaux of that country than the 106 souls who were under the command of the heroic Crozier, some time after the landing on King William's Land? Could I and my party, with reasonable safety, have remained to make a stronger search on King William's Land, if it not only probable that we should have recovered the logs and journals of Sir John Franklin's expedition, but have gathered up and entombed the remains of nearly 100 of his companions, for they lie about the places where the three boats have been found, and at the large camping place at the head of Terror Bay, and the three other places that I have already mentioned. In the Cove, west side of Point Richardson, however, Nature herself has opened her bosom and given sepulture to the remains of the immortal heroes that died there. Wherever the Esquimaux have found the graves of Franklin's companions they have dug them open and robbed the dead, leaving them exposed to the ravages of wild beasts. On Todd's Island the remains of five men were not buried, but, after the savages had robbed them of every article that could be turned to any account for their use, their dogs were allowed to finish the disgusting work.

Wherever I found that Sir John Franklin's companions had died I erected monuments then fired salutes and waved the star-spangled banner over them in memory and respect of the great and true discoverers of the Northwest Passage. I could have gathered great quantities—a very great variety—of relics of Sir John Franklin's expedition, for they are now possessed by natives all over the Arctic regions that I visited or heard of, from Pond's Bay to Mackenzie river. As it was I had to be satisfied with taking upon our sledges about 125 pounds total weight of relics from the natives about King William's Land. Some of these I will enumerate: First—A portion of one side (several planks and ribs fast together) of a boat, clinker-built and copper-fastened. This part of the boat is of the one found near the boat found by McClintock's party. Second—A small sledge runner, reduced from the sledge on which the boat rested. Third—Part of the mast of the Northwest Passage ship. Fourth—Chronometer box, with its number, name of maker, and the Queen's broad arrow engraved upon it. Fifth—Two long heavy sheets of copper, three and four inches wide, with counter sunk holes for screw nails. On these sheets, as well as on most everything else that came from the Northwest Passage ship are numerous stamps of the Queen's broad arrow. Fifth—Mahogany writing desk, elaborately finished and bound in brass. Sixth—Many pieces of silver plate—forks and spoons—bearing crests and initials of the owners. Seventh—Parts of watches. Eighth—Knives, and very many other things, all of which you, Mr. Grinnell, and others interested in the fate of the Franklin expedition, will take a sad interest in inspecting on their arrival in the States.

I must now tell you of the heart-rending, tragical part of my expedition before I conclude this rapid, and, I must add, incomplete report, or, after all, it is but a drop of the bucket to giving you a full idea of the vast amount of interesting and important information I have gained of the natives about Baptiste Bay, Ig-loo-lik, Pelly Bay, Neltchilla, Great Fish or Back River, and King William's Land, relative to the fate of Sir John Franklin's expedition. In the spring of 1863 I started from Repulse Bay on a dog-sledge journey to King William's Land. My company was entirely of natives, and on our getting about two hundred miles on our way we met a party of Pelly Bay natives who were fleeing from their country on account of "war" raging there. The effect on my company was that on no consideration could they be induced to proceed further, and, therefore, terrible as was the blow to my plans, I had to turn back, trusting that I could succeed in getting a small band of faithful white men out of some whale ships, if they should happily make into Repulse Bay. Not until the fall of 1867 was I able to get the desired number of white men to accompany me, besides my Esquimaux interpreters—Joe and Hannah—as an escort or defence, while making the long delayed sledge journey to King William's Land, and even then it was only at the very last moment—that is, while the whaling vessels were weighing anchor and starting for the States—that I was successful.

The result of my taking seamen that neither I nor their captains knew much about proved as many would expect. One of the men, Frank Leifer, ever proved during the year I employed the party of five men a most faithful, hard working and energetic man, fulfilling every position in which I placed him with ability and honor. Two men of the five would, I am quite confident, have proved better men than they did had they not been ill-advised. None of the men, except noble Frank Leifer, ever accompanied me on any of my great sledge journeys. In the fall of 1868, during a mutinous attack upon me, when my faithful man was absent, about seven miles distant, on business, I was compelled, in self-defence, to call into requisition a revolver. Colsby, the leader, fell and died in fifteen days. At once the rebellion ended, and one of the band came and like a man acknowledged truly that he and his companions were altogether the guilty ones, and hoped that I would forgive him, which I did on the instant. I feel that had I not taken the last "dread alternative" my fate would have been quite as sorrowful as that of Henry Hudson.

C. F. HALL.

A Young Man Nearly Whipped to Death by Women.

[From the Baltimore Gazette, 20th.]

A case of unusual interest was heard at the western police station, yesterday, before Justice Bride. On the previous day Sergeant Cadwallader and Officer Gallagher arrested Alice, Lena and Deborah Jones, the latter the mother of the two first named, and Catharine Helen, on a charge of assaulting and attempting to kill Samuel F. Lee. Yesterday Captain Zimmerman and Sergeant Cadwallader took into custody Frank Dean, charged with being a partner in the outrage, which is alleged to have been committed at the residence of Mrs. Jones, on Grundy street. The victim to the assault, who was so badly beaten as to be almost unrecognizable, stated that he had been a sojourner at Mrs. Jones's house for some time, and on Saturday was requested to call and see them. He did so, and, while seated in the parlor in conversation with Mrs. Jones, she approached him and threw a handful of snuff into his eyes, completely blinding him. He was then seized and taken behind the door, his legs and arms tied, and cowhided by the women in an unmerciful manner; his scream for assistance being suppressed by having his mouth smothered in a pillow.

He was attacked three times successively and terribly beaten; a piece of his left arm was bitten out, and the bones of his left hand were mashed. The assault was continued unmercifully for about half an hour, and was assisted in by the two daughters and two men, and when Lee had well nigh fainted from pain, they ceased and bathed his body in cologne. During the beating, one of the daughters, Alice, removed a pistol from Lee's pocket. Lee further stated that the attack had been planned for some two weeks, and two rings were fastened to the floor with a chain passing through them, which they endeavored to secure him to, but failed. The cause assigned by Mrs. Jones for the assault was, that Mr. Lee had engaged in insulting remarks in her daughter's presence. She admitted the assault, and stated that the snuff cost ten cents, and that she thought the same sum, and that she never invested the same money to better advantage. Lee is so badly beaten that he will be confined to his bed for several days. His assailants were all arraigned before Justice Bride yesterday, and after an examination released on security for the Grand Jury.

CONFESSED A CRIME OF WHICH HE WAS NOT GUILTY.—Instances where men confess to crimes which they never committed are not infrequent. The last case is from Michigan. A wealthy farmer lost two fat hogs, which he allowed to run at large in the woods. A place was found in the vicinity where two hogs were killed and dressed, and it was naturally believed that they were the missing animals. A poor and rather shiftless fellow named Pennel was arrested on suspicion, and although there was no other proof against him beyond the general shiftlessness of his character, he was induced to plead guilty by the representation that he would be convicted any way, and if he acknowledged the crime he would get off with two or three months' imprisonment, whereas, if he pleaded not guilty, he would have to serve the State five years. But the result was quite different. He was sentenced to five years' hard labor in the State prison. His family were deprived of even his poor support; the mortgage on his house was foreclosed, and he lost all that he had paid on it, and his wife finally became sick and a pauper. After Pennel had served half his sentence, the truth in regard to the missing hogs came to light, it being simply that another man who had two hogs running in the same woods, had, by mistake for his own, killed those which Pennel had been accused of stealing."

—The engineer of the Memphis and El Paso Railroad has commenced operations at San Diego. Eppersony, president of the Memphis road, has ratified the contract with Col. Sedgwick, agent of the San Diego and Gila Railroad Company, for a consolidation of the stock lands of the two companies, on consideration of half a million dollars to the San Diego road stockholders, the latter receiving stock of the consolidated company.

Another Eccentric Englishman on His Travels.

Some time ago (says the London Daily News) we heard of an Englishman who made a bet that he would walk all the way to India, and who asked some Consul on the shores of the Black Sea for instructions as to the best road to take. A few days after wards the Consul was beset by another Englishman bent on the same errand, and eager for similar information. This was the man who took the first traveler's wager, and who was now on the track of his adversary to see that he strictly fulfilled the terms of his engagement. Now, we have the story of an "original Englishman" who has just traversed the Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, on his road to Egypt to witness the inauguration of the Suez Canal. He had made a bet that he would go from England to Egypt in his yacht without touching earth. He accordingly sailed across the Channel and up the Rhine to Mayence. Here he meant to turn up the Main till he reached the Main and Danube Canal; but the water of the river was not deep enough for his adventurous craft. Nothing daunted, however, our compatriot is said to have caused three wagons to be lashed together, and his yacht to be placed on the top of them, taking care the while never to leave the deck so as to avoid touching land.

In this manner the Main and Rhine Railway transported yacht and traveler to the town of Bamberg, much to the stupefaction of the peasants. At Bamberg the yacht was launched into the canal, which will bear it to the Danube; thence it will proceed to the Black Sea, to the Sea of Marmora, to the Archipelago, to the Mediterranean, to Suez, and, let us hope, through the canal to the Red Sea. The story is more likely to be true than that of the two Englishmen walking, one in the footsteps of the other, all the way to India; but true or not, our Continental friends think it ought to be true. The whim and the wager are supposed to be very characteristic of Englishmen. As Frenchmen bring all disputes to the test of a duel, Englishmen, it is perfectly well known, reduce all disputes to the test of a wager.

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