

## HIS OFFICIAL REPORT.

## C. F. K. Dibblee Tells The Story of His Yukon Rway Trip.

Blue Books are coming into this office thick and fast, and once in a while there is something worth culling, in them. The annual report of Railways and Canals, just to hand contains among a mass of information the report of the engineers sent to make an exploratory survey for a railway from Edmonton to the Yukon. C. F. K. Dibblee of this town was in charge of one party and his report is given. It is very complete covering some fifteen pages. Not the least interesting feature of his report is the table containing complete date of the temperature during the months of Nov., Dec., 1898 and Jan., Feb., March, April and part of May 1899.

After giving details regarding the survey (which would appear to indicate the practicality of the work) Mr. Dibblee relates an incident, which THE DISPATCH referred to much less fully in an interview held with him after his return. He says:—"We heard at a camp just below the Wicked river where a party of prospectors wintered, that a party of prospectors camped at the mouth of the Clearwater, were laid up with scurvy and needed help.

On May 10 we started at 5.25 a. m., the ice jam having broken in the night, and arrived at Clearwater Creek at 8.45, where we found affairs even worse than we had anticipated. Six men had camped here for the winter, and when we arrived one of them, Capt. Geo. W. Pontine from Sault Ste., Marie, Algoma, was dead, having died the 27th of April from scurvy, and the other five in bad helpless from the same disease. Walter Raines from same place, one of the captain's partners, was very low and so weak that he fainted every time he was moved. A. W. Ormiston from Calgary, another partner of Pontine's, also very low but a little stronger than Raines; J. S. G. Ironsides from Kingston, Ontario, very low; W. B. Moores from Kingston and G. S. Carter from McKenzie river (last three were partners). Moores and Carter were the strongest as they were the last two to succumb to the disease. It was a fearful condition for men to be in this wilderness and the hardest job of the whole expedition now confronted us. I would like to say here that my boys one and all were not only willing but eager to do all they could for these unfortunate men.

We made a coffin and buried poor Pontine near the shacks, painting his name and address and the date of his death on a head-board. The others we washed up and dressed and carried to our boats, making them as comfortable as possible. Fortunately having a boat large enough to allow plenty of room for them, we took nothing from their cache except a few pounds of pork and the clothes and bedding they required.

We reached Fort St. John at 9.30 a. m. on 18th where we were enabled to get some fruit and syrup for the sick. A medical man who happened to be here, thought the sick men, with the exception of Raines, would be able to stand the journey to Edmonton. We reached Dunvegan on Saturday, May 20, at 10 a. m., where we were able to procure some fresh beef and potatoes (nothing ever tasted so good as those potatoes); we arrived this evening at Brick Bros.' ranch about 14 miles above the cross, having sailed over 80 miles that day, notwithstanding we had a strong head wind all day, the last two days having been cold and raining some, which has been bad for the sick men, and poor Raines is perceptibly worse and has been wandering in his mind.

I made arrangements with Brick Bros. to take us over the portage from Peace river crossing to Lesser Slave Lake, and as it would take him some time to get horses down to the crossing and over the river we laid off here over Sunday.

Two clergymen of the Episcopal Mission came to our camp to see the sick, and they offered to take Raines and Ormiston off my hands and care for them until they were strong and more fit for travelling.

Monday, May 22. Poor Walter Raines died this morning at 2.30 a. m., his death was not unexpected as he had been sinking ever since we left Hudson's Hope, and for the two last days had been unconscious, we carried A. W. Ormiston to the Episcopal Mission house this morning and took the remains of Walter Raines down to the Roman Catholic Mission (he being a Roman Catholic) which is situated about 5 miles below the Protestant Mission. The priests kindly consented to bury him, we making the coffin and digging the grave."

Batter Eggs.—Beat six eggs thoroughly Melt half a cupful of butter, and add to the beaten eggs. Let the mixture get warm, remove it from the fire and stir it until the eggs and butter are thoroughly blended. Place on the fire and stir till hot, do not let it boil. Serve hot, fires pread thickly over slices of buttered toast, garnished with slices of lemon and sprigs of parsley.

A newly appointed French Mayor inaugurated his regime by a notice to the following effect.

"On the feast of our patron saint the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon."

## The War.

LONDON, May 21, 2.30 p. m.—The War office confirms the despatch announcing that Mafeking has been relieved.

LONDON, May 21, 4 p. m.—The War office has received the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

KROONSTAD, May 21.—Mahon (Colonel B. T. Mahon) reports having joined Plumer at Jamsaisda May 15. He was followed by a Boer commando from Maritzani Siding and turned westward to avoid it. May 13 he was attacked in the thick bush, losing five men killed, two missing and twenty-four wounded, including Daily Mail Correspondent Hands, dangerously. The Boers lost more than Mahon in killed and wounded.

"Another report has been received from Baden-Powell, dated May 13, giving important news. Before dawn May 13 a storming party 250 strong, personally led by Eloff, rushed the pickets and reached the Staat and protectorate camp from the westward along the Malappo valley, a strong musketry demonstration being made at the same time along the eastern front of our position. Our western posts closed in and stopped the Boer supports following, thus cutting off Eloff's retreat, while the town defences stopped his further advance. His force got divided in the darkness, and a strong party was placed between them, completely surrounding them. Fighting continued all day long. Soon after nightfall the two parties surrendered, and the other was driven out of the Staat under a heavy fire. Ten dead and nineteen wounded of the enemy were left behind and 108 prisoners were taken, including Eloff and nine officers. Seventeen Frenchmen and many Germans were among the prisoners. Our losses were six men killed and two officers and nine men wounded."

## GENERAL IAN HAMILTON.

## The Record of the Man of the Hour.

To every man who knows the records of the British army, the fact that Major-General Ian Hamilton is bearing the brunt of the present fighting will give a sense of supreme confidence.

Ian Standish Monteith Hamilton—let the name be given in full, for every word of it tells of a noble family history—is a soldier's son. He was born in a fortress forty-seven years ago, and brackyard and troopship, shifting regiments and threats of war, were among his earliest childhood's recollections.

Educated at Wellington College, he obtained his commission in the old 12th Foot, but soon was transferred to the Gordon Highlanders. There was much in a regiment to attract a "lad o' pairts," and Lieutenant Hamilton had not long to wait for his first taste of battle. In 1879 the Gordons were ordered to take part in the Afghan war. Hamilton was twice mentioned in the despatches for his conspicuous services, and came away with a medal and two clasps.

From the long struggle in the Central Asian hills to the Boer campaign in South Africa must at first have seemed a holiday to the Gordons.

Everyone has heard the tale of the great night march of 600 men to the very summit of the hill of Majuba. In that march Ian Hamilton took his share with three companies of his regiment. The Highlanders had newly arrived, and had been hurried up to the front. They were keen to be the first in the great victory.

Ian Hamilton was one of the earliest to scent danger. He was posted with his men on the northern face of the hill, and it is said that he went to Colley and implored him to surround the hill with outposts. But this was not done. Then when the Boers came up and the fears proved too well founded, he asked for leave to charge, but leave was withheld. He saw Boers taking cover, and tried with twenty or thirty of his men to bring an effective fire to bear on them. In the hour of panic he and his lads bravely and stubbornly held their ground. He was severely wounded and narrowly escaped death.

That battle had one great effect on the young officer's mind. It made him a fanatic on one question. He saw that our soldiers were defeated because they could not shoot, and he resolved to devote himself to improving the shooting of the army. He has well done this. In 1898 he was appointed commandant of the School of Musketry at Hythe. He has introduced many valuable improvements into the drill and methods of instruction in both India and at home.

In 1882 Captain Hamilton went back to India, and became aide-de-camp to General Roberts. He found his chief as keen on the great shooting question as he was. General Roberts encouraged rifle meetings, and took to rifle shooting himself, as did Captain Hamilton, and other officers of the personal staff. The captain took part in the Nile expedition of 1884-5, where he again earned the coveted mention in the despatches and the brevet rank of lieutenant-general. Then at the special request of General Roberts he took over the charge of musketry training for the whole Indian army.

In the Chitral and Tirah expeditions Colonel Hamilton took conspicuous parts. In both he was mentioned in the despatches, and he was decorated for his work in Bur-

mah and Chitral. He received the Distinguished Service Order in 1891, and was made Commander of the Bath after Chitral. Such a list of honours falls to few men. In the South African campaign he has already proved that he retains to the full his old qualities of caution, coolness, daring. At Nicholson's nek, his force was so skillfully placed under shelter that the Boers never discovered its whereabouts. He commanded the infantry Brigade at Elandslaagte and there recommended for the Victoria Cross for bravery on the field. And in the dark days that followed in Natal General Hamilton showed the way to stern endurance.

General Hamilton is in perfect accord with his chief, Lord Roberts. We know that our task is in the hands of a worthy soldier, and that he will do all man can do to bring the victory for which all England prays.

## Smoking Stunts the Growth of Boys.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be upon the advisability of smoking for men, there is none as to its pernicious effect upon boys. It affects the action of the heart and reduces the capacity of the lungs. Young men who are being trained for athletics are not permitted to smoke by their trainers because, as they say, "It is bad for the wind." The argument that will appeal most forcibly to your boy is that smoking will stunt his growth. It has been proved that youthful smokers are shorter and weigh less than their comrades who do not smoke. Cigarettes are particularly injurious. Nicotine, the active principle of tobacco, is said by chemists to be, next to prussic acid, the most rapidly fatal poison known. The tender tissues of a growing boy cannot absorb even a very small quantity of it without most injurious results.—Februry Ladies' Home Journal.

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