CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

(Continued from page 4.) to go east to Fort Assiniboine, on the Athabaska; and 3rd, to go southeast to Jasper House, ended in the adoption of the latter, and the following day, finding the river turned still more to the north, orders were given to camp early, and a suitable place chosen to

thing that could possibly be spared. The party struggled on until March 5th, when a day's rest in camp was taken, and then Jarvis set out for Jasper, taking along Alec's train with m, the other sleds and harness being cached. Each man was to carry his own blankets and share of the provisions, while the salmon were made into little packs and divided among the dogs, who would surely be able to carry these small loads (not more than 15

build a cache in which to leave every-

pounds apiece).

The following day the party started a couple of hours before sunrise, and going a couple of miles down the smoky River turned off to the south. After striking further signs of old camps and old trails, the engineers be-

Heved they were approaching the At-

habaska and plucked up heart. the blazes (which they had been following), at first easy to follow, bebefore night. When the orders to camp amp. On my return I found the Inians in a mournful state of despair, declaring they were lost and would never see their homes again, and weeping bitterly. It took a great deal of persuasion to set them on their legs again, and had there been any possibility of an unwillingness, or rather inability to their running away there is but little push one snowshoe in front of the othdoubt that their fears were so worked er after lifting it up; this gave us the upon that they would soon have availed themselves of it. But they knew that their only chance of coming through safely lay in remaining with the party, and they submitted to our arguments. though we found it somewhat difficult to use persuasive elequence when we straps on the shoulders also added to meeting adopted, Bills paid: \$100 .were not quite sure of the soundness our discomforts. A couple of rabbits 50, Dr. M. Tovells, M.O.H., serof our own reasoning."

dispelled the mist, and from an elevat. were travelling, Alec caught sight of a, to him, well-known feature in the landscape, the 'Roche à Miette,' whose peculiar and distinct profile was plainly risible about 25 miles south of us. This mountain is apposite Jasper House, at the eastern end of the Yellowhead Pass, and the sight of it was an immense relief to the minds of the leaders of the party, since it was from the Hudson's Bay Company's post there that we expected shelter and supplies the latter having now reached very small proportions. The packs were thrown off in the snow, and we took long rest and smoke-the feeling of security after the anxieties of the past month was too pleasant to be rudely disturbed, and even the stolid countenances of the Indians lighted up at the thought of a good feed and a respite from their incessant labors.

"But after supper that night Alec was seen stealing away quietly from the camp, and being closely questioned on his return, admitted that he he had gone to take another look at the 'Roche' by moonlight, to assure himself that he had not been mistaken, alarmed us, and the evening did not pass as cheerfully as it began. One hing was very evident, if it was not the Roche & Miette and the Athabaska

ng. But we slept well, nevertheless, for he clear bracing air, plain (not to say seagre) diet and constant hard exerise ensured that."

Three miles from camp next morning found the party on the benches everlooking the long-sought river, and then "it became a perfect scamper who hould reach it first-mal de raquette was forgotten and the half-starved dogs staggering along after their masul servant dropped in his traces a few ng the river for a couple of miles, the arty reached Lac à Brule where the was almost glare, and travelled hout snowshoes for the first time in bree and a half months. Eight miles this take brought them to Fiddle liver Depot (built by Mr. Moberley) here they were cordially received by e Iroquois Indians camped there. sefore us disappeared in quick order," "and Alec brought some barley from war the Company's post as Jasper louse was abandoned."

What was now to be done? Lake St. Ann's, the nearest post we Fort and set "their faces towards the \$4; road No. 2, Freeman Mill Road, many presents, a beautiful French, cess. A cantata was given by the of sapphires, to the groomsman to be in a tight place. But a long and the opportune display of a little money, raised the 'aura sacre fames' such a pitch that early next morn-

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ing, by collecting from the various ing signs of giving out, the party had lodges round, we scraped together to continue the journey afoot, the anisome sixty pounds of dried deer meat; mals having to be spared for use in the and as there was no immediate pros- carts. But, wearing only moccasins,

for the day." and dividing the supplies amongst the the time we had accomplished fifty party, the explorers set out from Jas- more, we were so footsore we were per for Edmonton, following Lac a glad to avail ourselves of a seat in the Brule and the Athabaska to the line cart for half an hour when the halfrun two years earlier by Mr. Moberley, starved horses seemed /in a livelier where they marched nearly due east to mood than usual."

ed Macleod Portage, the last view of mouth of the Qu'Appelle River, crossthe Rockies was obtained," the narra- ing over to Fort Ellice next morningwas bounded by the lofty crests and the Assiniboine River and got past snowy peaks of the 'backbone of the Shoal Lake before camping time. Porthan ever by the rosy hues of the ris- and on May 21st the weary travellers interesting to us as we left them in the and a half months on their trip.

met the Hudson's Bay outfit going to alcade going westward; it consisted of Jasper House to trade with the In- Mr. McLeod and his two survey pardians there, and from them secured a ties, just starting for Edmonton and little tea and a few pounds of pemmi- the Rocky Mountains, and their shincan to recruit their scanty store. "But ing boots, glittering spurs and well our pleasure at having their track to groomed horses contrasted with our travel on and thus save our weary legs, battered and weather-worn appearanwas dashed by learning them to be ce. But we could afford to suffer by eleven days out from Lake St. Ann. A the comparison; they would soon be careful division of provisions that even just as ragged as we were, and all their ing gave us four days more, or perhaps troubles were before them, while we came indistinct and were finally lost five, if we could manage with less than were just reaching the goal, pushed a pound apiece each day; and we did forward to over many a weary mile of! were given Hanington and I started not like the thoughts of what we were mountain and plain, and could take our off in different directions to look for But there was nothing for it but to iousness of having fulfilled the task alpush on and hope for the best, so we lotted to us, and earned the approbafollowed the track two days on down tion of him we are proud to acknowlthe Macleod, afterwards striking due edge our chief." east to Dirt Lake." "A curious sense of numbness now

began to take hold of our limbs, with appearance occasionally of 'marking time' and would no doubt have been amusing to a well-fed bystander; but to us it was no laughing matter. Frequent cramps in the hands, caused pro- at 1.30 p.m. Councillor Knight abbably by the pressure of the pack- sent through illness. Minutes of last opportunely appearing near camp gave vices; \$47, John Martin, job on Several days later, "the rising sun us an apology for breakfast; and the road; \$2.50, M. Redden, placing and evening of the third day after, we rea- hauling tile; \$9.75, H. W. Guess, ed and burned hillside, on which we ched the Hudson's Bay post at Lake plank for Portland Boundary; \$4, Ste. Ann. The intervening time was Kenneth Jacquith, sanitary inspectspent in a sort of mechanical progress for nobody seemed to have any distinct ideas, except on the subject of looseness in the region of the waist-

> At Lake St. Ann the party were warmly welcomed and given a good meal of whitefish and potatoes-"and vember; \$58.20, Frank Anglin, putafter the manner of starving men in general, we ate a good deal more than was good for us," Jarvis naively adds.

> From Lake St. Ann progress was easier and more rapid. Horses were furnished and the party made the journey to Fort Edmonton in a day and a keep of Mary Drader; \$89, Sawyer half, and there securing further horses & Massey Co., repairs for waggons and sleds, took charge of a "packet" and crusher; - \$9, David Walker, of mail for Fort Garry, starting east opening cemetery road; \$198.09, on April 7. The horses were poor, County treasurer, tile account 1924; "as was the case with the stock both \$7.50, Sam Babcock, work on New of the company and the surrounding Road fence; \$7.50 Wilson Knapp. farmers, owing to the insufficiency of work on New Road fence; \$139.32, last year's hay crop and the lateneses British Whig Pub. Co., printing acof this spring-many horses and cattle | count; \$110, P. J. Guess, amusehaving starved to death," but the ment hall license for township hall eighty mile journey to Victoria Mis- and affidavits on monthly returns; sion was made in four days, remaining \$3, William Johnston, repairs to there for two days for further rest. bridge; \$22, H. J. Knight, burial of Then they decided to change to carts infants for Nelles & Scott; \$6.40, H. at Fort Pitt, using in the meantime L. Bauder, repairs to road near Despacksaddles brought for this purpose ert Lake; \$12, C. Knowlton, quartfrom Edmonton, and started down the er salary as caretaker of township Saskatchewan on the ice.

new difficulties when they attempted George Walsworth, salary as school to hitch unbroken horses to carts for attendance officer; \$4 R. G. Guess. further travel. Drifts were plentiful selector of jurors; \$2 Wm. Guthrie. and progress was slow; rivers had to selector of jurors; \$2, R. J. McFadbe forded, often by the expedient of den, selector of jurors. next 167 miles to Fort Carlton required cepted by the council. The account fly. here, on April 29 the party found the inery was accepted by the county left on Saturday for Inverary, to river in flood, but by shouting and treasurer and payment received by spend Christmas with her brother. boat push out, and skillfully avoiding \$72.08 was thrown out, as this per- cert, held by the teacher and the river to commence ferrying the ship, the clerk to notify the parties a decided success.

Three days later the party again sec. ured fresh horses after great difficulty, arvis writes, "and after this good Prince Albert's mission, fifty miles of Walker and Hagerman, the clerk was well remembered. There were day afternoon at the house. down the river; the country being reported burnt from here to Ellice, and

ald depend upon, with only two rising sun." The south branch of the Saskatchewan was reached the same \$4: road No. 4, Railton and Syden- livering geese around to his cust- the superintendent were each prefours ferrying their belongings across from Anglican rectory, \$2; road No. sold 200 lbs at 18c per lb. Mr. and All are looking forward to attending forward crucifix on its summit, said to have No. 1 A and B, town hall, H. F. Storms, leave on Wednesday, for lighted and operated by Mr. been placed there by a worthy bishop MacNamara and C. S. Woodruff; No. | Kingston, to spend the holidays Thompson of the lead mines, Mrs. who spect Sunday at its foot. Not far 2, George Harker's House, George with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall Bromwich, Mrs. H. Shales, Mrs. E. from here a road branches off to the Harker; No. 3, W. B. Spatford's at the Marshall home. south west, crossing the south branch House, W. B. Spatford; No. 4, Orabove where we did, and here we met ange Hall, Perth Road, Wm. Ennis: with the first appearance of civilized No. 6, James Boyle's house, James we are thankful. A good prospect mond is home from Ottaws. Miss

GABRIEL'S CROSSING

Traverse de Gabriel Dumont." which Jarvis says "was especially in-teresting, but we took it for granted that those for whom it was intended can make more out of it than we could, so we went our way and reached Touch sea with wireless and when they cle, Frank Bieber, thence to the R. Pine Shade Cottage, North Sher-

At this post one of the tired horses insurance of pedestrians ought to services the cortege proceeded to ners, officiating. was left, and as the others were show- drop.

pect of starvation, a halt was ordered the unaccustomed exercise began to tell upon the members of the party at Leaving their dogs with the Indians the end of a hundred miles, "and by

the Macleod river. "From what is call- On the 14th the party camped at the tive continues. "A panorama of im- ten days making the 316 miles from mense extent lay at our feet, and the Fort Carlton. After an attempt to sechorizon for a distance of fifty miles ure fresh horses the travellers crossed continest' rendered more beautiful tage la Prairie was passed on the 19th ing sun, and becoming more and more entered Winnipeg, having been five

"At White Horse Plain," says Jar-Then, shortly afterwards the party vis in conclusion, "we met a pay cav-

Township Councils

Sydenham, Dec. 15.—Council met or; \$2.50, W. H. Davey, preparing two sign boards, Portland Boundary; \$2.50, A. J. Young, galvinized iron for crusher; \$3, Bert Kemp, work on Portland Boundary; \$29.50 Frank Anglin, street lights for Noting in new lights, lumber and repairs to lights; \$5, S. J. Deyo, work on Desert Lake Road; \$5, D. W. Lake, stamps for cheques; \$15, D, W. Lake, premium for collector's bond; \$74.68, House of Refuge,

Boyle; No. 5, H. L. Bauder's house. H. L. Bauder. The following sched- one sick person to make mention of ing the Christmas holidays at their ule of pay for booths, D.R.O. and Mrs. Birdsell, not much improved. homes. 1s. 6d. poli clerks was adopted: Booths. 2s. 0 \$4; D.R.O., \$4; clerks, \$2.50, the D.R.O. in each case to deliver his own ballot box to and from polling | neral of the little Weiss brothers, | wedding was held at "The Pines," Then followed some Indian symbols, places. Council adjourned sine die. | Charles and Anthony, aged ten and the home of Mr. and Mrs. William

wood Hill Post on the evening of the learn to guide motor cars on land C. Church where mass was celebrat- brooke, Rev. Mr. Little, Presbytethat way the rates on the accident ed by Rev. Fr. Piche, After the rylan minister of McDonald's Cor-

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PLENTY OF ENJOYMENT.

The journey was anything but plea- Salaries paid: \$50, Wm. Guthrie, its family gatherings are the order Wilfrid Jeannerett. sant and comfortable, according to reeve; \$50, M. W. Spafford, coun- of the day. Home comers are on the The peaceful, innocent

making rafts of tarpaulins lashed ac- The account of \$208 for gravel Rev. Mr. McKenzie left for his ross the wheels of the carts, in order furnished for private purposes was home in Montreal, on Monday 22nd, that streams might be crossed. The turned in by the overseer and ac- to spend the Yuletide with his fam-

Mrs. Lorne Stonnes and children

who took part in the cantata, spent | the 22nd. By-law No. 46B, appointing D.R. the day at K. M. Storms. Mrs. Spercy | Many are enjoying the fine skat-O's, and polling places as follows: Shibley and her brother, Bunkie ing on Indian Lake rink, which is

Held A Double Funeral -ROSS G. GUESS, eight years, who were drowned in John Crain, when their youngest Clerk. the Mississippi River. Ardoch, on daughter, Vera Mae, was united in Wednesday, Dec. 17th, took place matrimony to Donald Gilbert, eldest They are able to guide ships at today from the home of their un- son of Alexander A. Fergusson, of

ners and a host of sympathizers. The pall-bearers were: the deceas-For The Fine People In The Wilton ed's brother, Joseph Weiss; cousin, George Weiss, also Joseph and Wilton, Dec. 22.-Christmas, and Howard Hermer, Walter Myers and

Jarvis' report. Rivers and creeks were cillor; \$50, H. J. Knight, council- way, some have arrived. The differ- nances of the two little Boys in breaking up, and frequently the horses lor; \$50, T. H. Hagerman, coun- ent churches were giving their double white casket was inhad to be induced to swim rivers at cillor; \$50, James Walker, coun- Christmas music on Sunday. The deed a scene of grief and sorrow, flood tide. To reach Fort Pitt 122 miles eillor; \$210, B. G. Guess, salary as choirs, Presbyterian and Methodist and the surviving parents, Mr. and from Victoria, required six and a half clerk and postage; \$150, D. W. united and gave a cantata, about Mrs. Joseph Weiss, brother, Joseph days, and there the party experienced Lake, salary as treasurer; \$75, twenty-five voices, in the morning aged twelve, and sister, Josephine, and evening services. The music aged six, have the sympathy of the was much appreciated. Rev. Mr. entire community. Brs. J. Summers. Dixon led in the morning service, Kitchener, also Mrs. Grace Myers, Rev. Mr. McKenzie in the evening Detroit, were present for the fun-

DEATH OF MRS. J. SILVER.

She Suffered A Stroke—Fine Enter-

Perth Road, Dec. 23.—Early \$22.50 was thrown out. On motion well loaded tree, and Miss Anglin The funeral will be held Wednes- trimmed with bugle beads. John Irene, Almonte,

was instructed to procure sufficient loads of people who attended the The weather continues very cold the groom, was groomsman. 12 inch tile for Wallace Spafford's Lapum's school concert from "I- and has strengthened the ice on the The groom's gift to the bride a pleasant evening Mr. and Mrs. driveway. By-law No. 45B was ton. Miss Keitha Babcock is the Christmas entertain- was a white gold bar pin with a Ferguson left, amidst the showers amended to read: Road No. 1 Wm. teacher. All report a splendid time. ment held at Wilmur church on diamond setting, to the bridesmaid of confetti and good wishes of all. Johnston's corner to A. Whaley's, Miss Babcock received among the Friday evening was a decided suc- a sterling silver barpin with settings motoring to Pine Shade Cottage. \$5; road No. 3, Desert Lake road, Ivory clock. John Hymers was de- school. Rev. W. W. Bromwich and gold cuff links.

> The Wilton people are all en- | ise Shales and Elwood Shales spent joying the best of health for which Tuesday in the city. Miss B. Rayfor turkey and goose luncheon, only Stone and Miss Weegar are spend-

Ardoch, Dec. 20 .- The double fu- Clarendon, Dec. 17 .- A pretty

the cometery, followed by the mour- The bride, given away by her ta-

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gesticulating were able to attract the the township treasurer. The account Blewood Thompson. Her daughter Tuesday morning, Dec. 23rd, Mrs. ther, was gowned in a becoming dred guests sitting down to a dainty attention of those in the fort and had of the House of Refuge for the keep Lia expects to attend the K. C. I. af- John Silver passed to rest after a dress of grey satin creps. Her beau- repast. Those from a distance the satisfaction of seeing a Mackinaw of Jos. Parker to the amount of ter the holidays. The school con- short illness. Death was due to a tiful auburn hair was held in place were William Conboy, Olden, uncle paralytic stroke. Mrs. Silver was by a bandeau of rhinestones and of the groom; Mrs. Harold Crain. the floating bergs, make its way across son has never belonged to this town- scholars, on Friday afternoon, was a Methodist and much respected by sapphires. Se carried a bouquet Lonsdale; Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty those who knew her. Besides her of begonias and geraniums. Miss and son, Clarence, Brantford; Mr. concerned. Also the account of Much credit is due Miss Anglin husband she leaves two daughters, Barbara Donnelly was bridesmaid and Mrs. Findley McLean and son, Theresa Morey, Desert Lake, re our popular teacher. The scholars | Mrs. Varley Smith of Maple Leaf, and was dressed in a beautiful ho- Hyllard, McDonald's Corners, Mas-Toronto General Hospital, for were all treated by Santa from a and Mrs. Andrew Lawson, Burges, ney-dew satin de chene dress, ter Milford Chambers and sister.

> Robertson Fergusson, brother of They received a great variety of costly and useful presents. After

afternoon, and the party spent four ham road, \$5; road No. 5. Westerley omers on Wednesday. Mr. Hymers sented with a fine Christmas goose. navy blue gaberdine, her hat grey realize from their investments in the from Anglican rectory, \$2; road No. | sold 200 lbs at 18c per lb. Mr. and All are looking forward to attend- plush. After the ceremony they get-rich-quick schemes is that they

THE WHIG'S ZOO

THE little Capybara is As queer as he can be He is the larger man de He I TOTAL PRODUCT BETTER ere takes and rivers are.