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SUMMER AT THE KLONDIKE

An official statement issued from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa sets forth that in those parts of the Yukon District which are now attracting the attention of the civilized world, owing to the richness of their gold deposits, the summer climate is too cold to admit of much being done in the way of growing grain, fodder plants or vegetables. From particulars obtained from the meteorological records for the seasons of 1895 and 1896 in the recent report of Mr. W. M. Ogilvie, it is found that in August 1895 the thermometer recorded 32° F. and below 5 times, and 40° and below 9 times. In September, 1895, it was at 32° and below 18 times, and 29 times it was at 40° and below. That in May 1896 the thermometer was at and below 32° F. eighteen times, and on the 1st 2nd and 3rd of the month it was 5° above zero. It was at 60° and above only five times during that month, the highest point being reached on the 18th and 23rd, when the thermometer recorded 62° F. The temperature during a large part of this month ranged from 32° to 50° F. The rivers broke up from the 11th to the 17th of May and ran thickly with ice until about the 23rd, after which they were navigable. It snowed on one day and rained on four days that month.

In June 1896 the thermometer was four times at and below 32° F. and 17 times at and below 40° and ranged the greater part of the day time from 40° to 60°. Seven times during this month the temperature went above 70°, and once only, on the 30th of the month, it reached 80°. It rained on 12 days that month.

In July 1896 the hottest days were the 1st and 2nd, when a temperature of 81° was recorded. During the greater part of the month the temperature ranged from 49° to 70°; it was at 40° and below 9° times and the lowest temperature was 33° on the 27th. It rained on three days on that month.

In August 1896 the highest temperature was 76° F. on the 15th, and seven times the thermometer recorded a temperature above 70°; twice it recorded 32° and below and 13 times 40° and below. The lowest temperature was on the 31st, when the thermometer registered 27° F. It rained on eight days during August.

In September the possibilities for the growth of vegetation were very limited. Eight times the temperature ranged from 32° down to 4.8° and 23 times it was at 40° degrees and below, the highest point reached being 63°, which was on the 17th. Only eight times during September was the thermometer above 60°. During the greater part of the month it ranged during the day from 40° to 60° F.

The records given of the summer temperature at Fort Constantine, Cudahy, latitude 74° N, longitude 140° W, for 1896, agree closely with those of Mr. Ogilvie. The mean temperature of June 1896 was 53.4° F., the last frost being recorded on the 7th. The mean of July was 57.2°; August, 52.5°; F. In September it was only 43.3°, and winter set in on September 27th, 1896. The mean temperature and lowest points recorded for the winter months were as follows:—October, 1896 mean 26°; zero was first touched on the 5th, November, 1896, mean temperature 5.5°; lowest, 38 below zero. December, mean 17.5° below zero. January, 1896, mean 32° below zero. February mean 23.5° below zero; and the mean temperature for March was 7.5° above zero and that for April 10.5°. Between December 19th, 1895, and February 6th, 1896, it never rose above zero, the lowest reading being below zero—was taken January 6th, 1896, on 24 days during the winter. The temperature was at and below zero on 27th, and below 50° below zero.

The summer season of 1897, as far as mean temperature was warmer than 1896, the temperature of May being 40.5°; June, 58°, the lowest point that month 37°, on the 5th, 6th, 13th and 14th; and the highest, 86°, on the 21st. Temperatures as high as 90° were observed in the shade in July, but that is said to have been an exceptionally warm and dry month.

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MARCH MAGAZINES. An entirely new and remarkable phase of Walter A. Wickoff's experiences as a day laborer is begun in the March Scribner's with "The Workers—The West." A certain idyllic quality was never far distant from even his most sordid experiences in the rural regions, which made the first division of serial feature of the year. But in this new experiment he plunges into the "heart of a congested labor market"—Chicago, before the Worlds Fair. Here he learned what it was to look for work and fail to find it under the spur of hunger and cold. His narrative differs from all previous accounts of the slums and slumming because he actually lived the life for months on the same conditions as the poorest. He raised himself from the vagabond class by the only door that is open to them—the door of labor. He entered into their organizations, labor unions, socialist meetings, and anarchist societies. He does not believe that we are on the eve of a "Social Revolution," and this narrative will be the best answer to alarmists. It is not an economic discussion, however, but an absorbing—often dramatic and pathetic—account of actual people and experiences. These are facts of life presented with amazing literary skill. In W. R. Leigh the series has found an ideal illustrator. He has the same fidelity to reality in his art that characterizes Mr. Wickoff's writing. And he is a master in composition. These illustrations were made on the spot, and the author put the artist in touch with the real scenes of his adventures. Chicago will be the setting of the narrative for the next four or five chapters. A phase of the labor question in the West is humorously treated in a short story by Octave Thane—"The Moment of Clear Vision"—which turns upon the harmless kidnapping of an agitator. From illustrates it "Red Rock"—Thomas Nelson Page's novel of Reconstruction—reaches in this installment the beginning of the iniquitous reign of the Provost Marshal.

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