

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

was spent in obtaining provisions for the winter camp. On February 20, Mr. Stefansson, accompanied by Dr. R. M. Anderson and Mr. Thomson, started on an ice trip north. They journeyed along the coast of Banks Land to Alfred Point, and thence on to the ice in a general northerly direction. Early in May the ice drift carried them in an easterly direction and they were obliged to land on the west coast of Prince Patrick Island in N. lat. 76. They followed the coast north taking observations and making careful surveys as they proceeded. Upon the islands north of Prince Patrick Island they discovered the records of the McClintock Expedition of 1854. From these islands they journeyed across the ice to the north until June 18 when land, not shown on any chart, was sighted. The shores of the new land were reached at N. lat. 77°43', W. long. 115°43', and it was claimed as a part of the British Empire. From a point twenty miles inland and 2,000 feet above the sea level, observations taken showed that the land was mountainous, some of the peaks appearing 50 miles distant. A careful investigation for a distance of 20 miles to the west was made, and observations were taken from high points. Mountains, appearing blue in the distance, were seen. The eastern and western extremities of the land were not located. The coast line examined runs N. of N.W. Game was found to be plentiful, seals, caribou, wolves, foxes, lemmings, geese and many other varieties of Arctic animals having been seen. Owing to the lateness of the season, the party were obliged to return to Cape Kellett. They set out on June 22, following the east coast of Prince Patrick Island, and arrived at Kellett on August 8, 1915. Mr. Stefansson proceeded from Kellett to Herschel Island, from which point reports of operations of the northern division were forwarded to the Department of the Naval Service. He then returned to Kellett to prepare for the coming season's operations. During the season of 1915-16, Mr. Stefansson has continued to explore Beaufort Sea with Kellett as a base.

Obituary.—Jan. 9. The Hon. George A. Clare, M.P. for Waterloo South, Ont. Captain Denzill O. C. Newton, M.V.O., Princess Patricia's Light Infantry Battalion, formerly Aide-de-Camp to Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada (killed in action). Jan. 17. Major Z. T. Wood, Assistant Commissioner, Royal Northwest Mounted Police. Feb. 8. Sir François Langelier, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec. Mar. 9. James W. Richards, M.P. for Prince, P.E.I. Mar. 10. William Himsforth, Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue; The Hon. Samuel Barker, M.P. for Hamilton, Ont. Mar. 20. Lt.-Col. F. D. Farquhar, D.S.O., Officer commanding the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion, formerly Military Secretary to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada (killed in action). June 3. The Hon. Siméon Beaudin, Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec. July 22. Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., formerly Engineer in Chief, Canadian Pacific Railway (aged 88). Aug. 8. The Hon. Honoré Hippolyte Achille Gervais, Judge of the Court of King's Bench. Sept. 8. The Hon. Sir Charles Eugène Boucher de Boucherville, K.C.M.G. (aged 94). Sept. 11. Sir William Van Horne, former President and Ex-Chairman of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Nov. 8. The Hon. W. Mackay, M.D., Cape Breton, N.S. Nov.