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CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPLORATION
Twenty-three Scarce Arctic Titles

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1. AMUNDSEN, ROALD. The North West Passage Being the Record of a Voyage of Exploration of the Ship Gjoa 1903-1907. With a Supplement By First Lieutenant Hansen Vice-Commander of the Expedition. London, Archibald Constable and Company, Limited, 1908. Two volumes. First edition in English. \$2,450

Large, thick 8vo; Vol. I: frontis. portrait, pp. xiii, [1] (Blank), 335 (1), 69 photographic plates and one folding map; Vol. II: pp. ix, [1] (Blank, 397, (1), 71 photographic plates and one large, folding, coloured map; neat memorial bookplate on front paste-down of each volume; original decorated cloth bindings, t.e.g., others uncut and unopened; printed on fine, heavy, paper; a complete copy in unusually fine condition, published a few months after the first [Norwegian] edition.

Arctic Biblio. 402. "Narrative of the Norwegian arctic expedition of seven led by Amundsen in the Gjoa, 1903-1906, with the purpose of navigating the Northwest Passage and investigating magnetic conditions in the region of the North Magnetic Pole. Contains descriptions of the voyage to the Canadian Arctic, the wintering at Gjoa Haven on King William Island, 1903-1904 and 1904-1905, the magnetic work, the Eskimos, boat and sledge trips, the passage through the straits, ... with remarks throughout on equipment, food, hunting, travel and weather conditions." (Arctic Biblio. 400) This was, in fact, the first successful navigation of the treacherous stretch between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

2. BACK, Capt. [GEORGE.] Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition to the Mouth of the Great Fish River, and Along the Shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the Years 1833, 1834, and 1835. London, John Murray, 1836. First edition. \$1,500

8vo; pp. x, f (Directions to the Binder), pp. 663, (1); one folding engraved map; seven lithographed plates and nine engraved plates; eight wood-engraved illustrations in the text; later quarter-calf and marbled paper over boards; marbled fore-edges; faint small blind-emboss at corner of title-page; usual light transference from frontispiece to title; otherwise a fine, clean copy.

Sabin 2613; (14 plates only); WCB 58b:2; Field 63; TPL 1873; Graff 130; Arctic Biblio. 851; Lande 935; Streeter VI 3704: "A fundamental source of information about Indian life along the route of the Arctic expedition." The author discusses in some detail the dealings with the Indian tribes which his men met along the way, and their dependency upon these natives, especially during the winter. It was on this expedition of 7,500 miles that Back discovered and named Montreal Island, after the city which had given him such a tumultuous farewell.

- 3. BARROW, JOHN.** A Chronological History of Voyages into the Arctic Regions, undertaken chiefly for the purpose of Discovering a North-East, North-West, or Polar Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific: from the earliest periods of Scandinavian navigation, to the departure of the recent expedition, under the orders of Captains Ross and Buchan. London, John Murray, 1818. First edition. \$1,350

8vo; pp [6], 379, [1], 48 (Appendix); three engraved illustrations included in the pagination; one folding map. Contemporary half-calf and marbled paper over boards; spine gilt-lettered and ornately gilt-decorated; a fine copy.

TPL 4846; Lada-Mocarski 76; not in the Arctic Biblio. Sabin 3660: "An elaborate work, written while the author was Secretary to the Admiralty, with full command of the needful materials." His object was to present a succinct, knowledgeable list of explorations in the Arctic regions and to put into perspective the relative importance of the various voyages. The importance and influence of Barrow himself in the exploration of the Arctic is obvious from the number of areas named after him in those regions.

- 4. ELLIS, HENRY.** A Voyage to Hudson's-Bay, by the Dobbs Galley and California, In the Years 1746 and 1747, for Discovering a North West Passage: with an Accurate Survey of the Coast, and a short Natural History of the Country. Together with a fair View of the Facts and Arguments from which the future finding of such a Passage is rendered probable. To which is prefixed, An Historical Account of the Attempts hitherto made for the finding a Passage that Way to the East-Indies. Illustrated with proper Cuts, and a new and correct Chart of Hudson's-Bay, with the Countries adjacent. London, H. Whitridge, 1748. First edition. \$2,000

8vo; pp. xxviii, 96, [89]-[96], 97-336; extra signature [G] inserted between signatures G and H; one folding map; nine engraved plates (five folding); full tree calf, minimally rubbed; tiny worm trace at lower corner of map margin and leaves of the Preface, not affecting any text; small (2 cm) stain at head of spine; a very good and clean copy, printed on heavy paper.

TPL 207; Lande 1611; Sabin 22312; Hill, p. 94; JCB 875; NMM I: 798; Streeter Sale VI: 3642. Ellis joined this expedition, consisting of the vessels Dobbs and California, which left Gravesend in May, 1746 under Captains Moor and Smith. They stopped at Yarmouth and then crossed the ocean; passing through Hudson's Straits they were finally forced by bad weather to winter in Hayes River, about three miles above Fort York. In the spring of 1747, when the ice broke up, they reprovisioned at the Fort and started on their way; owing to some ill-feeling between the two captains their efforts were not co-ordinated and they ended up duplicating each other's discoveries and investigations. The results of the expedition were limited, but they did put an end to the theory that the North West Passage lay through Hudson's Bay. The ships returned to England in 1747, and Ellis published this work the following year. Later, whether in acknowledgement of his work or because of family connections, he was appointed governor of Georgia (1757-60) in which position he served very successfully; he was then appointed governor of Nova Scotia, but although he held the title from 1761-63 he never came back to North America and was governor in name only.

"La Californie n'est pas une isle, mais une presqu'île"

5. **ENGEL, [SAMUEL] (1702-1784).** Extraits Raisonnés des Voyages faits dans les parties septentrionales de l'Asie et de l'Amérique ou nouvelles preuves de la possibilité d'un passage aux Indes par le Nord démontré par M. Engel ... Lausanne, Jules Henri Pott et Comp., 1779. \$12,500

4to; f, pp. xxiv, 268; two large, folding, engraved maps on heavy paper; half-page copper-engraving on first page of Dedication and title-vignette; original paper wrappers with printer's waste; later paper backstrip; some light age-browning, and text little loose in binding; overall, a very good, very large, uncut copy.

Cowan, p .195; Howes E149; Sabin 22569; Lada-Mocarski 18. Engel was a librarian, agriculturist and geographer, and author of several works on geography and economics. He was interested in geographical explorations and discoveries, particularly those dealing with the polar regions, and examined critically the maps and atlases of the leading cartographers of his day. "A valuable part of Engel's present work is his rejection of the persistent belief held by many of his contemporary geographers and cartographers that California was an island." He states unequivocally on p. 176 that "La Californie n'est pas une isle, mais une presqu'île" ("California is not an island but a peninsula".) In addition, he was fascinated by the relationship of the coasts of Asia and northwest America, and a large part of this work is dedicated to ascertaining the possibility of a northeast passage by the Arctic route. The two large, folding maps are especially noteworthy; the first is of the North American continent and is rich in coastal and inland detail, and the second illustrates the Arctic regions with smaller inset maps of California, etc. The work was first published in 1765 as "Mémoires et Observations Géographiques"; this is the second French edition, comprising re-issued sheets of the 1765 edition with a new half-title, title and four pages of corrections. A scarce work, of which but one copy has come up to auction since 1975.

With Signature of Franklin Tipped-in

6. **FRANKLIN, JOHN.** Narrative of a Journey to the Shores of the Polar Sea, in the Years 1819, 1820, 1821, and 22. London, John Murray, 1823. First edition, second issue. \$3,250

4to; pp. xv, [1] (Blank), 783, (1); 31 engraved plates (12 coloured), and four folding maps (backed on fine linen). Contemporary marbled boards, rebaked and recorned; marbled endpapers. General light age-browning and foxing, including the margins of the uncoloured plates. As in every copy of this work, both first and second issues, that we have handled over the years, one of the listed maps - "From Slave Lake to the Arctic Sea" - is not present and has been supplanted by "An Outline to Shew the Connected Discoveries of Capts. Ross, Parry & Franklin in the years 1818, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23". In this copy it is outlined in contemporary colour. A slip of paper with Franklin's signature is pasted down to the upper corner of the verso of the front free endpaper; the signature is genuine but was added at a later date.

Sabin 25624; vide WCB 23:1, Field 560, Graff 1406, Peel 80, and Arctic Biblio. 5194 (all 1st issues); TPL 7092. This issue (we use the term advisedly, as the type has been reset, to distinguish it from the official 'Second Edition' of the following year) differs from the first issue in that it includes an extra coloured plate from Richardson's Flora Boreali-Americana; there is additional material added to the introduction; many of the errata have been corrected; the plates have been newly-engraved; there are major additions to the final botanical appendix; the maps are dated November 1823 rather than March 1823; and the map of the "Outline to Shew the Connected Discoveries ..." has been enlarged to include territory south of Hudson's Strait, which

is not in the earlier map. The object of the expedition was, in part, to determine the longitude and latitude of the northern coast of North America. The members of the expedition travelled both overland and by canoe, from Hudson's Bay westward toward Fort Chippewyan, then turned northward to descend the Coppermine River to Coronation Gulf and thence eastward over more than five hundred miles into Dease Strait; they finally returned to Fort Enterprise through the Barren Grounds. It is the story of the most frightful journey of 5,500 miles in the north, told in detail. The members of the expedition travelled both overland and by canoe; the party was decimated by murder, hunger and cold.

7. FRANKLIN, JOHN. Narrative of A Journey to the Shores of the Polar Sea, in the Years 1819, 20, 21, and 22. London, John Murray, 1823. First edition, first issue. \$3,250

4to; pp. xvi, 768, 30 plates (11 coloured); four folding maps; complete with errata slip (pasted-down to final page of Appendix) and half-title. Light foxing throughout, as usual, except for the coloured plates, which are very clean. Recent half-faux morocco and marbled paper over boards; a very good, complete copy of this first issue.

TPL 1248; Sabin 25624; WCB 23:1; Field 560; Graff 1406; Peel 80; Arctic Biblio. 5194. The story related here is one of a most devastating and frightful journey of 5,500 miles in northern Canada.

8. HAYES, ISAAC I. An Arctic Boat Journey, in the Autumn of 1854. Boston, Brown, Taggard and Chase, 1860. First edition. \$450

Small 8vo; pp. xvii, 375; two large folding maps.. Publisher's pebbled cloth, blind- and gilt-stamped; expertly rebaked with original spine laid down; repair to fold in one map, with no affect to image; a very good, very clean copy.

Arctic Biblio. 6790; Sabin 31019; vide TPL 8825 (later issue and wanting maps). Hayes served as surgeon under Elisha Kent Kane aboard the brig "Advance" on the second Grinnell expedition to search for Sir John Franklin. He led the party that in 1854 discovered and explored Grinnell Land [Ellesmere Island], and was also in charge of a party that attempted, unsuccessfully, to reach Upernavik, the nearest Inuit settlement, after Kane had been forced to spend a second winter in the Arctic. In this work he also gives a graphic description of the hardships he had experienced and an excellenet account of the various forms of scurvy that had killed so many of the crew. - (DCB XI, pp. 393-394).

The North West Coast A Most Important Journal

9. HEARNE, SAMUEL. A Journey from Prince of Wales's Fort in Hudson's Bay, to the Northern Ocean. Undertaken by Order of the Hudson's Bay Company, for the Discovery of Copper Mines, A North-West Passage, etc. In the Years 1769, 1770, 1771 & 1772. London, Strahan & Cadell, 1795. First edition. \$5,000

Large 4to; pp. xlv, 458, (2) (Adverts & Directions to the Binder); eight folding engraved plates and plans; one large, folding, map as frontispiece; nineteenth-century half-calf and cloth over boards; marbled fore-edges; binding worn at edges and corners; foxing and/or offsetting on maps and plates; contemporary signature (D. H. McDonald, Fort Qu'Appelle) on front free endpaper. D. H. McDonald was a banker and land dealer who became one of Saskatchewan's wealthiest men; his father, John McDonald, had been a Hudson's Bay Company factor.

Sabin 31181 (incorrect collation); TPL 445; Streeter VI:3652; vide Gagnon II:974; Graff 1840; Lande 1220; Field 676; Cox II, p. 171. Hearne, in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada for twelve years, recorded with copious notes the lives of the Indians and the natural history of the regions seen on his three trips. The exploratory expeditions took him by land from Hudson's Bay to the mouth of the Coppermine River at the Arctic Ocean; he was the first European to achieve that over-land journey. This work was published from his handwritten journals three years after his death, and describes as well the discovery of Great Slave Lake and the impossibility of finding the Northwest Passage through Hudson's Bay.

10. LYON, Captain G[EOURGE] F[RANCIS]. The Private Journal of ... of H.M.S. Hecla, During the Recent Voyage of Discovery under Captain Parry. London, John Murray, 1824. First edition. \$800

8vo; pp. xi, [1] (List of Illustrations), 468; seven engraved plates, including frontispiece; one folding map. later full cloth, gilt-lettered on spine; few spots of foxing and light usual offsetting from plates to text; overall, a very good copy.

Sabin 42853; Arctic Biblio. 10531; TPL 1289; Hill, p.186; Cooke & Holland, pp. 149-150. The author treats, in some detail, of the aspects of the living conditions of the Inuit, and of the natural and physical history and conditions of the region in which he travelled. Many of the details recorded by him were not noted in the Parry accounts.

11. LYON, G[EOURGE] F[RANCIS]. A Brief Narrative of an Unsuccessful Attempt to reach Repulse Bay, through Sir Thomas Rowe's "Welcome", in His Majesty's Ship Griper, in the Year MDCCCXXIV. London, John Murray, 1825. First edition. \$950

8vo; pp. xvi, 198, f (list of plates), folding map and seven engraved plates; later full diced calf, spine ornately gilt in compartments; marbled endpapers and fore-edges; light off-setting from plates to text, as usual; lower edge of binding lightly rubbed; overall a very good, clean and complete copy.

Sabin 42851; Arctic Biblio. 10530; Lande 1292; Hill, p. 186; TPL 1324; Cooke & Holland, p. 149. Lyon, an English naval officer, had sailed with Parry on the Hecla, during the latter's Arctic expedition of 1821, and had written about it in his "Private Journal" (London, 1824). On this voyage he was in command of the Griper, looking for the Northwest Passage out of Hudson's Bay; he was forced, by insurmountable difficulties, to give up the attempt. "He gives a detailed account of navigation conditions, and of native life about the northwest coast of Hudson's Bay." - (TPL).

12. M'CLINTOCK, Captain [FRANCIS LEOPOLD]. The Voyage of the "Fox" in the Arctic Seas. A Narrative of the Discovery of the Fate of Sir John Franklin and His Companions. London, John Murray, 1859. First edition. \$1,500

8vo; pp. xxvii, (1), 406, (32) (publisher's cat.); 15 engraved plates, including frontispiece and one plate not called for in the list; one folding facsimile; one textual illustration; four folding maps (two on one sheet and one coloured in outline, in rear pocket); scrap of paper, also in rear pocket, in contemporary handwriting (unidentified) with mention of Capt. Allan Young. Light waterstain to upper margin of two plates. Original blue cloth, gilt-lettered on spine and with gilt ship device on front cover; a very good, untrimmed copy.

TPL 3918 (later ed.); not in Lande; Arctic Biblio. 10555; Cooke & Holland, pp. 213-214. This Franklin Search expedition, supported by Lady Franklin and by public subscription, went into the area of King William Island to see if there was any trace of the remains of Franklin and his crew. The men were forced by ice to winter in Melville Bay; the following spring (1858) they entered Lancaster and Peel Sounds and were prevented, once again by ice, from proceeding any further. They were unable to pass through Bellot Strait, and spent that winter at its easternmost end. In the spring of 1859 they made several sledge journeys, exploring parts of Prince of Wales and King William Islands. Here they found skeletons and other relics of Franklin's expedition, and purchased others from the Inuit at Cape Victoria.



13. May

A Scarce Pictorial Account

13. MAY, WALTER W[ILLIAM]. A Series of Fourteen Sketches made during the Voyage up Wellington Channel in search of Sir John Franklin, K.C.H., and the missing crews of H.M. Discovery-ships Erebus and Terror; together with a short account of each drawing. London, Day & Son, 1855. \$15,000

Folio; pp. 6, (2), one diagram and 14 coloured, lithographed plates on 13 sheets. Later quarter-morocco and cloth over boards; spine gilt-lettered; original printed paper wrappers bound-in at rear; two tiny brown stains on title-page, otherwise a fine, large, clean copy of a very scarce work.

TPL 3454; vide Sabin 47083 (giving the date as 1865); Cooke & Holland. p. 204; vide Arctic Biblio. VIII, p. 332; Abbey Travel: 646; not in Lande. May was lieutenant aboard the "Assistance" under command of Sir Edward Belcher. This was one of a fleet of five ships which sailed from England to continue the search for Franklin in the direction of Wellington Channel; it also carried supplies for the searching expeditions which had been sent out under Collinson and McClure. The "Assistance" wintered at Northumberland Sound, and May was one of the party who made several sledge forays in the spring. List of plates: 1) "The Arctic Squadron in Leevely Harbour." 2) "Loss of the McLellan." 3) "H M S Assistance and Pioneer in Winter Quarters." 4) "H M S Assistance, in tow of Pioneer." 5) "H M S Assistance and Pioneer fast to the floe." 6) "Perilous Position of H M S Assistance and Pioneer." 7) "H M S Assistance and Pioneer breaking out of Winter Quarters." 8 & 9) "Division of sledges." (Both plates on one sheet.) 10) "Division of sledges passing Cape Lady Franklin." 11) "Sledges in a fresh fair wind." 12) "Encamping for the night." 13) "Sledge party returning through water." 14) "Franklin Relics brought by Dr. Rae." The final plate is especially interesting in its depiction of the Franklin relics which John Rae had obtained from an Inuk who had found them at the mouth of the Great Fish River.

14. [PARRY, WILLIAM EDWARD]. Letters written during the Late Voyage of Discovery in the Western Arctic Sea. By an Officer of the Expedition. London, Sir Richard Phillips and Co., 1821. First edition. \$650

8vo; pp. iv, 124; one engraved chart and three engraved plates, bound at the end; uncut, with a little light, sporadic foxing; small mark (printer's ink?) at lower edge of title page; original boards, copiously printed on both covers, worn; a good, totally unsophisticated copy of this somewhat scarce Arctic account.

Arctic Biblio. 9949; TPL 4863; Story, p. 628. William Edward Parry had served under John Ross on the latter's first voyage in search of a North West Passage, and had been very upset when Ross decided that Lancaster Sound had no outlet and turned back. John Barrow, then in the Admiralty Office, appointed Parry to lead this expedition, Parry's first of four. This work, "By an Officer of the Expedition", describes the ship's stay at Winter Harbour, discusses Melville Island, describes the ice in the Canadian Arctic waters, etc.

15. PARRY, WILLIAM EDWARD. Journal of a Voyage for the Discovery of a North-West Passage, performed in the Years 1819-1820, in His Majesty's Ships Hecla and Griper ... London, John Murray, 1821. First edition. \$3,250

4to; 4 ff, pp. xxix, (3), 310, (2), clxxix, (1), (2); 14 engraved plates; six maps and charts (four folding); complete with tipped-in slip, which states that "A Supplement to the Appendix,

containing the Zoology, Botany, Geology, &c., of the Arctic Regions, will be published on the 1st of June."; wanting the leaf of the Publ.'s cat. Twentieth-century half faux-morocco and linen over boards; very good and complete, with all plates and maps.

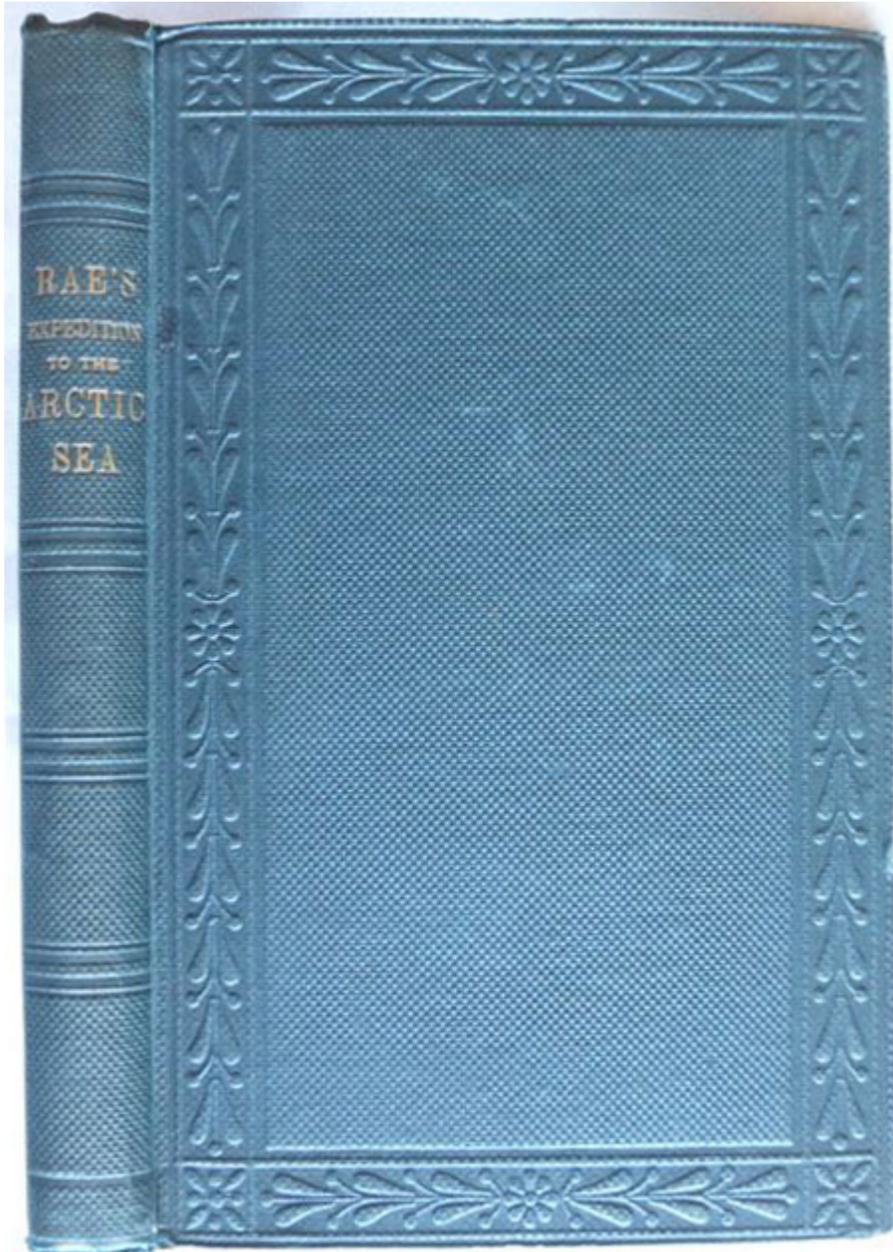
Sabin 58860; Hill, p. 225; TPL 1205; Arctic Biblio. 13145: "Parry's narrative gives a full account of the voyage and discoveries, details of preparing the ship for wintering, methods of keeping the crew in good health over the winter, and the weather ..." Parry had sailed to the Arctic for the first time under John Ross in 1818 in search of the Northwest Passage. He was then put in command of this expedition (1819-20) to hunt again for the Passage, and on this voyage sailed westward through Lancaster Sound, discovering and naming Melville Island, etc., and proving Ross's conclusions incorrect.

One of the Scarcest of the Arctic Exploration Narratives

16. RAE, JOHN. Narrative of an Expedition to the Shores of The Arctic Sea in 1846 and 1847. London, T. & W. Boone, 1850. First edition. \$20,000

8vo; pp. viii, 247, [1], two lithographed, folding, coloured maps. Original green cloth. with the neat bookplate of Edwin Stanton Fickes, senior vice-president of Alcoa (d. 1943) and ardent book collector. A fine copy of what is generally considered to be one of the scarcest of the Arctic exploration narratives.

Arctic Biblio. 14097; Graff 3415; Field 1253; Lande 1405; Nat. Mar. Mus. Cat. I: 899; TPL 2868; Sabin 67428; Wagner-Camp 187. Rae was a member of the Hudson's Bay Company and on this expedition shipped as a surgeon on the Company ship, Prince of Wales; he travelled the Arctic regions extensively, surveying the Northern arctic coast from Repulse Bay to the area sixty miles east of Back River. The expedition herein described surveyed seven hundred miles of Arctic coastline, proved that Boothia was a peninsula, and detailed the journeys northwest around Simpson peninsula, Pelly Bay and its islands, the James Ross peninsula, and then northeast along Melville peninsula to Cape Crozier. It was on a later expedition that Rae heard the first news of the fate of Franklin's expedition when he was offered artifacts from the expedition by the Inuit of the area. An early issue, bound prior to the insertion of the publisher's catalogue.



16. Rae

- 17. RICHARDSON, Sir JOHN.** The Polar Regions. Edinburgh, Adam and Charles Black, 1861. First edition. \$350

8vo; pp. ix, (3), 400, 12 (publ.'s cat.); one large, folding map. Original rust-coloured cloth, blind-stamped and gilt-lettered; light foxing on map, as usual; few spots of foxing on final leaves; complete with half-title, which is almost always lacking. A very good, complete copy in original state.

Arctic Biblio. 14501; Sabin 71030; Field 1301; TPL 3932. In this work, Richardson includes very full accounts of the various searching expeditions for Franklin, up to 1859. There is also a history of Arctic exploration from the 15th to the 19th centuries, and chapters on the results thus far from the studies done on ethnology, natural history, science, etc. The latter portion of the book concerns itself with the history of the Antarctic regions from the 16th century, the discovery of Victoria Land, and the physical geography of the Antarctic regions. A very interesting work.

An Admiralty Search for Sir John Franklin

- 18. RICHARDSON, Sir JOHN.** Arctic Searching Expedition: A Journal of a Boat-Voyage through Rupert's Land and the Arctic Sea, in Search of the Discovery Ships under Command of Sir John Franklin. With an Appendix on the Physical Geography of North America. London, Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1851. Two volumes. First edition. \$3,250

8vo; pp. viii, 413, (1) (Blank); pp. vii, (1), 426; one folding, engraved coloured map; ten coloured lithographed plates; recent half-calf with marbled paper over boards; marbled fore-edges; a fine, clean set. Manuscript note on initial blank reads: "Charles Fitzgerald Rushout From his sincere Friend John Perceval Maxwell on his leaving Eton. Xmas 1857."

TPL 3029; Sabin 71025 (no mention of map); Field 1300; Cooke & Holland, p. 177; Arctic Biblio. 14489. This was one of the many searches sponsored by the Admiralty for Sir John Franklin. Richardson, together with John Rae and John Bell, were sent to conduct their search along the coast between the Mackenzie and the Coppermine Rivers, as well as the southern shore of Wollaston Peninsula, Victoria Island. Richardson and Rae reached the mouth of the Mackenzie in August of 1848, and searched the coast to the Coppermine River, while Bell constructed a fort (Fort Confidence) at the northeast corner of Great Bear Lake. Richardson and Rae returned to winter at the Fort, and the former returned to England in the spring of 1849, having made interesting botanical, zoological, meteorological, magnetic, and ethnological observations.

- 19. ROSS, JOHN.** Narrative of a Second Voyage in Search of a North-West Passage, and of a Residence in the Arctic Regions during the Years 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833. London, A. W. Webster, 1835. First edition. \$2,950

4to; 4 ff, pp. xxxiii, (1), 740, [i.e., 742]; added leaf *688-*689; 27 (of 28) engraved plates including frontispiece (three coloured); one large, folding map; one folding chart. dark blue publishers cloth, rebacked, with original spine laid down; an early state, with three plates in colour, and one plate rather than two at p. 260; very small neat stamp, with crown and name (indecipherable) on title-page. Little light transference of text, but overall a fine, totally unopened copy.

TPL 1808; Sabin 73381; Arctic Biblio. 14866; Lande 1426; Cooke & Holland, p. 165; Abbey Travel II: 636. Hill, p. 261: "As a result of the failure of his voyage in 1818, the Admiralty refused to support John Ross in a second. It was not until 1829 that the assistance of Felix Booth, the sheriff of London, enabled him to set out in the small paddle-steamer 'Victory' with his nephew James Clark Ross as second-in-command." This second expedition spent four winters in the Arctic, and during this time James Clark Ross discovered the Northern Magnetic Pole.

20. SIMPSON, THOMAS. Narrative of the Discoveries on the North Coast of America; Effected by the Officers of the Hudson's Bay Company during the Years 1836-1839. London, Richard Bentley, 1843. First edition. \$4,350

8vo; pp. xix, [1] (blank), 419, [1]; three engraved maps on two sheets; original blind-embossed brown cloth; expertly rebacked with original cloth laid down; spine gilt-lettered; the maps are held in a pocket of the front paste-down; small, neat bookplate; a fine, clean, untrimmed copy of this scarce work.

Lada-Mocarski 116; Hill 1574 (counting the maps as two only); Arctic Biblio. 16124; TPL 2315; Sabin 81374; Streeter Sale VI: 3709; Field 1411; Wickersham 2804; Wagner-Camp-Becker 101: "Thomas Simpson and Peter Dease, with a party of twelve men, explored the northwest coast of America from the Mackenzie River westward to Point Barrow, and from the Coppermine River east to Back River. This volume includes detailed remarks on geographic features along the routes, weather, travel conditions, and Indians and Eskimos. Setting out on a later expedition in June of 1840, Simpson was killed by a gunshot wound to the head after only a few days' journey, under circumstances that remain unclear, although the evidence suggested that men of his own party were responsible." Pages vii-xix contain a "Memoir" of the author, written by his brother, Alexander Simpson.

21. SMITH, D[AVID] MURRAY. Arctic Expeditions from British and Foreign Shores; from the Earliest Times to the Expedition of 1875-76 ... Glasgow, Melbourne, etc., T. Liddell, 1877. \$2,500

Large, thick 4to; pp. iv, [2], 824; 26 portraits, chromolithographs and maps. Half-calf and marbled paper over boards in contemporary style; a.e.g.; spine gilt in compartments with gilt devices and gilt-lettered morocco title-piece; text and plates lightly browned at edges of margins; because of its size and weight, this book is often found in worn or broken condition; this is a fine copy and the cleanest we have had in a very long time. The several portraits are of the various Arctic explorers; the large, folding map is the "Chart of the Polar Sea", and the smaller one is that of the "Route Map of the Franklin Expedition [Erebus & Terror] 1845 & of the Latest English Expedition [Alert & Discovery] 1875-76."

Arctic Biblio. 16282; Sabin 82419. A comprehensive survey of Arctic expeditions, the greatest part pertaining to Franklin, Ross, Parry, etc. and the search for Franklin. The excellent plates are fine, clean strikes and include many portraits of various Arctic explorers, as well as hunting scenes, sledging, Eskimos, seal hunting, etc.

**Extremely Scarce,
A Signed Presentation Copy**

22. STEFANSSON, VILHJALMUR. The Problem of Meighen Island. Intended as the Third Chapter but Suppressed in the Publication of "Unsolved Mysteries of the Arctic." New York, Privately Printed by Joseph Robinson, 1939. One of only 300 copies printed, and a presentation copy signed by Stefansson. \$1,950

8vo; 2 ff, pp. 257-328; two maps included in the text; untrimmed, and in original printed card wrappers; inscription and signature on title-page. A fine copy of this extremely scarce work.

Arctic Biblio. 16850. The mystery revolves around the question of who actually discovered Meighen Island, one of the Sverdrup Islands in the Franklin district of the Northwest Territories. It lies in the Arctic Ocean, west of Axel Heiberg Island and north of Eilef Ringnes and Amund Ringnes Islands. Stefansson claimed, in all his works, that he discovered it, while others put forth Frederuck Cook's name. The only other copy that we have had of this work was in 1987, and we find no copies in the trade at the present.

One of the Scarcer Franklin Search Works

23. SUTHERLAND, PETER C[ORMACK]. Journal of a Voyage in Baffin's Bay and Barrow Straits. in the Years 1850-1851, performed by H.M. Ships "Lady Franklin" and "Sophia". London, Longman, Brown, Green & Longmans, 1852. Two volumes. First edition. \$2,950

8vo; pp. lii, 506, (2) ; pp. vii, (1), 363, (1), ccxxxiii (Appendix), (1); six lithographed plates and two folding lithographed maps; four of the plates and both maps are coloured; numerous illustrations in the text. Full calf binding; rebacked with original spines laid down; spines ornately gilt in compartments, with two morocco title-pieces on each spine; marbled endpapers and fore-edges; a fine, clean set.

Arctic Biblio. 17231; TPL 3214. The author was the surgeon aboard one of the ships that took part in the search for Franklin and his crew. The work is a compendium of his notes, written on a daily basis, as the expedition sailed from Aberdeen, through Davis Strait, to the western coast of Greenland, and on through Baffin Bay, Lancaster Sound, etc. The crew wintered over at Assistance Bay, and Sutherland tells of conversations with other Franklin search parties, and of finding relics of the Franklin expedition. The appendix includes the reports of the travelling parties and narratives of the sledge excursions by Sutherland, Capt. A. Stewart, R. A. Goodsir and J. Stuart, admiralty papers, meteorological abstracts and a register of tides, as well as observations on geology, zoology, algae and botany, and plants collected during the voyage and named by W. J. Hooker.



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