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Charles Spencer Perishes in Lonely Cabin Far From Haunts of Men.

Records in the form of a diary now in the hands of Government! Agent Hoskins tell a story of the terrible suffering and lonely, tragic death of Charles Speacer, an isolated cabin between Groundhog Pass and Telegraph Creek, says the Interior News. Spencer was a familiar figure around Hazelton, owning a preemption in the upper Kispiox, and more recently being employed at the Hazelton View mine.

Last fall Spencer and Fred Smith, of Hazelton, went in with a winter's supplies to trap. The winter previous Smith had trapped successfully in the district, had blazed the trap line, built a main cabin on Little Klappan and a number of shelters along his line, and then took Spencer as a partuer for last winter. In the late summer they packed in their supplies, Smith making Spencer familiar with the territory and then leaving to put the horses in winter quarters near Hazelton. Spencer liked the new location and when Smith started on the 250mile trip the former said be could handle the line alone, and advised his partner to take any good Job going. Smith therefore took a position on the Yukon Telegraph line, confident that Spencer would have a good season and figuring that his wages would go to augment their earnings. Later Smith went to Vancouver and enlisted.

Fears Well Founded

As weeks passed after Spencer should have come out. Smith got anxious and reported the matter to the militia and asked leave to investigate, but was refused. Smith then enlisted with the Siberian expedition.

That Smith's fears for the

safety of his partner were well founded has just come to light. Early last summer Taylor and Roberts went into the headwaters of the Stikine to survey coal claims, taking John Utterstrom as guide and hunter. The latter had made several trips into that counand six horses coming in Utter- and Spatzezi rivers. strom decided it must be Smith and planned to look him up. Con- One night's rest and, with a sequently, when the surveyors companion, he returned to the were on their way out via Tele- cabin, where they gathered up graph Creek, Utterstrom hiked on papers which identified the corpse ahead down the valley of the and buried the body. Kluayerz and over a divide to the Spencer had kept a diary and head of the Skeena, where there on one page stated that he had was a cabin in which he thought only three matches left. In one of Smith might be camped. Reach- his pockets was found two ing the cabin on the second day matches, and from this it is taken he found the door open and no- he died shortly after. According ticed at once that the floor was to the diary Spencer was taken torn up. Entering, he found a down about the middle of March body, badly decomposed, lying on with muscular rheumatism. Early the floor and covered with a in May he improved and made an blanket Utterstrom had left on a effort to come out. From Klapprevious trip. He did not know of pan to the cabin where he died Spencer and thought for a time the distance is thirty-five miles the body was Smith's. Being and it occupied five days. The alone he did not investigate fur- diary further notes: NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT. two miles from this cabin, just R. S. C. CHAPTER 115.

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ther and after sleeping all night try, on one occasion camping in a spruce thicket he left next over night with Smith, and when morning, joining the survey party an Indian told of seeing a man at the junction of the Kluayerz

Returned to Cabin.

"I had to leave my sleigh about about the divide between the Port Edward Fisheries Limited Skeena and Spatzezi rivers. My notice that they have, under furs lashed on the sleigh consist the said Act, deposited with of six silver fox, 22 cross fax, 14 of the District Registrar marten, 4 linx, 2 wolves, 6 ermine at Prince Rupert, B. C., a descrip- and 1 mink. Whoever finds this nery and wharf proposed to be built situ- please take it out to Hazelton and ate on portion of Perpoise Harbor at Port give it to C. V. Smith, who will see that my bills are paid.

In Cabin a Month.

"I have now been here close on ! one month, and have not been able to leave the cabin. When I am lying down and warm, I seem to feel no pain, but oh, God, when } I get up and try to cook something for myself the pain is unbearable. I have been able to cook but one hotcake a day for myself. If I only had someone to cook for me I might be alright. At times it seems the struggle to live is too hard. Now, whoever finds this, try to find my furs. You can't miss them if you look close. Good luck.

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