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At his first daughter was born
 the Yukon river. ^{He baptised his first}
^{in that frozen water with gold & silver}
~~born daughter~~ ^{via with} ~~the~~ ^{gold & silver}
^{Calgary} ~~was~~ ^{married} to a Calgary lawyer ~~Decker~~
 Burns & Co. & so very active in doing
 the research & helping with the reconstruction
 of the heritage park. The Archdeacon himself
 was ^{properly} ~~baptised~~ ^{or immersed} twice in the Yukon. Once
 in winter when trying to get ^{water}
 he fell into the small open whirlpool near
 the cabin that remained open that
 always remained open & was near the cabin.
 Just as he had given up in that icy ^{water}
 below wind ^{an} Indian found came along
 he somehow got out on the ice but by
 the time he reached his cabin door in
 70° below weather ^{he was encased in solid ice}
 were frozen so stiff he couldn't even rock
 on the door & he had to holler. Even
 then his sense of humour made him laugh
 at the figure he must have appeared but
 his wife found it no laughing matter when
 prayer she opened her door & saw the
 apparition there! His second time was
 while on circuit which he made in a carol
 & dog team. Once running before the sleigh
 he went through thin ice. The water was
 so cold instantly paralyzing but he says
 his Indian guide Selkirk Jim just laughed!

looked at him & ^{quietly} quanted "me do?" + the
making his own life lay across the ^{day} ~~del~~
~~today since~~ - pulled him out.

His stories about the north & they are
legend reveal much about this neat
dapper Auk deacon. There is the
delightful one he tells on himself. Since
only a few of the Indians or Eskimos
spoke English he had to rely on an
interpreter + soon discovered that frequently
the native interpreter just tells you either
what he thinks you want to hear leaving
out the rest or abbreviates it to the
thoughts on today.

point of practically non communication
So he determined to study the language.
after he felt he had mastered it somewhat
he started on his rounds. The messengers
& the mounties were the doctors of the
north. So he always carried a small
black medicine bag with him with
simple remedies. On this occasion an
Indian woman he visited was ill. So
he asked the usual basic question
"Have your bowls moved today today"
after a thoughtful silence she said
"she" didn't brew". Swing up that line
of attack he went on to help her it
wasn't till he got home + into his book
again he discovered he had asked her

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had his bowels moved today! ~~to~~
~~give up on mastering the language!~~

Then there is the hilarious story about
Bishop Stuk - he had a mishap on the
river in his canoe & got marooned on
a sand bar. When finally a boat came
by he waved at it frantically & they
called out "Who are you & what's your
trouble." He ~~replied~~ answered ^{to} "I am saying
to you ^{your} name".
To which they replied "We can see that
but what is it you want us to do
& ~~who are you~~ & very nearly left him there.

~~Then there is the sad story of~~
you see the empathy and the man as
he tells you the story of Sioux Bill, an
Indian trapper. At this time the fur
became a fashion rage & Sioux Bill was
able to sell his 16 pups he had caught
for the to him fantastic sum of

Typically he in turn loaded it all
back. He ordered a huge brass bed with
a fine mattress a hundred & fifty blankets
a new dress for his wife & a new gun
for himself. Finally the day came
& from the barge the river men threw
thru off the brass bed with many a

rebold suggests bit of advice. That
night for the first time since Jim
his wife + small baby slept in the
great bed but they were unused to beds
mattresses + in the morning when they
awoke the tiny baby was smothered + dead
smothered. It had been smothered, since
Jim was of the fox people. The Indians
of that area had divided themselves
into people. A fox people never married
a dog people they would take a wife
from the dog people. Also one people
never buried their own dead. The other
people came + did the unpleasant
work for them. The archdeacon found
out about the tragedy when he discovered
the fox people coming from all directions
to Billy Sioux cabin. He says how
they knew of tragedy had occurred.

Middelton

Standoff - mission 10 ft off -
new one & built it
when it could be
seen.

Bueh +
Taylor + Drury - nice warm & comfortable
for 3 months.

Gray - cattle residing on reserve
^{years later}
30 little was the bishop & his
archdeacon ^{man took} took them in

R.C. bloods got reversed
blessed anglicans didn't
took out the R.C. crops

people of the west next issue

Archdeacon Swanson, Pat & Vera's letter never knows when to stop when talking of the north trip north

July 5 99th in spade - Skagway train + left his wife + went to Dawson Govt of gave not a damn about the Eskimo

Cannon June 9000 miles on the dog team (Beaver ^{not} some level as Admund- sun.) Church, dead Argueian +

Callie who only one to care for the north, until white men + did a good job until white men came in

Set Charles policy was let the Eskimo bear Eskimo + Indian to bear Indian just bring him some personal spiritual happiness.

Built well an Indian trader - built log cabin (how you used the? cellar to cover the roof. - growth of cucumber vine was 10" a day.

running water was a Yukon river in front - ^{paper} prayed like a son of a gun. Church + school built - tried to

learn their unwritten language.

Have your bowls moved today. But had difficulty + women said she didn't know - thought strange. - so soon learned he couldn't do it this way as he had ended up saying "Have my bowls

Although studied some of the languages

total lack of communication

Swanson, Ailie

Mrs Lowery - 349 3069

~~Writing on Stone park
(has picture) camera.~~

~~Alberta govt W. S. Daller
Park administrator for Alberta
In Edmonton
Natural resources Bldg.~~

Expense
16 + fuel
15

(don't pay for phone call)

moved." so gave up $\frac{1}{2}$ masters on Indian
language - at Little Salmon the whole Indian
tribe is now dead In whole region only a
small group of Eskimo.

Bill Saylor & Drury company bought 18 pups
then got into the trap raising of some foxes
soured maulers & mass bed + 150 maulers

- baby died in night - they moved out
of Cabin

This story is really

wolves & crows. - were Indians
if boy becomes a wolf
if girl " a crow
& buy one another

Sue Bill gave a pollack & gave away

\$50. blessed

mission work should be done this way
get to know people 35 miles on a dog team
after a day

Story of Venas bull Carve - on the Yukon

5 fingers Rapids men
put rock in bow
command himself to God
& figure out how &
then looked up & he
was through.

Always slept out of doors - met a young
man. Archdeakon Shuk of Alaska -
was first man to climb Mt McKinley
- was embittered as not allowed to
name it. Should have been called

Donald after the first Indian
instead of ^{3rd} name ^{america} politician

He ran aground on the river &
steamboat came along & asked for
a pull & they said what's your fare,
Shuk & they said we know but
what the Hell's your name.

names { Chester Blaine - ^{immigration} another fun
name.

Eddie on the Yukon river that
river froze over & in winter got his
water out & went in - dog barked
but managed to get out & got
up to cabin 33° below & the
overalls were frozen so stood them
up in front of the door & knocked
& when his wife came to the door
she wasn't too did't laugh no sense of humor

Just Christmas trying to get home
fell in when running in front of the
dog team - couldn't get out &
again thought Lord my time has gone
looked up.

It was his guide who had beluk
jim" who on belly had slid across
ice & said "Hm - I come" -

His 2 babptom in the Yukon
water & said he was saved to
be longed he guessed.

~~Archeaon~~ ~~cb~~
walls & roof ^{in middle} cellar goes on
the roof. & was a ~~protection~~
in spring & looked like a
Easter bonnell

Sue Bill great Indian -
black fox industry starting
got 18 fox pups ordered
dress bed + mattress + 250
blankets overalls, clothes in wife
& then broke - boat arrived +
put up bedstead + left with
obscene suggestions - baby
smothered in mattress - door
stuck so baby's spirit couldn't get
out - fox + crows -
wolf married a crow
& wouldn't touch their own dead
& from all over come to Salmon.
Wolves came without notice.

I was so grateful that he gave away
for pollack. till the blanket
& came to mission when broke
from the for a meal.

no well for Indian - feel very
puny these

river & prayed. something
was wrong - prayed &
corpse of horse.

Peace Park - helped. Cannon 80H
Middleton

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In midst of life there is death
but the death life is
eternal

life to our years

Hard Indians - wow - wow about
having a mission great thing can do

~~hope~~

World as emptying today -

Alms box by Dickinsonian
society - stolen - medieval
arm chest bound with iron
maybe the world hasn't
changed too much but he still
finds the world so emptying today

If you could do any
one thing I would do -

Story of him. getting the Indians
water - sophisticated man
elert - 81 -