

they had hard work of it during the following days. Not only had all my telegrams to be despatched, but hundreds streamed in from the south—both to us and to the people in the town, begging them to obtain information about us. Among the first were telegrams to my wife, to the King of Norway, and to the Norwegian Government. The last ran as follows:

“To his Excellency Secretary HAGERUP:

“I have the pleasure of announcing to you and to the Norwegian Government that the expedition has carried out its plan, has traversed the unknown Polar Sea from north of the New Siberian Islands, and has explored the region north of Franz Josef Land as far as $86^{\circ} 14'$ north latitude. No land was seen north of 82° .

“Lieutenant Johansen and I left the *Fram*, and the other members of the expedition on March 14, 1895, in 84° north latitude and $102^{\circ} 27'$ east longitude. We went northward to explore the sea north of the *Fram's* course, and then came south to Franz Josef Land, whence the *Windward* has now brought us.

“I expect the *Fram* to return this year.

“FRIDTJOF NANSEN.”

As I was leaving the telegraph-office the manager told me that my friend Professor Mohn was in the town, staying, he understood, at the hotel. Strange that Mohn, a man so intimately connected with the expedition,