

FRANKLING EXPEDITION

NEW RESEARCH

DISCOVERY OF THE FRANKLIN EXPEDITION BOAT ON KING WILLIAM'S LAND BY LIEUTENANT HOBSON.—[SEE PAGE 690.]

BEECHY ISLAND





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A historical painting depicting the HMS Investigator, a three-masted sailing ship, navigating through a narrow passage between large icebergs. The ship is shown from a side-on perspective, moving towards the right. The icebergs are large, white, and jagged, with some smaller ice floes in the foreground. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, and the overall atmosphere is cold and dramatic. The ship's sails are partially set, and its masts are prominent against the sky. The painting is in a classic style, with visible brushstrokes and a muted color palette.

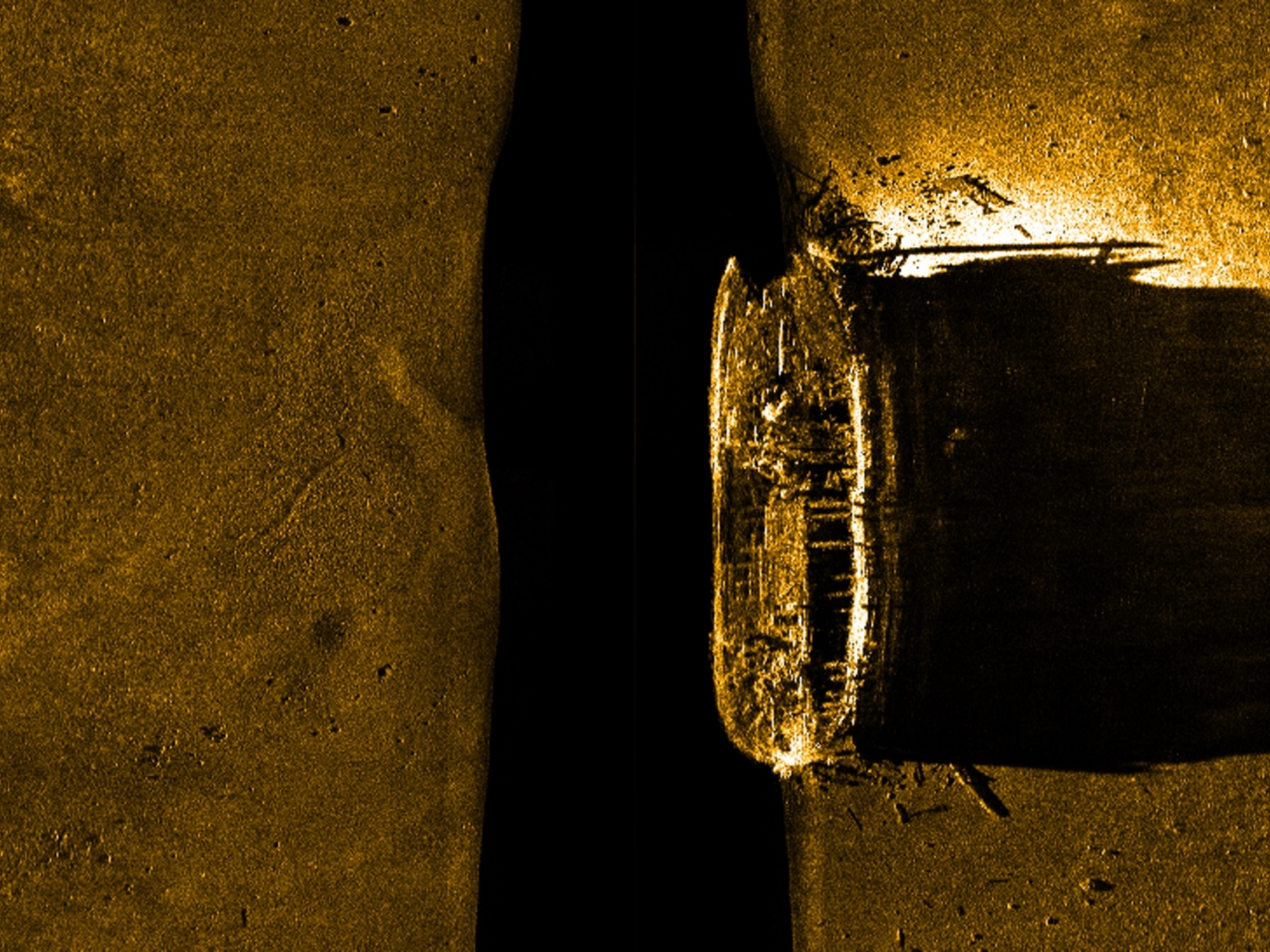
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VICTORIA STRAITS EXPEDITION







King William
Island

Queen Maud Gulf
Bird Sanctuary

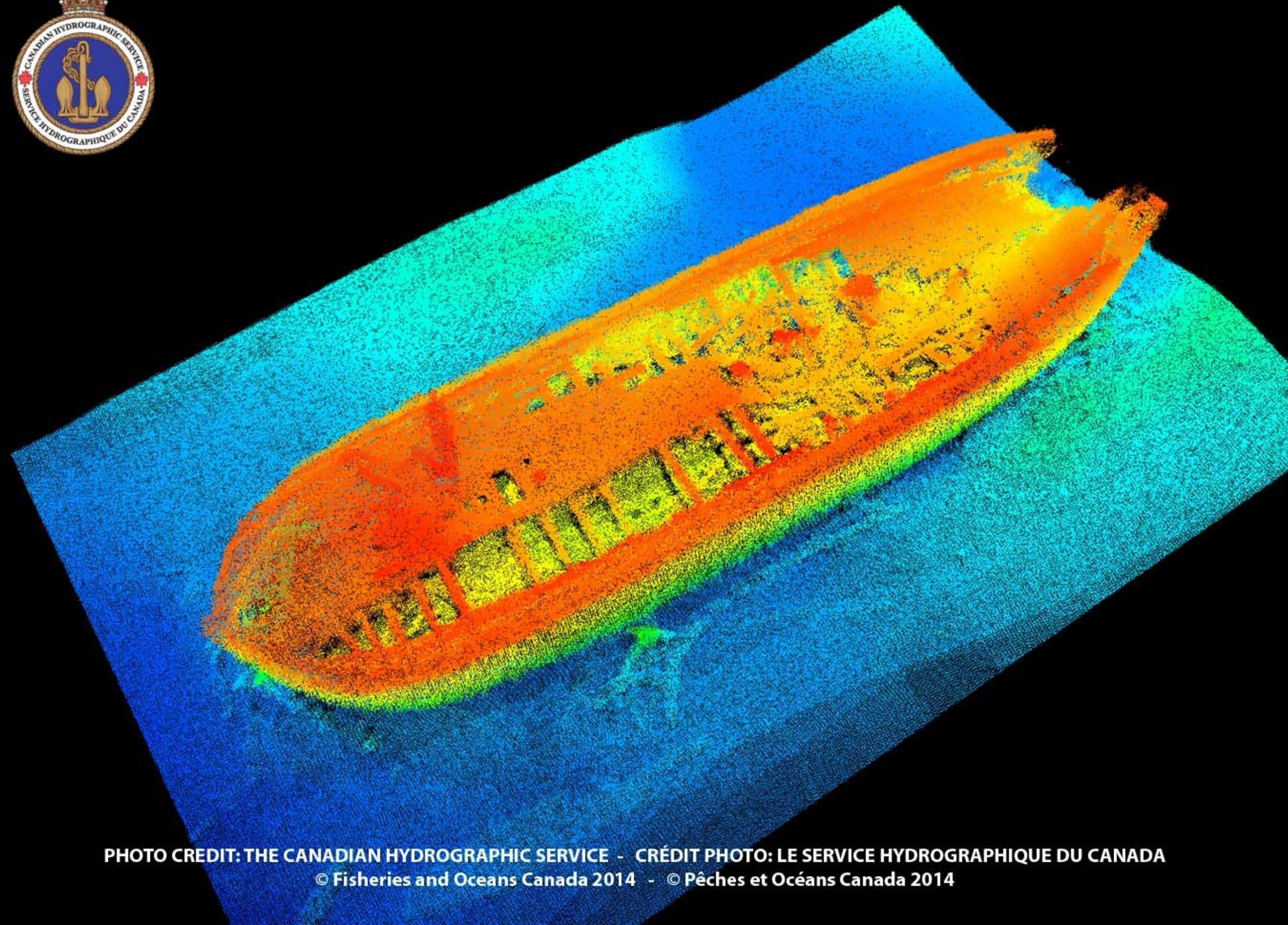


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TIMELINE

- ★ **MAY, 1845 - FRANKLIN EXPEDITION SETS SAIL FROM ENGLAND**
- ★ **JULY, 1845 - LAST SIGHTING OF EXPEDITION BY EUROPEANS (BAFFIN BAY)**
- ★ **1845-1846 - EXPEDITION WINTERS ON BEECHY ISLAND**
- ★ **1846 - EXPEDITION LEAVES BEECHY AND SAILS TOWARDS KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **SEPTEMBER, 1846 - SHIPS TRAPPED IN ICE OFF OF KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **1846-1847 - EXPEDITION WINTERS ON KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **MAY, 1847 - DATE OF FIRST DISCOVERED NOTE... "ALL WELL"**
- ★ **JUNE, 1847 - FRANKLIN DIES**
- ★ **1847-1848 - EXPEDITION WINTERS ON KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **APRIL, 1848 - EREBUS & TERROR ABANDONED AFTER NEARLY 2 YEARS TRAPPED IN ICE**
- ★ **APRIL, 1848 - DATE OF SECOND NOTE**

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deserted on the 22nd of April, 5 leagues N.W. of this
- Creeps consisting of 105 souls - under the command
42" long 98.44" W
and to have

James Fitzgibbon Captain H.M.S. Erebus
and about on tomorrow 26th
for Baltha Fish Creek

Mr. Rogers
Captain & Lieut 1846
and about on tomorrow 26th
for Baltha Fish Creek

H. M. S. Erebus and Terror
Wintere^d in the Ice in
28 of May 1847 Lat. $70^{\circ} 5' N$ Long. $98^{\circ} 23' W$

Having wintered in 1846-7 at Beecher Island
in Lat $74^{\circ} 43' 28'' N$ Long $91^{\circ} 39' 15'' W$ after having
ascended Wellington Channel to Lat 77° and returned
by the West side of Cornwallis Island.

Commander.
John Franklin commanding the Expedition.
All well

WHOEVER finds this paper is requested to forward it to the Secretary of
the Admiralty, London, with a note of the time and place at which it was
found: or, if more convenient, to deliver it for that purpose to the British
Consul at the nearest Port.

the total loss
1844
the 11th June
been deposited
with has not
position which
Franklin died on the 11th June

- ★ **1850 - INUIT BOARD AN ICEBOUND, ABANDONED SHIP OFF KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **1850 - INUIT SEE 40 MEN WALKING SOUTH ON KING WILLIAM ISLAND**
- ★ **1851 - INUIT HUNTERS SEE 4 MEN TRYING TO HEAD SOUTH, LAST VERIFIED SIGHTING**
- ★ **1852-1858 - INUIT MAY HAVE SEEN CROZIER AND ONE OTHER SURVIVOR MUCH FURTHER SOUTH IN THE BAKER LAKE AREA**
- ★ **1852-1858 - JOHN RAE INTERVIEWS LOCAL INUIT, WHO GIVE HIM ITEMS FROM THE EXPEDITION AND TELL HIM THE MEN STARVED TO DEATH, AFTER RESORTING TO CANNIBALISM**

★ 1850 -

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★ 1851 -

★ 1852-1858 -

FURTHER SOUTH IN THE BAKER LAKE AREA

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONCLUSIONS

- ★ **PNEUMONIA**
- ★ **(EXTRAPULMONARY) TUBERCULOSIS**
- ★ **LEAD POISONING CONTRIBUTED**
- ★ **SCURVY**
- ★ **STARVATION**
- ★ **HARSH ARCTIC CONDITIONS**
- ★ **INEXPERIENCE**

3 NOTEWORTHY OUTCOMES



We think that we can fairly make out the account between the cost and results of these Arctic Expeditions, and ask whether it is worth while to risk so much for that which is so difficult of attainment, and when attained, is so worthless

The Athenaeum, 1 October 1859



ROALD AMUNDSEN



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