

MISSIONS TO THE YUKON.

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*Letter from the Survey Expedition of Nicaragua, Canal Commission.**The following interesting letter has just been received from camp:**"La Fe, near Greytown, Nicaragua.—The surveying expedition attached to the Nicaragua canal commission is still in camp here. Everything is progressing favorably. The laborers hired at Port Limon, Costa Rica, landed at Camp Cheney, near the canal company's breakwater, to-day. The two navy launches belonging to Lieut. Hanus' hydrographic party were brought over the bar without accident.**"The bar here is not such a dreadful thing as it has been painted. Some newspapers have printed alarmist stories about the dangers of the expedition, which have not been borne out by our experiences up to date. On the contrary, everything has run smoothly and the natural difficulties have not, so far, proved insurmountable.**"Lieut. Hanus has been placed in charge of the camp here, both naval and civilian. He and his party expected to make an early start, being ready in all respects, but it is evident the commissioners' value his services too highly to lose them before the camp is broken up and the various parties are started up the country. Mr. Hanus' party will be the last to start.**"In the meantime, we are not uncomfortable, all things considered. Of course, there is lots of rain, and practically camp life, though we are housed in the company's buildings. But these are so sadly out of repair that they are almost ruins. So it is with the rest of the company's property. It is plain that material of all sorts deteriorates rapidly in this climate, and, consequently, work on any extended scale will be very expensive."*

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