

who had heard the old story, and sat waiting rather anxiously for the captain's answer.

He reported that there proved to be much more jade than any one had supposed and that he had successfully packed up, as I remember it, fifty boxes. Being now ready, I sent to the Macas parties, notified them that the jade was ready for delivery on the production of the proper receipt and the payment of the enclosed bill for demurrage, amounting to seven thousand and odd dollars, considering that sum sufficient to head off a joke, if one were intended. We rather thought that we had heard the last of the jade merchants. On the contrary, by the return boat came the \$7000. The fifty boxes were taken on the true and original receipt and we never heard another word about the matter.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD CUNNINGHAM.

Is it not possible that this story refers to the discovery of the now well-known vein of nephrite in New Zealand?

TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The proposed amendment of the By-Laws, in regard to the time of holding the Annual Meeting of the Society when the 21st of October falls on Sunday or Monday,—as described on page 11 of this number of the Proceedings,—was unanimously adopted by the Society. In preparing the report for publication, this fact was accidentally omitted.

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