

the following details: On November 14 an avalanche of rock, snow, and ice fell from the arête leading from the Col de Peuteret to M. Blanc de Courmayeur, about 400 mètres above the Col. It fell on the Brenva Glacier, of which a part overflowed towards the Chalets de la Brenva and a part towards Purtud, where it destroyed some grass-land. But on the 19th a further avalanche of rock fell on the glacier, and set in motion all the séracs of the glacier. The formidable mass carried away completely the Purtud forest from the moraine as far as the path near the little lake. It stopped short of the hotel, nor was Mr. Mackenzie's chalet injured, but the Doire River was filled in for about 300 mètres and formed a lake, grave danger from which was prevented by the energetic action of the inhabitants in cutting an outlet.

Mr. E. G. Oliver has been kind enough to send in letters from Henri and Adolphe Rey giving similar information. Henri adds that one-third of the arête mentioned is completely destroyed, and that the granite blocks charged right down on Purtud.

L'Illustrazione of December 12 contains some fine pictures showing clearly the terrible effects of the avalanche.

HIMALAYAN NOTES.

THE members of the Everest Expedition are as follows :

Colonel C. H. Howard-Bury, late 60th—in command.
 Mr. Harold Raeburn—director of mountain operations.
 Dr. Kellas.
 Mr. G. L. Mallory.
 Captain G. I. Finch, C.B.E.
 Major H. T. Morshead, D.S.O., R.E. } *Indian Army Survey*
 Captain E. O. Wheeler, M.C., R.E. } *party.*
 Mr. A. F. R. Wollaston, D.S.C., R.N., M.B., *Medical Officer and*
Naturalist.

Dr. Kellas has spent the winter in India.

Mr. Raeburn leaves for India on March 14 to make the final preparations, in consultation with Dr. Kellas. The others follow in April. It is expected that the party will leave Darjeeling about the middle of May, proceeding *via* the Chumbe Valley to Kampa Dzong in Tibet, and thence to Dingri on the N. side of Everest.

Major Morshead was with Colonel Bailey on his adventurous journey up the Brahmaputra some years ago, and spent last summer with Dr. Kellas in the Kamet district. Captain Wheeler is the son of our Hon. Member, Mr. A. O. Wheeler, the energetic director of the Canadian A.C.