

Reel 5 opens with Simon talking a little more about his cabin in Fairbanks and the Frenchman. He enrolled in the university and took post graduate courses from Dean Ernest Patty...in mining, of course. In the summer of 1932 he worked in quartz mine operated by Hawkins. The next summer he prospected on his own in the Circle District. Walked in April to Circle. Small pack with rifle. Rice, butter, corned beef. Wore shoe packs. Saw couple black bears just out of hibernation. Took it easy...10 days to make the walk. Headed for the springs. First person he saw was Frank Leach. Describes the springs at that time. Said Albert F. Bernard owned a store at

the Springs in 1933. He later moved into Fairbanks. When Simon arrived the hotel at the Springs was almost finished although some work was continuing. Thinks it was built in 1930. Leach suggested that Simon go over on Birch Creek for gold sniping. Charley Rogers was the commissioner at Circle Springs in 1933. Worked couple months on Birch Creek, panning the bars. Then one of the Brown brothers talked him into going up the Charley River. That's about 70 miles up the Yukon from Circle. Spent the rest of the summer and that winter on the Charley River. Brown poled the boat and Simon on the bank with a 100 ft. line. Saw lots of game. Dogs helped pull.

Snowshoed to Woodchopper. Sheep skin robe was his warm weather coat. Brown lived almost like a cave man. He sewed the moccassins. There was a trading post and post office at Woodchopper. Mrs. Welch and her husband ran the place. Made Simon go up stairs and put on Mr. Welch's clothes. He looked like a Hippy cave man, Simon said.

Simon prospected Thanksgiving Creek, Webber Creek, Woodchopper Creek, Coal Creek, Sam Creek, Charley River, Tacoma Creek.