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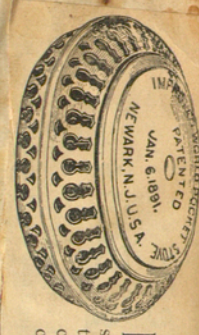
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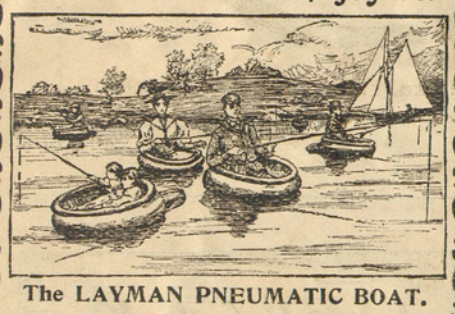


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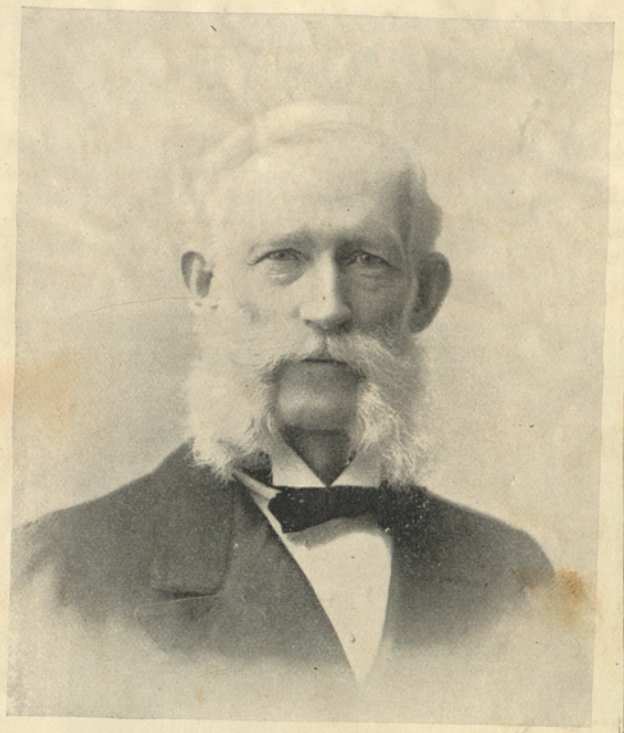
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XXXI.

While the various East India companies were acquiring wealth and laying the foundations of empires in the Old World, other mercantile organizations were pursuing a similar course in the New World. One of the most famous of these was the Hudson's Bay Company, which is still in existence. It was incorporated under a charter from Charles II. in 1670. Its original title was the "Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay," and its charter secured to them "the sole trade and commerce of all those seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes, creeks, and sounds, in whatsoever latitude they shall be, that lie within the entrance of the straits commonly called Hudson's Straits, together with all the lands and territories upon the countries, coasts, and confines of the seas, bays, etc., aforesaid, that are not already actually possessed by or granted to any of our subjects or possessed by the subjects of any other Christian prince or state." The company was organized as a joint-stock association for the purpose of trading with the Indians, and especially of obtaining furs and skins by barter, and importing them to Great Britain. The commercial success of the company was immense, although during the first ninety years of its existence it was constantly harassed and impeded by the French, who claimed the whole of the territory of North America north of the St. Lawrence. After the cession of Canada to Great Britain, in 1763, numerous rival companies of fur-traders came into existence and spread themselves over the great Northwest. These finally combined into a powerful organization called the "Northwest Fur Company of Montreal," which proved to be a formidable and very troublesome rival of the Hudson's Bay Company. The contention between the two companies was long and bitter and did not cease until the year 1821 when, mutually exhausted, they agreed to unite their interests and combine as one great corporation. The new charter of the company gave to it the monopoly of the trade in British North America for twenty-one years. In 1838, a new license, also for twenty-one years, was obtained. Upon the expiration of this license in 1859, the English government refused to renew it, and the company's monopoly was ended. Ten years later, in 1869, its territorial possessions were transferred to the British government for £300,000, and soon afterward incorporated with the Dominion of Canada. "The company now trades entirely as a private corporation, retaining one-twentieth of the original grant, together with much valuable land round the various forts; and these possessions will doubtless, at some future time, yield considerable revenue."*

In 1607 Henry Hudson, searching for a northeast passage, sighted the east coast of Greenland, and examined the northwest end of Spitzbergen, reaching a point 80° 23′ north. In 1609, he sailed in the service of the Dutch and discovered the Hudson river, which he at first hoped might prove to be a narrow waterway to the Pacific. The next year he was again employed by the English, and, continuing the search for a northwest passage, found his way into the vast bay which has since borne his name. There he was set adrift in an open boat and abandoned by his mutinous crew. The exploration of Hudson's bay was continued by Sir Thomas Button in 1612, 1631. In 1618, Baffin penetrated to the 78th degree of latitude in the bay which bears his name, but he was obliged to return without discovering any passage to India.

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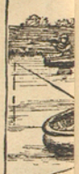
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the vessel in a small way helps to hold the Ice up in the spring of 1898 the vessel came up 19 of February about of the Ice something over a foot the drifts had become so heavy no harm came to the vessel but certainly the strain must have been great on the pistols February 19 1898 we cut both ends clear but the vessel came up slowly at first then after we took a pump

this year 1899 we cut the ends clear the 2nd of March the vessel have come up very slowly affe but shows no signs of it a midships she have come up 3 inches affe it may be the great weight of snow have settled the Ice as it may be positive that the vessel have been strained and is now coming back straight

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IN SEARCH OF WHALES.

A Young Lynn Man Pays a Visit to the Arctic Regions.

Adventures in Boats and Among the Natives.

Collision With an Iceberg Which Results in No Harm.

The weird and ofttimes fabulous tales that are related of northern navigators and Arctic explorers frequently cause people of to-day to place little credence in such accounts, but it is not necessary to go within a few degrees of the North Pole to find enough to fill volumes. A visit to such climes requires unusual nerve and courage. It is indeed with a frigid tingling of one's sensibilities that an expedition thither could be unceremoniously contemplated, for their is nothing inviting in that latitude to entice any one. Ice fields, lofty in height, and extensive in length and breadth, barren, inhospitable, and clothed in a perpetual blanket of snow; no luxuriant vegetation, no inspiring songs of the feathered tribe, or no congenial influences of home life to infuse warmth into dulled feelings; a place where the sun, that mighty factor in the earth's existence, meagerly imparts its benefits, and where for six months of the year it is a rare visitor. Such a view of this clime is surely no incentive to a young man to undertake a journey there; but when other motives arise, such as dull times, the above narrated vicissitudes are forgotten and the desire to see strange scenes predominate. Such was the case with Ernest W. Mudge, living at 14 Coburn street, who has returned recently from a 16 months' whaling voyage within the Arctic circle and who this week pleasantly chatted with an Item man of this adventure.

In the summer of 1895, with Edgar Preston, a young Englishman, for seven years a resident of America, he left this country and for 16 months they had experience enough to make them say on the return, last week, that it was their first trip and it would be their last. It is no wonder that their convictions would be thus congealed, as

Their Nerve and Sinew

must have too often been during the past year and a quarter. Once they ran high and dry on an iceberg, but fortunately the ice was somewhat soft, and the weight of the craft crushed through it in time to prevent a wreck.

For three months they subsisted in open boats, with nothing to warm them but an oil stove. On another occasion they were lost in a fog and ran on an unknown reef, but luck again favored them and they escaped, while others who went on similar expeditions perished. During the long period of winter months their ship was frozen in a solid mass of ice hundreds of feet in height, and extending miles in every direction. Here they mingled with the Esquimaux, and in exchange for their wares they received and brought home many valuable relics characteristic of these inhabitants of the icy north.

Prompted, as has been said before, by the present stagnation in business circles, Ernest and Edgar engaged as foremast hands on the whaling schooner Era of New Bedford, a craft of 128 tonnage, captained by George Comer, and manned by 21 men. Though built in 1852, this vessel proved to be staunch, and withstood the warring of the elements like a giant oak of the forest, and made one of the most prosperous voyages that ever any ship of the company had done before.

On June 22 they bid good-bye to their Lynn relatives and friends, and three days later set sail from the historical town of New Bedford, known to mariners, perhaps, the world over. For one month [illegible] and sailing was enjoyable. A dense fog then encompased them and made sailing extremely hazardous. On July 23 everybody on board was thrown into a state of consternation, when the schooner, while bearing northwestward in Davis straits,

Ran Upon an Iceberg

of gigantic proportions, but to none did this come with such terror as it did to the Lynn men. The men at the wheel were thrown in opposite directions, one over the wheel and the other under it. The excitement subsided when the craft penetrated the frozen mass and again rested safely upon the water. Further northward, on the coast of Labrador, the ship in a fog ran into an apparent inlet, with land surrounding them on all sides. The grating of the ship's keel was a signal to the lookout hat they were on a reef, and immediately the warning word was given, and again Neptune and the fates were propitious to the leviathan hunters. They escaped from the reef and sought anchorage. All this time whales might have been blowing and frolicking around them, but the thick fog obscured them. When the fog cleared away and the charts were examined it was found that on the very spot where they were Martin Frobiser of the famous Spanish Armada lost his ship over a century before.

The islands around them were inhabited by savages, who came to them for the purposes of trading. They brought seal skins, deer skins, fox skins, bear skins, ivory, and some 3000 duck eggs. Two deer skins were purchased for a plug of tobacco. Powder, lead and muskets are also coveted by them, and to procure them they give in return 10 times their value in skins, etc. A stay was made here long enough to renew their supplies of fish and meat, which they caught with the assistance of the natives on the islands. Nothing unusual occurred until Sept. 17, when the object of the expedition,

A Large Whale, Was Espied

at an early hour in the morning. The routine of the morning was changed in consequence and preparations were made for an attack. Three boats were lowered, and in one of them were seated the Lynnites. It was their first experience, but they were as cool as their comrades. The monster's course was in their direction, and when near enough a harpoon was thrown with effect. Over 140 fathoms of line went out and the boat was carried along six or seven miles. At length the whale was killed, and the customary preliminaries gone through in removing the valuable portions. It was 75 feet in length, and when its head was removed it weighed over 6000 pounds, and the lip nearly half as much. The whale bone in the head measured 12 feet long and 12 inches wide, and weighed 3000 pounds. From the blubber removed from the animal 150 barrels of oil were obtained. While the whale lay alongside a storm arose, and they made for an adjacent harbor, where the elements tossed them around, and to make matters worse the blubber was heaped up to the ship's rails and the ropes were made greasey thereby. The sea rolled over the deck and the storm was of such fury that even the most hardy seamen were afraid. When the storm abated, sail was set and on Oct. 3, 1895, they went into winter quarters at Cape Fullerton, a northern point on the great northwest territory.

Accompanied by another ship's crew fishing and hunting were indulged in. On Oct. 15, 16 and 17 all hands set to and cut ice from fresh water ponds, for to obtain water for drinking purposes it was necessary to melt the ice. On Oct. 25 the schooner was frozen in. The Esquimaux flocked around their winter quarters and built their snow huts. Subsistence was obtained as before, by hunting, and for amusement during the long winter

Dancing Was Provided on Deck.

These festivities were much enjoyed by the small colony in this barren region of the North. On May 6 troubles began after this rest, and for three months the crew, in four boats, manned by two natives, lived and endured the hardships of the sea. In each boat one oil stove was used to do the cooking and for warming purposes, when the thermometer was below the zero mark. At night they were protected by getting in, head and all, into bags made of reindeer skins, where they slept soundly, but not so comfortably as on a feather bed on Coburn street. At length a landing was made at Southampton, an island about 250 by 150 miles in extent.

On Whale island the natives never saw any white men before, although they had heard of them from their ancestors. When they say the strangers with their knives, matches, muskets, needles, etc., they must have been struck with awe at the appearance of such wonderful personages. They had never seen these articles before, and the matches particularly excited their admiration as well as their curiosity. The flint stone is utilized by them for kindling purposes. On one occasion, when Ernest Mudge went to procure a bow and arrow from them, and being left

Alone Among the Natives,

they desired to keep him among them, so that he would make for them the great things that the white people brought along with them. On promising that he would come back next day he was allowed to go.

A stop of 10 days was made here, and as deer were as thick as mosquitoes, hunting was plenty. Five deer, two bears and a number of birds were carried away on July 25, when they started for the ship again. On the way back one of the natives could not resist the temptation of shooting a walrus. This aroused a swarm of over 100 of them, and the boats were in danger for some time.

Aug. 12 the ship was again righted and sail set. After three days' sail another whale was captured, which furnished 1950 pounds of bone. About this time they met the Britannia and the Desdemona, which brought the first mail that they received since they started. Among the papers received were over 40 Lynn Items, which were very acceptable to them, when they had almost forgotten the city of shoes. They also brought onions, the first vegetable that they had eaten for months, with the exception of dried potatoes. Another delicacy in the way of vegetables was "muctuck," composed of pickled whaleskin and blubber, which forms a sweet morsel for the tooth.

Another whale was secured on Sept. 4, but now they were getting used to it, and the novelty was removed. On Sept. 8 they were signalled from a Scotch ship, which had on board the crew of the wrecked bark Desdemona. They had been picked up by the Tucker and transferred to the Perseverance, which in turn passed them over to the Era. Owing to the limited accommodation of the ship only 14 of the men were taken aboard and returned in safety to New Bedford.

The return trip was made along the coast of Labrador in good time, as 800 miles were covered in six days. They arrived at New Bedford last Saturday with a record of a most successful voyage and not having lost a man.

Both of the young men brought home to Lynn a valuable and varied collection of skins, bone knives and other curios, and are satisfied that their experience in the Arctic regions was such as to last them for a lifetime.

With regards to the Ice breaking up in spring
Cape Fullerton Hudson Bay 1898-9

I have thought by experiance that instead of putting all the ashes in a heap as is customary that a better way is to spread them out thinly in lines leading from the vessel to the shore a head and leading from each boat in the spring they will work down through the Ice and when the Ice starts out as it sometimes does in large bodys the Ice being cut through in several places allows the Ice to go by we tried this last winter and though it did not help us that season for the Ice broke up with a gale blowing in from the East if a vessel was going to be towed out darkey the would not help or keep us

we are spreading the ashes out in lines again this winter one of the great faults of this place is so large though quite land locked the Bottom is quite uneven and generaly rocky Varying from 6 fathoms to 66 in one part of the Bay it is 30 fathoms deep and from where we are to the head of the Bay is from 12 to 15 miles making a bend and gradualy narrowing up till the head is reached in to which a Stream flowes in the summer time where the Natives catch many Salmon (or Salmon Trout)

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It's only possible on a whaling vessel for one to get so far away into the icy fastness of the north or into the colder regions of the Antarctic zones that wars are declared and fought, governments overthrown and marvelous changes in the condition of the world made without any knowledge reaching their little ship-bound life. All this is what Captain George Comer and his crew of the whaling schooner Era experienced.

Not until Captain Comer reached this city yesterday did he hear the details from the lips of his relatives of the war with Spain and the conditions that led to it; nor did he hear of the change in government in the islands of Cuba or the Philippine group. Neither did he know of the marvelous discoveries of gold in the Klondike. All these subjects, which are old to the rest of the world, are new to Captain Comer and as such the changes will be entertaining reading for him for days to come.

The Era arrived in New Bedford yesterday morning, after an absence of over two years. She sailed from that port on the morning of June 29th, 1897, for the whaling grounds of Hudson Bay. The hour of the Era's arrival yesterday saw the completion of the most successful voyage made by that former New London vessel in the thirty years of the fifty-two years of the Era's life.

As the Era was formerly owned in this city and Captain Comer is a resident of East Haddam and has sailed from this port, something about the voyage and captain will be interesting reading.

The Era is a vessel of 134 tons. She was owned by C. A. Williams, Captain Spicer and others of this city. A few years ago she was purchased by Thomas ...ross & Co., of New Bedford, and taken to that port and fitted out for a long whaling voyage. Captain Comer was picked out as her captain for his long experience as a whaler and for the reason that he had sailed under Captain Spicer in the Era years ago.

The voyage lasted twenty-seven months. The schooner returns laden with 285 barrels of oil, 18,000 pounds of whalebone and a few musk ox and bear skins, establishing a record which has not been approached for years.

Captain George Comer was in command and in full possession of his health. Not long ago a message received in this city announced the serious illness of the captain, and some fears were entertained that he might not survive the voyage home. He is entirely recovered now, but admits that he had felt his end was near and that he had prepared to die.

The Era left on the 29th of June, 1897, and went direct to Hudson Bay. The voyage was without any extraordinary incidents, and the schooner arrived at her destination after a passage which lasted six weeks. The efforts to make a catch during the first few months were fruitless, and the first fall passed without any success. The schooner went into winter quarters at Cape Fullerton, September 12th, 1897, and did not come out until September 1st of the following year. The schooner had company in its winter quarters in the bark A. R. Tucker. The schooner made up for her long delay in winter quarters, after coming out, by making a catch of six whales before again going into winter quarters, on September 28th, 1898. She got out of the ice in better season this year, making for the whaling grounds on the 23rd of July. The schooner's success lasted until her departure for home, August 22nd, eight whales being taken this season. Two more were received from the natives, and these made a total of 16 whiles taken on the voyage.

The trip home was a severe one. The schooner was buffeted by gales, but rode the storms without receiving injury.

Captain Comer states that the voyage, considered as a whole, was very pleasant and agreeable. The usual season for whaling was 18 months, he said, but by putting in the extra season some very gratifying results were attained. While in winter quarters the schooner furnished shelter for many of the natives. Captain Comer says they are very poor, and he had to give them food to keep them from starving.

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head of the Bay is from 12 to
making a bend and gradualy
till the head is reached in to a
flowers in the summer time
catch many Salmon (or

Guns and Ammunition

the rifles should be breech loading and single shot such as the Springfield Rifle a winchester is more likeley to get out of order and become useless
the caleber should not be larger then 44 and perhaps not less then 38 larger sizes take so much more lead in reloading also more powder which is quite an Item with the natives after they own the guns.
Cartenages should be loaded when about to be needed should advise carring Empty shells if taken from home loaded they are likeley to become corroded and will not stand reloading but a little
Shot guns I would recomend a No 10 bore (Single Barrell) also Brass shells to be reloaded there are large quantitys of Eider Ducks to been and large bored guns and B.B.B. shot should be used in order to make hunting them successfull

large Knives if could be had which were not tempered high would be better in this extreem cold they would not be so likeley to break

Revolvers are of no use whatever perhaps a heavy revolver would be used some times in Hunting musk ox

Trade for the Natives

there is much that the natives like but there are but comparatively but a few things that are usefull & them such as Rifles Powder Lead Shotguns all guns should be Breech Loading Centre fire Knives with blades 10 & 12 inches long are very usefull in cutting out blocks of snow in building there Igloos (Snow Houses) in summer time they use skin Tents a few Boughton tents striped goods would be good trade with the natives large and small Chopping knives or what is known as Saddlers knives are very usefull with the women fish Hooks and fish lines are also good files and saws also Hatchets small Telescopes are very usefull & the men when Hunting and are prized very much needles should not be forgotten large and small (but neither extreem) pant Buttons also Calico and Buttons & match though not actually necessary Combs and Scissors are good the Eskimaux have a great passion for Beads of Different colors a very usefull thing is a long square tin about 5" inches deep with a wire at Each corner & hang it up by one the Women & melt Snow in and also cook in it should have a cover Matches and Tobacco should not be forgotten

another thing that should not be forgoten is Plank for sled runners these should be 12 or 14 feet long and 8 inches deep and 3 1/2 inches wide then with a shoeing of Bone or oak or yellow pine 1 inch thick

Water

with regoods & the water in the ship there is no danger of ith freezing in the casks untill well a long in the winter have known where a cask was one looked and did not freze untill march

In Cutting Ice on a Pond would recomend selecting a pond of large size or where one have a good depth of water we have cut ours this winters 1895 & 6 7 8 9 on a pond that was quite shallow the water dose not seem & be so clear as it aught & be being of a muthy color the Ice is also a dull white color the water is probeably alright as ush & now (January 15) no one have been sick on either vessel (there are two here Bark Canton and Schr Era) Lat ~~65.59~~ 64 00 north Lon 88 44 west Cape Fullerton Hudson Bay

the Ice was cut about the 12 of October when it had become about 8 inches thick cut in squares 2½ by 3 feet and set up on edge close & the shore of the Pond cut 800 Cakes which is 8 Each through the winter and have enought & melt down & Each us Home

was much more then enough

one case of Scurvy broken out on the Canton on one of the men a Portugeez Sailors about January 16th Later this man died about the 1 of August and was buried at sea

January 1899

we are now wintering here for the 3rd winter and so far have had no signs of Scurvy a few cases of scurvy on board the NR Tucker last winter but no one died

Fish and Game

there are large numbers of Eider Ducks here during the winter and good shooting can be had of one can stand the cold out at the Edge of the floes a small boat being required to pick them up when shot these ducks will weigh 5 and 6 lbs apiece there feathers making good beds

Occasionaly Seal are shot but none sink before they can be picked up of these there are but three kinds known to the Eskimo as Kesegeer (or fresh water seal) these seal are very dark with small lights spots and are best looking for coats though these are not as handsome as the same kind of seal in Hudson Straits

the others are known as Nectyar and are are smaller and lighter colored darkest on the back and these spots have more of a ring shape

the Ooypoong is the largest seal and its skin is of Especial value for Boat Bottoms and making lines for various purpoises
the women do not comb their hair for 3 days when one of these seal have been caught

there are a few Walrus and one is occasionly caught which is the Principal dog food.

Fish and Game Continued

In the spring and fall once in awhile a Polar Bear may be seen last fall (now) we got 3 which came near where we had some casks on shore a large male a female and cub had them skind and skilled to sell to some museum to have mounted when we get Home
in march the the Bears come out of their winter quarters with there cubs

Wolfes are not plentifull though we here of them some times
a Wolverines tracks are some times seen near the Vessel

white Foxes are quite plentifully though in the summer time they have a blueish color we have taken 66 this winter and got 28 others in traid in Hudson Straits

Reindeer were not plentifull this year as none of the natives have been very successfull they say that they must have kept away in land when they migrated South in the fall

musk ox are not found near here but to the north of us about 150 miles we have 5 famous days off Hunting them now they went at Christmas time Expect them back about the first of April

Fish and Game Continued

we have taken (that) quite a number of Rabits they are large and pure white but the tips of there Ears which are black
they will weigh 6 & 8 lbs a peice

Partredges are quite plentiful in the fall and brings moving in large flocks and keeping out on the Islands & keep clear of the Foxes how far north they go can not say but do not lay around these Parts

there are quite a number of small land birds in the spring

there are a few Crows or Ravens here during the summer and winter

all the Country about here is low and rocky and uneven with many fresh water Ponds and these where they have a good depth of water are well supplyed with Salmon or Salmon trout some of these Ponds have out lets & the sea in summer time from there the Salmon find their way out in the spring & the salt water and back again in the fall
at such times are very thick in the Streames

there is one such place at the head of this Bay

Natives, Esquimos

this part of the Country from between Wager River and Chesterfield Inlet does not seem to be the regular Home of the Eskimo though there are now here and have come mostley because the Vessels have made winter quarters between there two mentioned places in the winter of 1892, 3 and 4 we wintered at Depot Island Barks Captain A R Tucker (which I do not consider a good Harbour being small and shallow 5 fathoms and quite difficult to get into) there were around us about 150 natives mostly if not all come from the Vicinity of Repulse Bay and are known as Pivillic Inuits

Many of the men have two wives Children are not plentifull as many of the women are Baren while one, and some times as many as 4 and 5 but never have I know or heard of more Children in a family

I can say that these natives are very Honest though not very cleanly after Marage no ceremony there faces, Shoulders, wrists and lower limbs are tatooed

there is another tribe to the North west known as Netchillic Hetlleen which are reported as given to thieving

the natives to the South are Employed by the Hudson Bay Company and are known and Kendipeter tribe

Usefull Articles & Bring up

Iron Rods from 1/4 inch & 1/2 inch in diameter light bars of steel are also usefull

these Iron rods are used for seal spears

x large Tiged wire nails to be driven through the sled runners & prevent splitting

and a large supply of smaller Tigers on it. take many in Building a house one the after part of the vessel & be used on a work bench and & move around in with ease comfort

x we afterwards in 1897.8 used stone bolts and thinh they are best as they are set up with a nut

for safety of the Vessel

It have always been a custom to cut the Stern and Rudder clear by the 15th of march and then when the Vessel gets loose she can rise and not hurt Either end

This winter we seem to have had a large amount of snow here (Cape Fullerton) while at Depot Island about 40 miles to the west and south they have not had much more the half I think it is caused by the N E winds bringing the moist air from Hudsons Bay this large amount of snow has caused the Ice to settle and at the same time to take the vessel with it then as the water leaked up through it made more Ice on top while possably the tides may have cut away that Ice around the vessel underneath

the lifting power had become so great that we came up in our bed the 12 of February we cut the rudder clear at once through over 6 feet of Ice but so far as we could see by working the rudder it was alright

would recomend keeping the Rudder clear all winter

A short description of my first

Voyage Master of Schoener Era
Sailed from New Bedford Mass
June 25th 1895 the Vessel having
been bought for me from New-
London 22 men all told
we had a very agreable
set of Officers and men
we arrived in Hudson Bay
coming through Fisher Straits (Hudsonstraits)
August 10 Cruised up along the
South Hanten there by Manico Point
and Cape Kendall
thence 3 whale 14 of August Point where
we found the Bark Canton which
arrived there the 13 (Captain Pool)
she had left New Bedford in may
we did not see any whales until
the 17 of Sept when we saw two
and got one of them the Bone measured
11 feet 6 inche taken near Yellow Bluff
we Cruised until the 3rd day of
October which is much later than
Vessels used to do formaly going in
to winter Quarters by the 10 of
Sept the Canton got a whale
between Cape Fullerton and Depot Island
the 14 of Sept do see two others after that
we had pushed out a Place where
we intended to winter at Cape Fullerton
and when we went in the 3d of Oct the
Canton followed us in
during the winter we made it as
pleasent as possable for every one
I used to take dinner every afternoon
Sunday and he Captain Pool would
do the same here while the mate

Bone 7.20 lengths of baleen
5.0 whale for oil
and 850 lbs of bone

1st Voyage 2 months & 6 days
and 100 barrels of oil
23 Bone Whales

would also exchange we began
geting the Boat Steady in april
for whaleing and in first part May had them
out & the edge of the Ice there are
large fields of Ice Continualy shifting
with the wind and there would be
many days when there would be no water
in sight though we all se few whales
there were none taken till the Canton Boats
got one (small) about the 3d day of July
on the 14 of July we started & go
across & Cape Kendall and Manico Point
taking Provision for 10 days 4 Boats
we got over & Cape Kendall that night
met very little Ice the next day got
over Manico Point (North shore) where
we found a few (13) blobs of whale Bone
but no Natives we took the Bone and left
a few things for the Natives when they
should come back
next day we Crossed over to Manico
but se no whales two days later
we se some natives perhaps about 10
miles south of Manico Point they did
not have but a little of the whale
Bone left but we got in all about 150
lbs this whale they had killed 3 years
before we saw about 18 natives
in all they knew nothing of guns
but depend on Bows and arrows and spears
we gave them knives needles and tin Cans
a lance and hatchets we shot 2 Bears
and 5 deer while there got back to
the Vessel the morning of the 25 of July
we had left the Second mate in Charge
the Ice had broken up the 23 and had drayed

the Vessel down towards some reefs but
he had worked the Vessel back to a safe
place after taking a rest and getting
things straightened and had the Boat go
to whale Point while I stayed with
the Schooner and would Come after them
when the pack Ice would permit meanwhile the
Canton and A R Tucker were helpless
in the pack in sight of us
the Canton had been Carried out when
the Ice broke up the 23
the A R Tucker had wintered at Depot Island
on the 12 of August we got the Vessel out
of the Harbour after a little more than 9 months
laying still and steered up our Boats
this side of whale Point and went
on in tending to go to Repulse Bay
but heard there were two whales seen
this side of Wager River so went with them
and got one 11 foot Bone on the 15 of August
did not go to Repulse Bay and next whale
we got on the 4 of Sept 10½ foot Bone
in the mean time two Barks Came from Home
bringing letters Desdemona and Platina
the Desdemona had already got two whales
and gave us the Bone & brought Home for her
the was took on the 3 of Sept north of
Wager River we Brought Home 14 of her
Crew including Captain Millard and mate Ashley
the other coming in the A R Tucker of Capt
Fullerton the morning of the 8 of Sept
and arrived in New Bedford the night of
the 3rd of Oct all well
Came through the streets of Belle Isle and over
Nantucket Shoals the Canton arrived the 10 and the
Tucker the 11 of Oct

our Bone weighed 220 lbs 6 700 lbs Canton 2,300. Tucker 1600 Desdemona 2

the Vineyard averaged 8 6 400 lbs of Bone 220 pounds of Sail

Herbond

written July 14 1897

CREW LIST

Of schooner Era of New Bedford, which sailed from this port, June 29, in command of Captain George Comer of East Haddam, Ct., on a whaling cruise to the Hudsons Bay:

Edward G. Hammond, Ballard Vale, mate; Charles F. R. Howland, South Dartmouth, second mate; Frank B. Borden, Fall River, third mate; Brass Lopes, New Bedford, boatsteerer; Noah Wilkinson, New Bedford, cooper, carpenter and boatsteerer; George Reddick, New Bedford, steward; Alexander Samuel, New Bedford, cook; Konner Lehner, Peter Blecha, Michael Wolf, Charles Wetzell, Fred Buhl, New Bedford; Nathan A. Shipley, George Maynard, North Westchester, Ct.; John Dunn, James Condon, ~~Seldon H. Chaves,~~ Jeremiah McCarthy, James E. Crowley, and James Allen, Boston, greenhands.

Not an able or ordinary seaman was shipped for the cruise.

Va[illegible] [illegible]ooner Era
[illegible] Hudson Bay

New Bedford
[illegible]une 29 1897
[illegible]n the Harbor we had
gui[illegible] of People come down
wit[illegible] [illegible]ll us off
Mr Thomas Luce our principal
owner had invited 3 old men
who had been whaleing with him
50 years ago it was pleasant &
all them bit & gather on deck
we were towed out by the
Vineyard Sound Light Ship
when they left us they gave us
three Cheers which we returned with
a will
the wind was light from S. W.
we are headed very close hauled
for 28 months
our Crew are all white but
the Steward who is a Southern darkey
and one Boatsteerer who belongs
to the Cape De Verd Islands
this man is an excellent good Boatsteerer
and has been two Voyages before
with me (Bk Canton and Era)
we have the same mate Second
mate and third mate that
was in her last Voyage
so we are well acquainted
the Steward is one of the men
who we brought Home last
Voyage from the Wrecked Bark
Desdamona he was Cook on her
our Cook is from St Helena
there is another Vessel to follow
us a week later name unknown
the Schooner Francis Allyn (capt Gibbons

Apples that were given me by my friend Daniel Ammons the last of the season

Verbond

written July 17 1897

Voyage of Schooner Era to Hudson Bay

Sailed from New Bedford
June 29 1897

Towed down the Harbor we had quite a number of People come down with us & we us off
Mr Thomas Luce our principal owner had invited 3 old men who had been whaleing with him 52 years ago it was pleasant & all then sit & gather on deck we were Towed out by the Vineyard Towed Light S Ship when they left us they gave us three Cheers which we returned with a will

the wind was light from S.W. we are headed very clear being fitted for 28 months

our Crew are all white but the Steward who is a Southern darkey and our Boat Steerer who belongs to the Cape De Verd Islands, this man is an uncommon good Boat Steerer and has been two Voyages before with me (Bk Canton and Era) we have the same Mate Second Mate and third mate that was in her last Voyage so we are well acquainted the Steward is one of the men who we brought Home last Voyage from the Wrecked Bark Desdemona he was Cook on her our Cook is from St Helena there is another Vessel & Follows us a week later Name owner the Schooner Francis Allyn (capt Gibbons

My friend Dallie Emmons was with us the last of them the 3rd July

Voyage of Helen Era

written July 19 1897

we had Moderate weather as far as St Johns N F where we stood close up in to the Harbour and gave our letters which we had ready to a Tow Boat they were very kind and seemed pleased that they could oblige us we were there Sunday Evening the 11 of July we see the Ice that day 12 small Bergs

since then we have had moderate weather but considerable Fog met a few Bergs

after passing the Straits of Belle Isle we discontinued the side lights and keeping a look out for other Vessels but keep a constant look out for Ice Bergs though keeping well out as we do we do not see as many as we should if we were in Nearer the Labradoir Coast

we are continualy at work on the Vessel and on the Boats getting them ready for Whaling

we find the Cold quite a little Especialy the men yesterday afternoon to build a fire in the Forecastle our men all seem to be perfectly willing to have the Voyage for one two years though when they shipped they thought it was only for 6 months we carry quite a large supply of various articles to trade with the natives (Eskimo) for Bear skin musk ox skin and what ever else they may have to trade off

Tuesday July 20 1897

the weather was light during the night with Variable winds
& day the wind have increased in Force from the N.W. (true)
the weather becoming thick and rainy
at night put two reefs in Mainsail
and lat & day at 3.30 p.m
was 57,23 n long 52.53 w
got out Filoat and water
are steering more direct for
Hudson Straits. Course N.W ½ W

Wednesday July 21
rain squalls during the night
cloudy this fore noon but clearing
and better weather this p.m
we are now with in 32½ miles
of Resolution Island of Hudson Straits
at the entrance there is
quite an irregular sea

Thursday July 22
the winds still continue to
be ahead from the N.W.
though we have sailed something
like 70 miles we are but about
5 miles nearer Hudson straits
than yesterday
& day am Carpenter made a
new Block for the Fore sheet
the weather is improving quite
clear this p.m

July 23 1897

the weather have been Variable
head winds light airs misty and Calms
we are now 295 miles from
Cape Best ~~Resolution~~ or the entrance
of the Straits there was a Whale
Killers around this forn
our lat & day was 6004
lon " " " 6.5.20

Saturday July 24
Have had Variable weather
through this forn the wind
have increased & a fresh Breez
from North
we are now 225 miles from Cape Best

Sunday July 25
Irregular winds from the North
we have had light Variable
winds from N E & N W are now
& night 145 miles from Cape Best
which is the Southern Point of
Resolution Island there are two Bergs in sight
Cloudy most all day just at night Clearing

Monday July 26
Still Continue to have head winds
and Calms passed two large Bergs
this forn & night we are within
& 5 miles of Resolution Island
which is Mountainous at this
have been quite a pleasent day

Friday July 30

I have been quite sick with inflamation of the Bowels am still quite low we have been having light pleasent weather took Come in & the Straits the 28 had light Easterly airs there has been no Ice only a few Bergs it must be seldom the Straits are as clear of Ice as they are this season we got up as far as the middle Rapperges last night at midnight when one of the natives Boats Came off & us to trade we lay aback and. towards Morning two more Came off for the same purpose

(it is quite light here at this time of the year during the night)

the Natives both at this place in order to Sell and trade with Vessels (Whalers) in passing we got a number of Deer Skins which we shall use for Clothing and Sleeping Bags a good quantity of Ducks Eggs a little Deer meat and a few Walrus tusks dog skins Seal skins and and Bear skins they did not have much to trade and some of the natives are away to the West and we are having a fine run with the wind East moderate Breez

(we left the natives at 7 am)

Sunday August 1 1897

we met our first Ice about
half way from North Bluff &
Charles Island not very thick or
heavy we met the Ice yesterday
Morning at 7 am
and at Night at 6 pm are
through it and are about of
the East end of Charles Island
last night it rained very hard
and nearley Calm Tied up to a
Cake of Ice and lay until 10 am
when we got a light breze from
N W to N E
quite pleasant all day
from what I have heard other say
who have been Coming here for many
years this must be an unusuen Early
season this makes four times that
I have been in here and have not
seen so little Ice

Monday August 2

Passed Charles Island last
Night when we come to more Ice
to day the weather have been very
rainy with fogg wind South & East
and laying in Clear water
& the L. W. of Charles Island
Can not see but little ways
Come near geting on the lee ther
Edge of a Pack of Ice
by the wind letting go while we
were trying to pass it

Saturday August 7 1897

we have been having much fogg and rain we worked S the south of the Ice and passed Nelr Cape Chidley Walstenholme the 3rd then head Winds which made us work over S Bell Isle

on the 5 we saw a school of killers I speak of it as I think it is something unusual for them to come in S Hudson Straits they are a large fish which kill whales

yesterday Mr Hayward shot a large Bear going after him with a Boat S day shot an other

there was no land in sight yesterday when we got him which shows what Powerfull Currents they must be the one shot S day must have been 15 miles from Cape Pembroke which land we made at day light we are now (6 p m) half way down the length of it light airs and calm wind S day have been west S North and now N E very light

all well and Pleasant

Sunday August 8

Land by the west end of Coats Island at noon we are now steering for the South Hunters there where we hope S find whales Wind west (true) Variable strong at times misty and rainy

Wednesday August 11

we Came up along the South Hampton
shore South of Manico Point on the 9th but the weather being thick
and stormy Boats from the A E we could
not give the ground a good look ouer
at 4 pm we kept off for whale Point
and arrived there on the 10 the natives Came
off to us and there was only 4 of them here
the others being at Repulse Bay
these natives have taken two small whales,
we took the Bone on Board to day
they also had 25 musk ox skins and
3 Bear skins it have been a very
Early season they report that the
Barks Platena and Perseverance
which wintered at Repulse Bay have
taken nothing since last Report
we are now bound down to Cape
Fullerton & again to Ere Harbour
and land some of our Provision
light fine weather wind variable

Thursday August 12
had light airs from NE got down to
Cape Fullerton by day light
and got in & anchored at 3 pm
light airs and Calms towed in
most of the way
began at once & land Stores and
Provision very pleasant weather
we expect to winter here

Friday August 13
pleasant light winds Variable
have been landing Provision and stores
that are keeping enough on board
to last us a Year what we land
is for use the declared Winter

Saturday August 21 1897

we finished landing provisions and
taking on wheels (casks)
wednesday night got under way Thursday
morning but after geting out the
wind hauled S & SE and came on
blow and storm we went back
and anchored at 6 p m
the weather got better by morning and
we came out again
wind north got S whale Point by
noon during the afternoon sighted
a whale near Yellow Bluff
but the winds began to blow and
again it set in stormy so we could
do nothing more squalls
the natives got aboard before it
commenced and had to stay all night
& day the weather here improved
and draped off Calm this pm
the natives going ashore
there are but few of them here
most of them being at Deputee Bay
it seems a little strange that
the Bark A R Tucker and the
Schooner Francis Allyn dare not show
up yet they should have arrived
here by this time
our Bone weighed 1860 lbs
we have now 29 musk ox skins
and 9 Bear skins 5 wolf skins
and about 12 fox skins
we had very fine weather while
we were discharging
the Natives brought off a number
of fish Salmon which they catch
with with a net in the salt water

August - Thursday the 29 1897

we have been having Moderate
weather we saw a whale last
Monday up towards Wager River
just at night about 6 30 pm
we went with two Boats after it
I went on it & the whale but
my Boat Steerer (Harpooner) did
not fasten & the whale sailed
Enough and after running a
short distance the Iron Came out
and the whale got away
our natives report having seen
the Schooner Francis Allyn at
whale Point Sunday morning
but we have not been out as yet
yesterday and to day have been
stormy at first wind fresh
South and to day & N E -
we have worked down & whale
Point reefs and Hogg

Wednesday Sept 1 1897
we have had strong winds from the
N E since last writing
saw a small whale last Saturday
lowered but could not get near
and took the run of it in a
short time the Natives have been
on Board to day 3 Boats they are going
to Cape Fullerton
there is a vessel in sight near
Cape Fullerton we think it is
the Schooner Francis Allyn
Same owners as we was &
sail a week later than we did
light airs and Calms this p m

Friday Sept 3 1897

we met the Whaler Francis Allen
Capt Gibbons yesterday. She sailed from
New Bedford the 8 of July
he brought letters for us and a
Cask Containing a few dried Potatoes
and an old Sail (Main Royal)
4½ lbs of tobacco
She have been in at an anchor
to Cape Fullerton She raised a
small whale about noon lowered but
did not get it have started for
Repulse Bay wind South
½ day the wind have sprung S/E
from the north blowing strong
we are near whale Point
quite Clear weather and a little Colder

Saturday Sept 4 1897
the Winds moderated during the
night & day fine weather
raised a whale in there south of
whale Point and though we
got quite close & it we could
not get it wind fresh from west-
-north west at night moderate

Sunday Sept 5 897
raised a whale this p.m. supposed it
is the same one lowered but could
not get near as it keeps moving
long distances very fresh breezes
at whale Point

Sept 6 north of whale Point
have the same whale again to day
observing strong wind nor
could not keep the run of the whale

Wednesday Sept 8 1897

had light air and calm yesterday we were off Whale Point what 2 knot and a calms last night the wakes by making to day we have come up as far as Wager River with the wind South West light at sun down turned to work back again

Friday Sept 10

yesterday we run down from Wager river with the wind increasing to a gale and hauling to NE from NE

have off Whale Point at dark had a very rough night last night to day like weather have improved wind hauling to NW and then west last night we had quite a good deal of seas

to day (this morning) we undertook to go in to Cape Fullerton but the wind hauled to North and NW so we turned and came out

came back with in sight of whale Point when we raised a small whale we lowered with two Boat got close to the whale when in fixing one my Boat Capsized and that put end to hunting for the whale Mr Hayward came and picked us up then being 6 hrs it took till nearly 7 before we got the Boat on the Chains

I took my marten & bear skins and light from the west

stay have 30 barrels of

Saturday Sept 11 1897

light air and Calms during the night this morning the breeze sprang up from the N E it has increased to a moderate gale with rain now blowing from N N E
this fore noon saw the some whale again north of whale Point lowered Mr Hayward and M Howland and though they got close two they lost sight of it they got on board by noon
this pm saw the A R Tucker laying two on Port tack while we were on starboard tack we run down by her stern and from what the mate Mr Hayden said (shouted) (could not hear all that he said) think they are in trouble he repeated several times that they were in a hell of a scrape and wanted I should come on Board & morrow we are near (7 pm) about 10 miles N N E of whale Point

Sunday Sept 12 1897
had very strong winds during the night having from S W & north and N E worked in & the land and set the Colors for the A R Tucker & follow us which they did
we come in to Cape Fullerton at 1 p m went on Board the Tucker found that there was nothing more serious than that Captain Michael was snow blind and here not been able & navigate and as no one but the Steward could do so they have been some time coming along

they have 350 barrels of sperm oil and a very small quantity of whale

Monday Sept 13 1897

blowing strong all day from N E
the Boats have been off gunning got
15 passenger and one Duck
the Natives 4 of them are here camped
the Ice is ½ inch thick on the small ponds
I think it is much colder then it was two
years ago

Tuesday Sept 14 1897
still blowing fresh went on Board
the Tucker this evening
got off a cask of water to day
last night the natives
held a Meeting and one of them who
pretends to have power to visit the
Spirit land went in to a trance
to call up on the spirit who have
charge of the whales and learn
why we had not had better success
this morning the natives told me
that the Auticoak was told by
the Deities who looks after the whales
that we had worked on the musk
ox skins at a season when we had
not ought to as perhaps we worked
on them on the vessel and that
being on the water was wrong
also we had an owl skin
which we had saved and we
had done wrong again in picking
the feathers off the Duck we had
done wrong we should have spared
them I was told to throw up
my hands several times as though
throwing things away after I had done
that (which I did) they told me I would have good success in future and would have good

wednesday Sept 15 1897

blowing strong from n E to north
at night having more to N W
quite cold water in the cook on deck
freezing Cloudy weather
they had a very early spring
and this fall is much earlyer than
the two other seasons that I have wintered
here the Ice now being quite a little
thickness on the small ponds

Thursday Sept 16 1897
strong breeze from N N W
weather quite cold below freezing
the other vessel A R Tucker is
preparing to winter here
our People have been gunning part
of the day got 6 rabbits
thermometer this am 32

Friday Sept 17 1897
snowing this am but clearing
up this afternoon wind north
the weather went off to the head of
the Bay our people got 22
ducks while gunning

Saturday Sept 18 1897
cloudy occasional snow squalls wind
N N W to N N E squally got one
rabbit thermometer this am 22
got one rabbit

Sunday Sept 19 1897
started to get under way
this am but the wind being ballking
sine boats in sail again later the day
showed to quite good wind N E and
varying to force ther 27 this am

Monday Sept 20 1897

wind S E fresh increasing we dropped back a little we as it be more handy in case we decide to go in behind an Island to winter where we are now is where we wanted to be a year ago last when the Ice broke up in July (the 22) 1896 there being so much that it dragged the anchors and nearly took the Vessel on a reef the winter we intend to get in to a smaller place and more land locked let go the second anchor ther 28 2 pm

Tuesday Sept 21 1897

snow and rain during the night the land looked quite white this morning wind still to E fresh ther 30 a m we are in hopes to have some good weather so we can go out for a few days and look for whale it is quite discouraging to winter without having caught any thing of course we have whale meat the natives caught which is a great help

Wednesday Sept 22 1897

wind Shifted to N E from S E and is now N N E raining hard during the night this p m Clearing at night overcast

Jno Mate have been gunning got 1 Rabbit 4 ducks and 1 Jackass ther 40 a m

Thursday Sept 23 1897

weather improving with snow squalls
our people went gunning got 8 rabbits
have left the second anchor wind N E
thermometer this am 30

Friday Sept 24 1897
light airs and calms fine snow squalls
partly Cloudy got two seal
a few portages and ducks
tem this am 29

Saturday Sept 25 1897
wind N E fresh a little snow fell
during the night this overcast
all day thermometer 27

Sunday Sept 26 1897
Very pleasant bright bulging airs
this afternoon coming up from the East
our people in gunning 8 day got
4 rabbits and 30 partridges
tem this am 22

Monday Sept 27 1897
a very stormy day wind N E
moaning Some sickness gets in where we
are at once let go the second anchor
sent down the crows nest (temper 31)
and fore top gallant yard

Tuesday Sept 28
Wind Thunder & N W and N W
veering in Force pleasant our people got
9 rabbits and 4 partridges 8 day
while gunning temp 34

Sept 29 Wednesday 1897

overcast with many squalls
wind west & NW moderate temperature 28 6 a m

Thursday Sept ~~30~~ 30 1897
quite pleasant winds NW moderate
have been waking preparing provision
for the coming winter
our people got 1 rabbit and 4 partridges
this p m delf with clothes & the men
temperature 26 6 a m

Friday October 1 1897
strong winds from the NW
with mist and fine rain
temperature 36 6 a m

Saturday Oct 2 1897
Moderate with thick weather during
the day wind coming from NW &
south then East and is now E by S
blowing strong let go the second
anchor fogg and rain
tem 38 6 a m
have herd one of my shell of wind collic
but am feeling quite well now

Sunday Oct 3 1897
two years ago & day we came
in here that was a slate fall
while this fall seems to have been
an early one
and one year ago & day I got
Home from my First Voyage
as master
& day have been very stormy winds strong
from E to N & snowing tem 38 6 a m

Monday Oct 4 1897

blowing very strong strong all day
from N & NE and moving
temperature 28 6 a.m.

Tuesday Oct 5 1897

the wind are more moderate to
day Partly Cloudy
Shut at night winds hauling
to the NE from N
this p.m one of the natives
which we used to have (Stonewall
Jackson) came and reports that
he came down as far as Whale Point
on the Platina from Republic Bay
some time a go about the 12 of sept
perhaps a day or two later
says the F Francis Allyn arrived
at Republic Bay and soon after
that the Platina and Perseverance
started for Home the Platina
landing him at Whale Point
the Platina have taken this
summer 2 small whales
the Perseverance have taken one
small whale and one big one
we had supposed that both vessels
had been caught in the Ice up there
as we had not seen them.
temperature 22

Wednesday Oct 6 1897

Clear and cold
wind north moderate temperature 19
took up the small anchors

Thursday Oct 7 1897

quite pleasant day made anattempt
to sail in to a smaller Harbor close by
but the wind headed from N to NE
so we could not get in Came to
anchor at 10 am
the place we wish to Winter in was back
of our Island which is on the NE side of
the Bay we are in
the fault of this place is that it is so
large that when the Ice breaks up in the
spring it moves in large bodys
Commenced building a house over the
after part of the Vessel ten 16 6 am

Friday Oct 8 1897
very stormy wind NE let go the second
Anchor & a drowing snow storm fine snow
ten 18 6 am

Saturday Oct 9 1897
we are having a regular bligard
the out side of the Vessel is Coated
with Ice some spray coming onboard
can see but a very short distance 18
wind NE temperature 18 6 am

Sunday Oct 10 1897
the winds moderated and the weather
improved during the night
& day light airs and warmer
have been at work building the House
over the after part of the Vessel
took up the small anchor
there have been quite a little Ice
drifting around to day
wind NE & E temperature 25

Monday Oct 11 1897

light moderate weather a few snow squalls we are working on the Haine which looks now as though it would be much better than the one we had two winters ago we wintered then in this same Harbor & day I went on board the Tucker and gave Captain Nichols the mail that we had brought up for the Pk Platina as the ships belong to the same owners opened a Cask of Bread

Tuesday Oct 12

snow squalls with moderate weather windy N E & E the native (Stonewall Jackson) went off to day & got what deer skins he had and cleat other deer we are working on the Haine.

Wednesday Oct 13

Moderate Breeze from north Cloudy we had 6 ducks stopped on Board the Tucker and Captain Nichols gave me a jar of pickels which are quite a treat

pumped of the salt water and got the Provisions ready in the hole for the coming winter

Thursday Oct 14

Moderate weather quite cold wind N W fresh this A M

Commenced cutting Ice (on a pond where) for winter use the Ice bearing 8 and 9 inches thick they cut 484 Cakes about 2 feet by 3 square

Friday Oct 15 1897

light airs and moderate breezes from NW and people finished Cutting Ice they have something over 800 Cakes
Battened down the main hatches and are are about ready for winter

Saturday Oct 16
Moderate winds a few snow squalls we got 60 decks for day
Wind NW thermometer 14 above

Sunday Oct 17
winds S & E this am and stormy at noon more moderate have left both anchors and dropped back towards the North shore at night wind headed S & SW and is now NW becoming Colder ther - - 28

Monday Oct 18
winds E N & & NW fresh & strong let go second anchor
we have got the House finished though there are small affairs to be looked after the roof of the House is covered with old sail which is a great help temperature 28

Tuesday Oct 19
winds NW & North moderate we have shot 32 decks while gunning to day the Ice is making fast in the small bays some of them are frozen over temperature 11 above
at night 9 " "
Cut the Ice for the windows

Wednesday Oct 20 1897

pleasant but cold we get 26 ducks
to day wind N E have up the
small anchor this Evening went on
board the Tucker

temperature 2 above 6 am

Thursday Oct 21 1897

winds fresh from E & N E
some Ice drifting in to the Harbor
about 2½ inches thick the Vessel
cutting her way through them as
the wind and tide drives it past

temp 8 above 6 am

Friday Oct 22

wind South East fresh and moving
much Ice have been driven in from
each side from 2 & 4 inches thick
at night misty temper 28 6 am

Saturday Oct 23

moderate winds from East
a little fine snow shy oweast
we got 26 ducks to day
that an owl temper - 28 above

Sunday Oct 24

Cloudy a little snow falling
wind East moderate
Capt Nickals come on board & dinner
the Harbor is skinning over with
young Ice thermometer 18 above
3rd mate shot one duck

Monday Oct 25

partley cloudy light winds from
East the Harbor have skined over
with young Ice
have been making a sled & draw Ice

temp 18 this am

Tuesday Oct 26 1897

Very stormy wind East strong
snowing much Ice keeps coming in
& the Bay while what is here is
being forced to gather
working on sleds temp 23 above

Wednesday Oct 27
strong gale during the night
which broke up the Ice and passed
part of it out of the Harbor
moving this the wind have moderated
& day though still fresh
winds E & E & N E temp 14 above 7 am

Thursday Oct 28
a large piece of Ice came
down upon us last night and
though we had out 60 fathoms of
chain on Each anchor and payed
out & nearly 90 we dragged
some ways before we broke
through it also broke the Iron
stock & our small anchor
& they have made one and put
on wind N E & North
the Ice keeps moving but is
driven out by the wind
temp this a m 12 above at night 8 above
got bath of my Ears fingers quite bad

Friday Oct 29
the wind moderated last night
and this morning the bay was strained
over with Ice
temp 8 below 6 of the Natives (men) came & us
from the head of the Bay brought 9 hams
of Deer meat and 2 Ke salmon

Saturday Oct 30 1897

a breeze was seen but it took to the water so could do it off yet

day we have up the anchor by cutting the Ice ahead and before also cut in towards the land as we intend to winter in a small bay the Ice is about 6 inches thick the Thermometer have been 15° below zero several of the men have been frost bitten some I have had my cheeks and nose frozen the natives have worked with us

winds NW fresh

Sunday Oct 31 1897

have been cutting Ice ahead of the Vessel and towing her ahead near to the land

the Ice is now nearly 6 inches thick temperature 10 below

the natives went away to day to the head of the Bay wind NW fresh

Monday November 1 1897

still cutting Ice and towing the Vessel ahead though we get less distance each day the Ice is now about 8 inches thick

we shall not be able to go much further

temp 11 below at night 3 below

Tuesday Nov 2

finished cutting Ice and placed the Vessel (heading North) for the winter there will be but little we can do now but bank up the sides of the Vessel with snow when we get it and get Ice for water

wind N E to North temp 8 below

Wednesday Nov 3 1897

pleasent weather Commenced getting
Ice & melt for water
moderate Breez from Nort
Temp 14 below 0 am

Thursday Nov 4
Pleasent weather wind light from
Nor there is but little to do now
the men play foot ball and
do what light work that may need
doing one man looks out for
the Forecastle Each day and one
comes aft in the Harbor and
keeps that in order Evenings
there is visiting back and forth from
the other Vessel temp 10 below

Friday Nov 5
Pleasent moderate winds from N E
temperature 6 below
we have a stove in the Hause on deck
which adds much to our Comfort

Saturday Nov 6
wind light from N E temps 2 below
one of our Natives Came to day
but the A R Tuckers people induced
him to stop with them
they have been trying to get others
to leave us and Come to them

Sunday Nov 7
the rest of our natives Came back
to day and have built there
Igloos on the Ponds (edges)
wind south & west light & cloudy
temp 6 above

Monday November 8 1847

winds N E they overtook
the natives went back and brought
in a sled load of fish and meat
part of which they gave us and
keeping the other portions for them
selves we got 7 saddles of Deer meat
122 salmon also one rabbit
they kept about 1/3 for them selves
and say they have many more salmon
near the Pond where they were caught
Temp 3 below

Tuesday Nov 9
gathering up a storm wind N E
blowing strong since we cut the Ice
and hauled in near the land the Ice
have cracked across the Harbor the crack
passing under the Fore part of the Vessell
& day we cut a Channel around the
Bow and connected it with the main
crack these cracks grow wider and
would be bakelly & injure the Vessel
temp 2 below

Wednesday Nov 10
thick hazy weather wind N E a gale
went over & the other shift for a short
while this A M
have had a dance in the House this Evening
and treated all hands & Pop Corn Balls
temp 10 above

Thursday Nov 11
blowing strong from N E with a little
snow pass the time in mending
Clothes and Evenings by reading
temp 10 above

Friday November 12

blowing strong from N E
with a little snow
some Natives Come & day one Canoe
of 5 they were brought down last to B
fall by the scotch whaler and landed
at whale Point they are very poor
and do not seemed to be liked by
our natives they belong to the Kekepito
tribe last spring this Natives gun
went off by accident (he says)
and the bullet entered the leg of
a native who belong to the tribe of our
natives our natives have the impression
that he went to kill the man
they come on board and we give
them something to eat although the
other ship wants natives they do not care to
take them temp 8 above

Saturday Nov 13
hazy wind fresh from N E
temp 4 above

Sunday Nov 14
quite pleasent went aboard the other
ship & dinner fresh breeze from N E
temp 2 below

Monday Nov 15
hazy wind N E & temp 2 above
blowing fresh I am working on some walf
skins which we have

Tuesday Nov 16
fresh breeze from north Clear
pleasent thermometer 2 above
our natives got 2 rabbits
and 5 ducks

Wednesday November 17 1897

strong breeze from nw Partly Cloudy
put out boats a shore
have had a dance and some very good
singing in the House this Evening
temp 2 above

Thursday Nov 18
pleasant wind light from nw
temp 10 below put caber of Ice
up to our windows to help keep the cold
out the Ice being about 5 inches thick

Friday nov 19
thy becoming overcast wind west hauling
to south then NE temp 8 below
the cooper of the other ship brought me
a fine small tub which he had
made for me I have to be able to
bring it home

Saturday Nov 20
storming wind East temp 10 above
one of our Natives brought off 3 deer
hams

Sunday Nov 21
stormy wind north temp 4 above
at night 2 below can see but little ways

Monday Nov 22
pleasant wind nw moderate
3 of our natives went a short distance
to day hunting got one Deer and one
rabbit gone Capt Nichols about 20 salmon
temp 10 below

Tuesday Nov 23
growing colder 18 below zero this am
at night 24 below pleasant but strong wind

Wednesday November 24 1897

hazy wind East fresh temp 22 below
have had a musical and dance entertainment
in the House this Evening a very pleasent time
one of the natives brought of a saddle of Deer meat

Thursday Nov 25
partly Pleasent wind west temp 18 below
Capt Nichols and his third mate came
over and had dinner with us
our natives Number 7 men 1 large boy
4 small boys & women 2 girls and 3 babies
there is also another family here belonging
to another tribe who come to us to get what
ever we will give them to eat

Friday Nov 26
Pleasent wind moderate from NW
temp 10 below we are keeping about
200 paces from the shore and to day have
cut holes in the Ice close together and put
stones in them they will melt through
in the spring and in that way help
to break the Ice ahead of us when it
moves out next summer

Saturday Nov 27
wind North & fresh temp 23 below
the time seems to pass very quickly
and pleasantly

Sunday Nov 28
Pleasent light winds from NW &
temp 8 below

Monday Nov 29
Pleasent wind NW & temp 14 below
am now busy working on some deer
skins to make a sleeping bag
for next spring all of our men are now
quite well provided with skin clothing

Tuesday Nov 30 1897

pleasant wind light from north temp 18 below
some of our natives have started off after
bear meat which they have left last
fall in the fall when they kill more than
they can eat they cover it over with
large stone and then in the winter when
[illegible] it gets cold Bears

Program
Thanksgiving Eve
1897

1	"Carol"	(by the Glee Club
2	Zither Solo	(" Prof. Fritz
3	Recitation "Hesperus"	(Allen
4	Tenor Solo	(by Noah Wilkinson
5	Recitation: "Red haired boy"	(Shippy
6	Carol	(Glee Club
7	Rec'tion: I did'nt think	(Mackintosh
8	Baritone Solo: Old Bucket	(Mr Borden
9	Jig or clog dance	(Mr Howland
10	Tenor Solo	(Jas Allen
11	Rec'tion. The Tempest	(Shippy
12	Tenor Solo (Dad's dinner pail)	(Gordon
13	Zither Solo	(Prof. Fritz
14	Base Solo	(by Slim
15	Fishurman and his child	(Glee Club
16	Carol	(Glee Club

Wednesday Night Nov. 24/97
at
Era Hall
Broadway
Hudson Bay

Esquemoix Job and Print Press

[illegible] wind [illegible] cloudy temp 21 below
the natives nearby all seem to have the itch
said to have caught it at Repulse Bay
last winter

Tuesday Dec 7
very pleasant temp 22 below light air from NW

Tuesday Nov 30 1897

pleasent wind light from north temp 18 below
some of our natives have started off after
bear meat which they have left last
fall in the fall when they kill more than
they can eat they cover it over with
large stone and then in the winter when
the sledging is good go after it got a Bear

Wednesday December 1 1897
very pleasent little or no wind
have been & the natives Igloos twice a
day for the first time temp 24 below

Thursday Dec 2
pleasent Moderate breeze from west
temp 23 24 below there is a wolf seen
nearby every day seen by the natives have
set traps & catch it and are also trying
& shoot it had one rabbit brought in

Friday Dec 3
pleasent light wind west temp 27 below
Mr Hayward shot the wolf this am
close & the dog it was an old one
and nearby stoned had another rabbit brought in

Saturday Dec 4
pleasent light wind from N W
temp 23 below opened a new can of
flour

Sunday Dec 5
pleasent wind west light temp 27 below

Monday Dec 6
pleasent wind N E pretty cloudy temp 21 below
the natives nearby all keep & have the itch
said to have caught it at Repulse Bay
last winter

Tuesday Dec 7
very pleasent temp 22 below light air from N W

Wednesday December 8 1897

pleasent temp 18 below light winds
have commenced building a small
Boat to use when ant at the Edge
Edge in reading

Thursday Dec 9
very pleasent light wind from NE
temp 24 below one of our Natives gots
a rabbit

opened a can of Beef

Friday Dec 10
very Pleasent wind light NW
temp 26 below still working on the Boat

Saturday Dec 11
Snowing wind East moderate temp zero
finished the Boat we have been building

Sunday Dec 12
Pleasent light wind North temp 14 below

Monday Dec 13
Quite pleasent temp 14 below
at night a little snow falling
cut off part of the first joint of one
of our men large toes
got a barell of Beef from the Tucker
& burn in forecastle and steerage

Tuesday Dec 14
pleasent light winds from north temp 18 below
one of our Natives Came to day (Atonewall)
he have shot 3 deer while gone and one wolf
he brought another wolf skin that he had
got before gave us two saddles of meet

Wednesday Dec 15
Pleasent light wind NW temp 28 below
our Natives brought in another saddle of Deer meet

opened a can of beef

Thursday Dec 16
very pleasent light wind from West
temp 24 below I am writing stories
which the Eskimos tell me of things that
happend long ago

Friday December 17 1897

slightly Cloudy wind west moderate temp 4 below
time is passing very pleasantly and quickly

Saturday Dec 18

Pleasant light air from north temp 2 below
our Natives came back & day. Paul and.
Jack with a sled load of meat
gave us 14 and ½ pounds of Deer meat.
they say that they could not bring quite
half what they had this is what they
had till last fall and had butcher
they also brought one Bear skin have killed
4 deer while gone

Sunday Dec 19

fresh breeze from N.W.&
temp 12 below took dinner on
board the the other Vessel (A R Tucker)
one of my men have a sore throat
the effect of a former disease
the man whose toe I cut off is doing well

Monday Dec 20

quite pleasant wind N & moderate
Breeze the snow have drifted around us
a little so that we are now able to
walk around the Vessel temp 4° below
we have commenced to fix up the small
Boat with masts and yards intend to use
it in place of a Christmas tree

Tuesday Dec 21

fresh breeze from N & drifting the
snow Cloudy temp zero
have taken the trunk skins (2 of them) ashore
& have made in to a small Robe

Wednesday Dec 22

pleasant moderate breeze from N N E
temp 10 below to day received 2 quarts
of Peanuts for Christmas Eve

Thursday Dec. 23 1897

pleasant light air from n w temp
12 below finished loading the ship
shoped a lot of coal and it
took splendid

Friday Dec 24 Christmas time
pleasant light air from north
temp 10 below & day we rigged up
the Boat (we had built a short time ago)
ship rigged and loaded the yards
with presents for all hands the present
for the Crew consisted of Comfort bags
sent on board by a Club of Ladies
of Andover Mass each bag had in
such things a buttons thread wax
thimbles combs bandages and solace
there was a box of candy for me also
besides a bags then I gave Each Native was
given a small present the men had
the ~~presents~~ each a few yards of Calico
each boy a jack knife and each
girl a dress (Calico for it)
with each dress went two spools of thread
and a thimble and each of the men got
a file there is 23 of them and
5 and side (Kenipetlese)
. so there were 50 presents to make
and with each was a bag of Popcorn
and Peanuts our second mate
Mr Haviland acting as Santa Claus
and being rigged up for the occasion he
made a good one
then with good music singing
and dancing the party kept up
untill 11 p m
there was a goodly number from
the A R Tucker

Saturday Dec 25 1897

Cloudy much warmer temp zero
light air from north

Sunday Dec 26

very pleasant light air from NW
temp 12 below went a shore to the natives
Igloos this am with us the men done
not till now till after 9.30 am and ret.
soon after 2 p m

Monday Dec 27

Pleasant - light air from NW temp 12 below
the natives have built a third Igloos close to
the vessel but have not moved off yet

Tuesday Dec 25

Cloudy and moving wind NW
temp 12 above the natives still at work
on their Igloos

Wednesday Dec 29

pleasant colder 22 below wind NW
stiff breze the natives moved off to day
and are now close to the vessel
this Evening have had a dance in the Hall

Thursday Dec 30

pleasant moderate breze from west
temp 22 below the natives are getting
ready to go sealing to morrow
and to night have held an Anticout

Friday Dec 31

~~Pleasant~~ light wind foggy temp 22 below
the native went off for the first time sealing
out to the Floe taking the Boat with them
they got 6 seal which is extra good
luck

Saturday

January 1 1898 Saturday

Pleasent moderate breeze from north temp 26 below the natives got two seal and 5 ducks also one rabbit

Jan Tuesday 2 1898
Pleasent temp 24 below wind North light took dinner on board the A R Tucker

Jan monday 3
Pleasent Wind light variable temp 28 the natives got one seal and 10 Ducks

Jan Tuesday 4
strong winds from N E cloudy with some snow temp 5 below the natives got a walrus a large one

January Wednesday 5th
Cloudy light airs gradualy clearing temp 6 below

Jan Thursday 6th
Partley Cloudy light air from N E temp 18 below our natives got 2 ducks & a little water as the wind holds the ice in

Jan Friday 7th
Pleasent wind N E temp 12 below washing on a sled saw the Partial Eclipse of the moon this Evening

Jan Saturday 8
Pleasent wind N E light temp 20 below finished the sled we have been making the natives got one seal

Jan Sunday 9th
Pleasent light wind N N E temp 22 below the natives got one seal

Jan Monday 10
Pleasent light air from north temp 24 below have been melting lead making Bullets 19.50 bullets

Jan Tuesday 11th
Pleasent light air from west temp 30 below our natives got 37 ducks and 2 seal & dog

Wednesday January 12 1898

Pleasant light air from west temp 32 below
the natives got two seal and two ducks to day
the Dances seem to be well enjoyed

Thursday January 13

Pleasant light airs variable but mostly temp 26 below
the natives had no success to day

Friday Jan 14

Pleasant light air from NW temp 32 below
our natives had no success to day at the Floes
which is about 5 miles off

Saturday Jan 15

Pleasant light air from west temp 32 below
no success to day in hunting at the Floes
having a dance at the other village to night
the time seems to go fast

Sunday Jan 16

Pleasant wind light west temp 28 below

Monday Jan 17

Pleasant light winds west temp 34 no success in Hunting

Tuesday Jan 18

Pleasant moderate breeze from NW temp 42 below
this is the coldest day we have had this winter but we are
having a remarkable fine weather the natives think
the fine weather is caused by their having carried out
all their Religious rites and the Gods are pleased with them
coldest day so far

Wednesday Jan 19

Clear but more wind and increasing towards
night blowing the snow along the surface of the Ice
temp 37 below no dance to night

Thursday Jan 20

Pleasant wind light NW temp 37 below
what seal the natives have shot lately have sunk
and have been lost

Friday Jan 21

Pleasant light winds from NW temp 32 below
the natives got 10 ducks
had a dance in the House this evening

Saturday January 22 1898

stormy this am but this p m pleasant
wind south at first but headed S W &
at night our natives have got two
walrus & day temp 8 below

Sunday Jan 23

Pleasant slightly cloudy wind light north-
north E temp 24 below the man who had
his great toe frozen last fall and later
had it cut off is now around again
& day we ate dinner with out a lamp for the
first time since we put the Hawe over the
after end of the Vessel the natives went after the
remainder of ~~the walrus meat~~

Monday Jan 24

Pleasant light winds from N W temp 33 below
the natives got a grand haul & day anjoying
their seal skins are large and are used for
boat Bottoms and liners the natives must not
work for 3 days or the women & me this hair
if either should be done sickness would follow

Tuesday Jan 25

Pleasant light air N & temp 34 below
the natives went out & the Hare no success
after killing an Oosjoung they can hunt but
must not do any work

Wednesday Jan 26

Pleasant wind N & moderate temp 34 below
no success in hunting seal & day

Thursday Jan 27

Pleasant wind N E moderate temp 34 below
we have a turning lathe now made by our
Carpenter which is used & make many things

Friday Jan 28

Pleasant wind N W moderate temp 34 below
the Men (Eskimo) got 3 ducks

Saturday January 29 1898

Pleasent wind nw light temp 34 below
the natives have made a day of pleasure & day
in honor of having overcome an Evel spirit
which was coming to bring sickness & them

Sunday January 30

Pleasent light wind nw temp 32 below
the natives got 1 seal and 60 Ducks

Monday " 31

strong wind from nnw temp 4 o below

Tuesday February 1

Pleasent wind light nw temp 38 below
the native had no success to day

Wednesday February 2

Pleasent wind light n & E and south temp 38
the natives got two walrus

Thursday Feb 3

fresh winds from n & hazy temp 26 below
the natives got one walrus

Friday Feb 4

Pleasent light wind n & temp 32 below

Saturday Feb 5

wind n & moderate hazzy temp 32 below

Sunday Feb 6

Pleasent wind south & nw moderate temp 34 below

Monday Feb 7

Pleasent wind nw moderate temp 42 below

Tuesday Feb 8

Pleasent wind nw moderate temp 46 below
the natives got 6 ducks

the Eskimos day
No fun

Wednesday Feb 9

Pleasent wind wnw light temp 34 below
two ducks to day

Thursday Feb 10

snowing fine moderate breeze from n & then & to E
temp 7 am 32 below at night 12 below
the natives got two walrus

Friday February 11 1898

Pleasant wind moderate North temp 32 below
one of the natives (Ben) shot a rabbit

Saturday Feb 12
Pleasant wind light NW temp 32 below
the natives got 4 seal to day

Sunday Feb 13
Pleasant light air from NE temp 34 below
one native got 6 seal to day

Monday Feb 14
Pleasant light wind from NE temp 34 below
only one duck to day
a party of Kemptetus came to day 3 men and one woman
they have gone to the Tusker they report
that there have been many deaths among their
tribe

Tuesday Feb 15
Cloudy Partly light wind from North temp 28 below
the natives have made a day of pleasure of it
in order to drive away sickness

Wednesday Feb 16
Pleasant light air from E NE temp 40 below
the natives held an attic one of their times
last night and this morning they told
us that to drive away sickness it would
be best to shoot the guns off in the air
to the NE and NW which we did more
to please them by doing this it drives away
the evil spirits yesterday morning they fired
off guns around the Igloos
after hearing we were to repeat the word
which sounded like ca-hen ca-hen
my self Mr Hayward Mr Howland and Mr Barden
were the ones who were requested to shoot

Thursday Feb 17
Pleasant light air from NE temp 38 below
two of our natives went off to day for some salmon
also the Kemptetus went but are to return with others

Friday February 18 1898

Pleasant wind N E fresh temp 32 below
and did come back just at night the load
& bone part of them load as it was & heavy
brought 102 salmon in fact more as
they kept a number for them selves
Sent a dozen over & the Tucker
and Capt Nichols sent a saddle of
Deer meat & ox

Saturday Feb 19

Pleasant wind moderate from N E temp 32 below
but the sudden clear from Ice

Sunday Feb 20

Pleasant light air from north temp 28 below
the natives have built new Igloos & dog
while a part of them (the younger ones) have
gone down towards depot Island & hunt for
Ongorog. (ground seal) & he gone a few days

Monday Feb 21

Pleasant moderate breeze from N E temp 28 below
but the Ice around the foreboat the natives got one duck

Tuesday Feb 22

Stormy day morning wind N E strong temp 10 below
a child Boy born this morning in one of our Igloos

Wednesday Feb 23

Very stormy wind N E temp 15 below

Thursday Feb 24

Stormy wind N E strong temp 15 below

Friday Feb 25

Pleasant wind moderate from N E temp 10 below
one of our natives went off & day & join the other
which went a few day ago

Saturday Feb 26

Pleasant wind light East temp 14 below
the three natives which are here had no success & day

Sunday Feb 24

Pleasant through partly Cloudy wind E temp 2 above at noon
the natives got one seal

Monday Feb 28 1898

Pleasent light wind from N E temp 6 below
one of the natives shot a rabbit

Tuesday March 1st

Cloudy a little snow wind S E & S temp 4° below
one of our natives came back with common 10 seal
and one of the large kind (Ogjung) ground seal
these are valuable for lines and Boat Bottoms

Wednesday March 2nd

Pleasent light wind from west temp 6 below
the sled went back this morning which came
yesterday Captain Nichols have had
trouble with one of his eyes (right one)
caused by getting arsenic in it off from
a skin he had cured for mounting
& day when I looked at it I was convinced
he should lose the use of it

Thursday March 3d

Pleasent light wind west temp 22 below
to day I have made out a list of the number
of Natives in this the Pueblo tribe of Innuits
men woman boys girls
there is but 21 29 27 15
though there are many other tribes represented
among them

Friday March 4

Pleasent light airs N E temp 32 below
the temperatures are taken in the morning
whilst the middle of the day gets warmer to day it rose to 20 below

Saturday March 5th

Pleasent wind moderate N E temp 32 below
one of our natives came back from where they are
sealing he have killed 7 but only brought two
up with him we are drying seal skins for Boots

Sunday March 6

Pleasent light wind from west temp 28 below
one of our natives came up from where they are sealing
brought 4 seal skins
another shot 2 rabbits to day

Monday march 7 1898

Pleasent light air from west tmpt 32 below took a walk out to the edge of the ice

Tuesday March 8

Pleasent light air from west tempt 31 below one brought in skins one back & day that that have been sledging one went away yesterday to get deer meat

Wednesday March 9

Pleasent light air from west tmpt 32 below took a trip off & day and are quite tired & night they are having a dance on deck

Thursday March 10

Pleasent light air N & tmpt 22 below a sled came back & day which went after Dear meat and fish brought back 45 fish and about 50 lbs of Deer meat got one sled & day

Friday March 11

Pleasent through partley Cloudy tmpt 12 below wind N E the natives got a walrus & day & Kawerpeter men & woman and one boy arrived here & day they have come from Inland

Saturday March 12

Pleasent through Partley Cloudy tmpt 10 below wind N E the natives that came yesterday had 11 wolf skins and 20 fox skins & trade and 4 sadded of Deer meat they are mostly old men

Sunday March 13

Pleasent light variable airs tmpt 14 below one of the men shot a rabbit

Monday March 14

Cloudy with a little snow wind South tmpt 14 below the Kawerpeter Inuits went away & day

Tuesday March 15

Pleasent light air from west tmpt 14 below the vessels have a slight list to port and though she have leaked a little all winter it have increased latter pumped out with a hand pump once in the week

Wednesday March 16 1898

Moderate storm from N E temp 10 below
one of the men from the Tucker hose stolen a pair
of dear skin boot from my natives

Thursday March 17

Pleasant wind light from N W temp 26 below
& day I requested Capt Nichols & keep
his men from coming over around
here at least intill the articles that
were stolen were returned

Friday March 18

Pleasant wind moderate from west temp 36 below

Saturday March 19

Pleasant wind light hunting from N W & N E temp 33 below
two of our natives have gone Deer hunting

Sunday March 20

Cloudy snowing lightly wind light N E & East temp 24 below
the natives got a walrus & day
two of our men went with them

Monday March 21

Cloudy thick & but pleasant during the temp 14 below
afternoon wind hunting from N E & South then
N W

Tuesday March 22

Pleasant light air west temp 32 below
the Ice was found to be 6 feet 3 inch in thickness

Wednesday March 23

Pleasant light airs from N W temp 32 below
one of the natives got a rabbit two more of them
have gone Deer Hunting

Thursday March 24

Pleasant light air East temp 32 below
our natives got another rabbit & day
have made a tent for the natives
took a walk of a few miles

Friday March 25

Pleasant light airs from N W & N W temp 32 below
have put what Bear skins we have (10) out to Bleach
on the Booms and yards

Saturday March 26 1898

Pleasent this forenoon wind west temp 27 below
this afternoon wind N W blowing a gale with
a snow storm the two natives who went away
on the 23rd returned this p m no success
brought one saddle of Deer meat and one rabbit

Sunday March 27
Pleasent fresh breeze from N W temp 12 below
all our men are in good health

Monday March 28
Pleasant wind N E increasing to a strong breeze temp 17 below
one of our natives came back to day from Deer hunting
have shot three brought back 3 saddles of meat
his nephew was sick was the cause of his returning
our natives got 1 seal and a Duck at the Floe

Tuesday March 29
Pleasant but fresh winds from N N E temp 14 below
during the middle of the days the thermometer goes up
8, 10, and 12 degrees the temperature mentioned have been
observed between 6 and 7 a m

Wednesday March 30
Pleasant light airs from N W temp 15 below
we have a turning lathe which was made by
our carpenter which we find very useful

Thursday March 31
Pleasant light airs N E temp 12 below
left the Vessel at 7.30 a m with our
head native Harry and his little boy to go about
45 miles up the coast at place near
Yellow Bluff my object being to see
if I could find another Harbour near
Whale Point and the natives wanted to
get a jaw bone of a whale for thawing
sleds we took our sleeping bags
a little bread and meat
on the way we saw two bears and though
we had quite a chase we did not get them
we passed Whale Point at 5 p m and arrived at the place
at 7 p m

Friday
April 1 1898

Pleasent wind light and Variable temp 12 below
after we arrived last night we had to hunt
a snow house and light a stove lamp
in order to melt snow and get water to
drink then ate some frozen meat and hard
tack we crawled in to our sleeping bags
about 10 oclock and though I was not so cold
I could not sleep well I was so tired
this is the place where we saw the natives
last summer when we first arrived
the whole of the well can from this
place to South Hampton seem to be frozen
over

Started to return at 9 am
and arrived at the island at 4.30
making a distance of 90 miles in the
day's travel with sled

Saturday April 2
Pleasent though foggy all day temp 12 below
our guide came from the last two days
hunting on we have to run a good
deal to keep warm
and also help the sled over the roughs &c

Sunday April 3
Pleasent light air north temp 12 below
last evening had a dance

Monday April 4
Pleasent light air from north temp 2 below
brought the boats off to day and finished
a sled we had in the works
one of our natives who went away the day I went
to Yellow Bluff returned we have two others out Hunting

Tuesday April 5
Pleasent light air N.W. & west
our two natives returned to day 3 above
with 9 saddles of Deer meat and other part of
Deer meat
any old man of the Esquimaux
tribe who was here a while ago with other
came to day finished another sled
and brought one of our boats in to the island
Capt Nichols sent word we could have a tierce of Pickled Potatoes

end of the Esquimaux woman
Had a child this week

Wednesday April 6 1898

Pleasant light air N.W. & west temp 9 above
putting the Copper on my Boat and
shoving it with here from a whaler yesterday
the sled have gone after more gear which
are at the place where we got the other

Thursday April 7

Pleasant light air from west temp 3 above
the sled which went away yesterday returned this
am at 10 o'clock making the distance of 90 miles
in 24 hours being back two years of a whole

Friday April 8

Partly cloudy and raw wind N & light temp 13 above
Copped and shod Mr Hayward's Boat
Esquimaux Inuits arrived and went to the other end

Saturday April 9

Cloudy light air from south temp 15 above
finished Mr Hayland boat
the Native women are now making boots for the men

Sunday April 10

Cloudy Partly wind NW & W light air temp 19 above
our natives got a seal

Monday April 11

Stormy this forenoon wind East light temp 14 above
weather Clearing this p.m. finished Mr Borden Boat

Tuesday April 12 temp 15 above

strong wind back of the tent and partly Cloudy raw
squalls have finished all of the Boats
4 pair our natives and one for the natives
took the snow off deck and away from the cedar down
on low on the plank Mine at 9 p.m the cruel
dense up one of our natives have gone off with
a sled & get meat

the natives came up at 9 P.M.

Wednesday April 13

Pleasant light air from NW temp 2 above
we are working on the Boats getting them ready
the team which went yesterday returned to day

Thursday April 14 1898

Stormy wind strong from N E temp 6° above
the Family of Kenepetus which came here last
fall and lived here are now at the Tucker

Friday April 15

Cloudy wind South E E N E temp 25° above
spitting snow part of the time
the natives get a walrus and 2 seal

Saturday April 16

Stormy wind N N E strong temp 21

Sunday April 17 temp 16° above

Cloudy and spitting snow this am afternoon Clearing

Monday April 18

Pleasant fresh breeze N E temp 5° above
the vessel came up a little more last
night Cut out Boat Cavern
took off the main Hatches

Tuesday April 19

Pleasant light air from N E
More Kenepetus. Some came to the Tucker
our natives got a seal. to day

Wednesday April 20

Pleasant light air from N E hazy
more Kenepetus Inuit arrived at the Tucker
brought off a Sled & put in casks for water

Thursday April 21

Pleasant wind light N E quite cool about zero
we are now chipping the Ice up and putting
it through the Bungs of the water casks

Friday April 22

Pleasant light air from north temp 1° above
the natives got a seal we finished
filling our fresh water 52 casks with Ice
expect to put in more as it melts
later on

Saturday April 23

Pleasant light air from west temp 6° below
have been making a new kind of rubber for covering
to the Boats the natives got one seal

Sunday April 24 1898

Pleasant moderate breeze from west temp 6 above

Monday April 25

Clouding up and wind increasing & a blizzard temp 12 above
wind NW & bad night got one moose
a party of our natives here yesterday heard Deer hunting
heard a crow Birds for the first time this spring

Tuesday April 26

Cloudy and hazy warm 28 above wind South & SW

Wednesday April 27

Pleasant fresh breeze from north temp 21 above
geting whale lines ready

Thursday April 28

Pleasant moderate breeze North & NE temp 9 above
our natives which went away on the 25th
returned & day having killed 12 deer
giving us 12 saddles of Deer meat
they usually keep each the other part of the Deer

Friday April 29

blowy winds increasing & a gale from NW & temp 8 above
snowing this p m

Saturday April 30

one of the worst storms of the winter temp 18 above
blowing with a blinding snow storm wind NW &

Sunday May 1 1898

blowing lightly but gradualy clearing temp 25° above
the wind moderating clearing the night

Monday May 2

Pleasant light air from NW temp 12 above
working on boats geting ready for whaleing
the season does not seem to be as far advanced as
it was two years ago then we had our boat at the floe
at this time

got one moose
Two Natives of ours Killed 12 Deer

Tuesday May 3

Pleasant but clouding up towards night
light air from west & NW temp 8 above
took down the stove in the house

Wednesday May 4 1898

Pleasant light air from north temp 27 above
the snow melts a little to day our nets got two sled

Thursday May 5

Pleasant with a fresh breeze from North temp 18 above
our two boats returned to day with 11 deer

Friday May 6

Pleasant with fresh breeze from N W temp 8 above
finished making over a fish Galandrail

Saturday May 7

Pleasant light airs variable temp 6 above
took two of the Boards out of the Floor
very good sledding now smooth all the way
no Deer in sight from the edge of Polar

Sunday May 8

Cloudy light air from N E & E temp 10 above
two more of our boats were taken down
the sound this being made in 3 1/2 hours
pretty raw at night and foggy

Monday May 9

Quite a strong blizzard from the NE
driving snow storm Temp 12 above
pulled a tooth for one of the men

Tuesday May 10

Still blowing strong from N E with snow temp 10 above
snow drifting much around the Vessel

Wednesday May 11

Still blowing strong from N E and snowing temp 22 above
weighed a number of the natives and took their heights
was also weighed myself 205 lbs most I have ever weighed

Thursday May 12

Still blowing from the N E but clearer temp 25 above
sent a few natives and Mr Hayward and Mr Borden
down the the Boats they found them abreast
through the Covers well down

Friday May 13

Blowing from N E but increasing temp 19 above
Closing no water in sight

Saturday May 14 1898

Pleasant wind light from NW E. & NW temp 15° above
no water in sight we expect to go to the Floe to morrow
took down the out side door

Sunday May 15

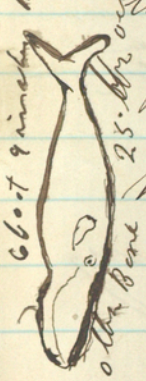
Pleasant through Sunday wind increasing from NW took all hands out to the Floe the natives and myself Coming back got iced temp 12° above

Monday May 16

raining the morning with hail wind light from S & SW temp 34° above
it blew quite hard during the night
at noon the wind headed to N E with a heavy snow squall at night Clearing went down to the boats

Tuesday May 17 18 19

launched the boats Tuesday and
in the afternoon Caught a small whale
the Native Boat (Harry) got fast first
then my Boat then Mr Borden
got it about 5 miles above Cape Fullerton
we towed it to the nearest Ice that
night and the next day (Wednesday) got
it down near the Vessel and Cut the
Head off to day are have taken off the
Blubber the Bone is Short 9 inches long
Pleasant but Cold and westerly



Sunday May 20. 21. 22

are having Cold weather with northerly winds
the pack Ice have gone off quite well but
young Ice keeps making which prevents
our moving with the boats
to day we are having a snow storm from N E
a whale was seen by the Tuchen people
yesterday we did not go off on account of
young Ice yesterday a sled arrived
from Repulse Bay with a letter from
Capt Gibbons whose Francis Allyn
saying the Ice had crushed the vessel quite a good
deal and they were looking badly here but then

Provisions on shore

have seen but very few whales
on may 27 Mussell a good whale from the
head of my boat
on June 14 got 2 bears
on June 25th Mr Haviland gallied
a small whale
the Mate of the Tucker got a very
small one the same day which made
them but 170 lbs of Bone
June 28 two whales were seen near
Cape Fullerton
and later were seen a goin on the
other a Native by the name of
Gilbert got a small whale July 8th
at Cape Fullerton which would make about 300 lbs
of Bone he was working for the
Schooner France
we have had much clear water
and the winds have been light and
Westerly much calm weather
the Whaler Active Capt Murray
arrived here on the 15 of July
having left Dundee the 2nd of may
have come through much Ice
he have a number of Natives on board
which he have brought from the
Middle Savages Island
July 17 to day we sawed down the shore
& the Vessel so that when the Ice close
start it may go each side of us
also cut a hole through the Ice
and let an anchar go the Ice is now
between 3 and 4 feet thick
the skin have been continualy peeling off
from my face the sun burning so much
and the snow being so bright

we have been cruising Continuedly for the last two months ~~notes~~ Mr Howland has been taking Care of the Vessel with his boats crew for the most few days I do not expect to come to the Vessel for some time yet though do not dare to go for fear something may happen to her when the Ice breaks up
we have a native boat which makes our 5 boats in all

the News of the war with Spain was quite a surprise to us the Scotchman gave us some late papers as late as the 5th of May

the Scotchman reports seeing a number of large whales at Southampton they struck one but lost it on the 15 of July

returned to Yellow Bluff and came to the Schooner on Saturday the 25 found that the Ice had broken away within a quarter of a mile of the Vessel
Sunday the wind was E or E and E and increased to a Gale with rain Monday and Tuesday from E NE and East it have broken the Ice up all over the bay but have brought all the Ice in the Welcome or to this place
Thursday Wednesday Thursday light airs from East can see the water out over the Pack
Painted the Boat wednesday
we are all on board here one native Jack and Esquaw and a boy George

Friday July 29 1898

Pleasant calm and light airs a pack of Ice out side the Harbour prevents our getting out
any native shot a Deer not far from the Vessel

Saturday July 30 1898

Pleasant this am and calm this p m
moderate breeze from nw which is working
the Ice out and with the tide it looks now
as though we should have a chance to get out
soon a motion manned Pelagos yesterday get another Deer

Sunday July 31
Came out of Cape Fullerton Harbor
early this morning washed through about
8 miles of Ice and came to clear water
are hauled to north Hantsen shore
south of Marico Point moderate breeze
from nw at 4 p m could make out
Cape Kendall from a loft
while coming through the Ice we took
3 bears two of them being very large

Monday August 1
We arrived at the Place on the
Hantsen shore where we expected to
find the whales but never saw one
Natives on the beach and went in
and see them but they had no bone
or skins to trade We gave them
needles thimbles knives and Saws and arrows
also files these are things they never have
had only the Saws and knives
before I could get back to the vessel
Mr Heyward had killed a large whale
and got it along side
the Bone measuring 10 feet 2 inches
and said there were quite a number
of them around perhaps 25 or more
anchored in 23 fathoms of water
and cut the whale in during the night

Tuesday August 2
Cruised all for whales in the morning
but thick fogg set in which prevented us from
catching one afternoon cleared up somewhat and Mr Heyward

Bone 1734 lbs

Bone 1450 lbs

Bone 1308 lbs

got another one

Wednesday August 3 1898



Cut the whale in this morning and at noon got underway and soon saw the whales again lowered and soon I got a chance to go on - the Iron not being in to a good place the whale run like steamboat but after a while we stuped it and had it spouting thick blood before the other boats could get to us

Thursday August 4

Cut the whale ended in last night and this past noon cut in the Body then started for Cape Fullerton strong breeze from South

Friday August 5

Come in to Cape Fullerton the afternoon 2 h m had thick fogg during the Forenoon started the try works at once

Some natives here (Kenepetu) say that the Tuohie left here on the 3rd

Saturday August 6

Visited out Mr Hayward and our Boatsteerers and they have gone off with there boats to look along the coast for whales

had quite a Thunder shower this noon

Sunday August 7.

Light variable wind Each increasing loading oil and scraping Bone

Monday August 8

Light variable Run down oil last night the natives here are quite a help to us wind NE very strong

Sunday August 14 1898
Cape Fullerton Harbor
we have been Boiling out the Blubber
and have stowed down 150 barrels
which will make us 167 all told
as some of the oil we got in the spring
have leaked off 176 Wm Kidd
have finished scraping the
Bone and bundled it and left
it ashore 54 bundles of it
which weighed all told 4492 lbs
which added to what we have on
hand makes us 6782 lbs
on hand ult to date
this p m the Steamer Active came down from
Whale Point and seeing her colors to come in
here went out to her and piloted her in
but in doing so ran on a reef and had
to wait for the tide to rise and
float her off Came to an anchor
at 11 p m rain squalls from South
Monday August 15
Setting up the rigging Cloudy Variable
wind Capt Murray have been on
Board this evening they have come in for
fresh water
Tuesday August 16 Cloudy Pleasant
Came out of Cape Fullerton this
am in Tow of the Active
She have gone to South Hampton
the Tucker was seen steering the
same way we passed each
our two Boats this afternoon
saw a whale spout at night once
look did not see it again
Wednesday August 17
light airs calms rain squalls
steering a small whale all day
2 E of Whale Point Put two Boats ashore on whale Point

Thursday August 18 1848

light airs and calms we are heard of
whale Point the natives boats. came left
and have gone to yellow Bluffs

Friday August 19

Pleasant through part day cloudy
causing between whale Point and yellow Bluff
the natives came off to us during the evening

Saturday August 20

Foggy with fresh breeze from South west
saw a whale off from yellow Bluff
but think the vessel sailed it would not

Sunday August 21

Came up as far as wapato Island
had foggy last night and set in foggy enough

Monday August 22

left wapato River and went over to
Point Hardy from there to yellow Bluff
see the Scotch Steamer Astor steering
north. and the Tucker down off
whale Point she had her boats down
evidently see a whale fresh breeze NE

Tuesday August 23

Pleasant this pm foggy during the
Fore noon raised a whale off yellow Bluff
past at night light airs and calms did
not lower the natives brought off 8 saddles of
Deer meat.

Wednesday August 24

Pleasant light airs and calms
raised whales 4 of them between whale Point
and yellow Bluffs lowered at 5 am
and came on board at 3 p m
light airs and calms and could not get near them

Thursday August 25

squally saw whales but though we
lowered two Boat could do nothing as fog
set in wind and sea increasing from South

Friday August 26 1898

Usually irregular sea have not seen whales & day though the Truckee have had her Boat down chasing whales Calm this pm sought for pogy vessels

Saturday August 27

Raised whales this morning lowered but lost the run of them come back but soon raised them again lowered and soon Mr Borden struck one and killed it at once when it sunk heavy hauled it up and got it & the vessel at one p m sought sea wind N W got the whale cut in by 9 p m 9 foot bone think it will weigh 120 bbls



Sunday August 28

Pleasant Worked up to Yellow Bluff the natives come off to us Squally wind NW and North

Monday August 29

Light airs and fresh Breezes Variable at night saw a whale but it was going fast to the Northard 14 months and 4 days and we have done pretty well for a schooner 8,000 bbls of Bone and 225 barrels of oil

Tuesday August 30

Fresh breezes from N W Partly cloudy saw a whale which the Truckee Boat were chasing the whalers this year keep N E of whale Point about 10 miles

Wednesday August 31

have been working towards ~~to~~ Point Cape Fullerton wind N W

Thursday

Thursday September 1 1898

Raised a whale this am 5 o'clock
near Cape Fullerton lowered and did not
come on board again till noon Could
not get near enough to get fast
rain and foggy this pm at night clearing
wind N E Came in to Cape Fullerton 8 pm

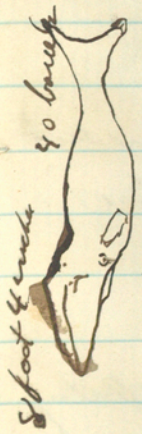


Friday Sept 2
Started the works Boiling took the
Bone ashore to scrape it and leave it there
Pleasant winds variable

Saturday Sept 3
finished Boiling the Blubber making
70 barrels of oil wind N E

Tuesday Sept 6
Have have finished stowing down and
also finished scraping the Bone which
weighed 1388 lbs are having a spell of
Easterly winds some nations Canal from
whale Point 8 days and report that the
A R Fuches started for Home on the
4th last Sunday have taken nothing

Monday Sept 12
Came out of Cape Fullerton on the 8th
and that afternoon caught a whale
which will make about 900 & 1000 lbs of Bone
and 50 barrels of oil
Since then have had stormy winds from
north and west and with a number of snow squalls
this morning were half way from whale Point
to Arzer river have seen nothing of the
Francis Allyn making much Ice in the
rigging and on deck working down
towards Cape Fullerton blowing strong from
NW Heyward got the whale



Thursday Sept. 15 1898

we are having Much Stormy weather
with snow the land is well covered
it is blowing a gale from the NE
with heavy snow squalls.
we are near Cape Fullerton
have seen nothing of the Francis Allyn
yesterday we were off a yellow bluff
today and might as well counted
with ice and the water spouts freeze up
are waiting for the weather to clear
so we can find our way into Cape Fullerton

Friday Sept 16
The winds have moderated to day
and this p m is nearly calm
we are to the Northward of Cape Fullerton
the Schooner Francis Allyn is in sight to the
east of us

Saturday Sept 17
Pleasant light airs and calms came to
Anchor off shore with the Francis Allyn
She is considered by her Capt all right
and has to go Home in
got from them what they could spare
1 Cask of flour 1 Cask of Beef 2 barrels of Pork
5 bags of Oilers & Coil tow line
also discharged 3 of my men to go
Home in her two of them had scurvy and one sick
have taken 4 natives from them to land ashore
also a whale Boat to land for them

Sunday Sept 18 Cape Fullerton
Came in to anchor this morning got nearly for Bailey
Pleasant wind moderate NE to North

Monday Sept 19
Commenced boiling the Blubber this am
the Scotch Steamer came down from Repulse
Bay went on Board of her she is going out
gave the Captain a letter to be mailed to Mr Lucas

Tuesday Sept 20 1848

finished Bailing out the Blubber
one Family of natives came to day
Pleasant we are building a House ashore
to keep small things in
we have saved about 12 barrels of Muskituck
(whale Skin) to eat and a large quantity
of clear fatt from this last whale
Wednesday Sept 21
Stormed down the Oil 1268 - Gallons
Drawing this one and 2 we this Morn clearing
wind NW blowing strong
Thursday Sept 22
Quite cold blowing fresh from the NW partly cloudy
Friday Sept 23
Quite pleasant finished the House ashore
temp 42 above
Saturday Sept 24
Cloudy wind inclining from the E
put what whale Bone we have ashore in the House
Sunday Sept 25 Stormy wind E & Rainy with rain and snow
Monday Sept 26 Stormy wind NE moderating rain Froze at 8
Tuesday Sept 27 Stormy wind E NE shot 3 ducks
Wednesday Sept 28 snow squalls scraped the Bone wind East
Thursday Sept 29 blowing strong with snow from the E & E
this Storm have brought in more swell than any we have had
Friday Sept 30 more moderate wind East strong
took the last of the whale Bone ashore 1035 lbs
(a Native) Ben came back to day shot 3 deer
Saturday Oct 1 temp 32 above
more moderate wind North got off two cask of water
one of our natives (Stonewall) come back to day & other
natives came with him
Sunday Oct 2nd blowing fresh from NW and North temp 28 above
Monday Oct 3rd strong wind from North temp 22
brought off the timber for building the House
Tuesday Oct 4 Partly cloudy wind fresh temp 25
commenced getting ready for the House

Wednesday October 5th 1898

temp 20
Snow squalls part of the time Commenced
building the House over the after part of
the Deck Mr Hayward took the Temperature
Notices up the head of the Bay wind north fresh
Thursday Oct 6
moderate weather temp 17 above got 6 decks
working on the House got a white whale wind to
Friday Oct 7
Pleasant wind fresh north & temp 16 above
Saturday Oct 8 temp 11 above
Pleasant moderate wind North Cutting Ice for
winter use it is now 8 inches thick (Fresh water)
Sunday Oct 9 temp 8 above
finished cutting our winter supply of Ice
moderate breeze from north Partly Cloudy
Monday Oct 10 temp 8 above
Pleasant light wind N E
4 decks and a Rather over that 8 day
Tuesday Oct 11 temp 20 above
Had a Storm from East cut the Ice for
the windows Set go second anchor
Wednesday Oct 12 temp 28
wind north west clearing there is some Ice
drifting around temperature of sea water 30
Thursday Oct 13 temp 13 above
our Two Natives have gone off Salmoning
they cut hole through the Ice (Ponds)
and spear them
Friday Oct 14 temp 28
snowing very hard wind South & Low
stormy at night clearing
Saturday Oct 15 temp 10 above
quite Pleasant got off 3 boat loads
of Ice and our fresh water is used up
the two Natives came back & day caught a pet salmon
Sunday Oct 16 temp 10 above
wind north & E the Barometer is very high 30.78 now

Monday Oct 17 1898
got out Bread temp 30
Mowing wind East Moderate Work ice
and young ice keeps drifting in & the Bay
we have taken lime stone from shore and
burnt it in our stoves and in that way
have made a lime which made good white
wash and have white washed the Fore
Castle for the men put on Several Coats
Tuesday Oct 18 temp 26 above
quite pleasent wind moderate NE
Wednesday Oct 19 temp 13 above
Cloudy and hazy wind fresh from NW
& wish the Ice have moved out of the
bay have had to have both anchors down
& hold on and cut through it
Thursday Oct 20 temp 20 above
the Ice have draged us around some to day
but at night is still again wind ENE
fresh breze
Friday Oct 21 temp 13 above
Overcast wind NE Varing in Force
some snow squalls the whole Bay is
frozen over but is not strong enough
to walk upon there are a few water holes
Saturday Oct 22 temp 12 above
weather remain the same wind NE
with driving snow hauled ahead and took
up the Anchors and commenced rowing in
towards the North East shore but the Ice is
not strong enough to work on with a gang
Sunday Oct 23 temp 7 above
Squito pleasent growing colder wind
Moderating and working to NW have cut
in far enough and are now quite well
in probably not a week longer from where
we were last winter the Ice is 3 and 4 inches thick
Monday Oct 24 wind light NW temp 5° below
put the running gear up in the rigging built out side Porch

Tuesday Oct 25 Temp 5° below

Pleasent going provision from shore for winter use a family of Natives arrivd yesterday (Kenepetut) Peeter reports Deer as being very scarce and says the other natives have had little or no success

Wednesday Oct 26 temp 3° above

Partly Cloudy fresh breeze from west

Thursday Oct 27 temp 17° below

Pleasent have taken some Photographs and Developed them they look quite well the natives got a rabbit wind west light

Friday Oct 28 temp 25° below

Pleasent wind moderate landed the Boat on the Ice

Saturday Oct 29 temp 20° below

Pleasent light wind NW brought some Provision from those have been having some success taking Pictures and printing them

we have a camera left by the Francis Allyn

Lunday Oct 30 temp 16° below

Pleasent light air NW Partly Cloudy

Monday Oct 31 temp 12° below

getting up a storm wind NE

Thursday November 1 temp 12° above

a Blizzard from NE two natives came & day & trade some fish for bread

Wednesday Nov 2 temp 11° above

still blowing but clearing wind NW & the Harbor the Ice have broken up outside up &

Thursday Nov 3 temp 8 below

partly Cloudy wind moderate North commenced banking up around the vessel the two natives who came for bread started on their return it will take them three days & get back to their people

commenced making Spruce Beer

Friday Nov 4 temp 11 below

Partly Cloudy light air and Calm

Saturday November 5th 1898 temp 2 above

wind NNE moderate overcast and hazey
one of our natives came back night reports
that our natives have done quite well
hunting three of them have killed a hundred
ose on there way here

Sunday Nov 6 temp 7 below
most of our natives came to day
Harry Paul and Patty one of our
Natives here went out and met them
they brought 14 saddle of Deer meat
28 salmon partly cleandy
took Photographs of them

Monday Nov 7 temp 4 below
Pleasent light wind NW one sled went
back and brought in some meat which had
been left 8 saddles

Tuesday Nov 8 temp 24 below
fresh brege from NW clear weather
the natives have made their snowhouses on
the land in a head of the vessel

Wednesday Nov 9 temp 24 below
quite pleasent light wind from south
brought off some coal from there

Thursday Nov 10 temp 23 below
Pleasent light wind west
one of the natives here gone with dog team &
help in a party who are out yet at
your Yellow Bluff

Friday Nov 11 temp 29 below
Pleasent when the natives came they brought them
2 Bear skins and one calf skin now cleaning

Saturday Nov 12 temp 26 below
Pleasent light wind from west
we have got a turning lath put up
which we find usefull and pleasent
to work with the vessel is quite cold
water freze in the cabin with a coal fire burning

Lunday November 13 1898

temp 26 below

Pleasent light wind west Mons natives come & day Kenepetee they are in a poor condition. have had no blessed come & get something to eat will proberbly stay all

Monday Nov 14 temp 0

wind S E light snow the natives build thier snow houses on the land those that come yesterday

Tuesday Nov 15 temp 7 below

Pleasent wind moderate west I have decided to give the outside natives one meal a day or otherwise they would starve with out bid then they have obtain meat and meek tucks which are saved for our own natives and dogs

Wednesday Nov 16 temp 25 below

Partly cloudy put the Ice up against the out side of the windows

Thursday Nov 17 temp 0

thick snow storm from N E blowing strong

Friday Nov 18 temp 15 above

weather clearing at night wind howling from N E & N W there have fell quite a little snow we are putting it a foot deep on deck and a bank about 4 feet thick up the sides of the vessel

Saturday Nov 19 temp 16 below

Partly cloudy wind NW light on is generaly the care with Stewards and Cooks they seldom get along well together ours have their difficulty our Stewardy is a Colard man from Virginia and our Cook is a Dt Hollena man

Sunday Nov 20 temp 24 below

they becoming overcast at night snowing there is nothing now to do but take what comfort we can reading mostly I have many magazines and Books and novels all hands are now well clothed with Deerskin clothing

Monday November 21 1898 temp 18 below

Portley cloudy wind north & nw light

Tuesday Nov 22 temp 36 below

Pleasant light wind from west

Wednesday Nov 23 temp 24 below

Pleasant wind moderate from ne & north

a Party of Kenepter natives arrived also our own natives one of our natives women have a child born about 2 months ago

Thursday Nov 24 temp 24 below

Pleasant wind light from nw

there is a wall which keeps around the vessel but out of gun shot

the natives brought Deer Meat to the amount of 9 waddles had a dance to night

Friday Nov 25 temp 14 below

wind ne & blowing & hi & with light snow

all well and things go on pleasantly

Saturday Nov 26 temp 6 below

wind ne & e light sky overcast two more Kenepter natives came to day very poor and Hungry we feed our own natives three times a day but give all and sides something to each one a day

Sunday Nov 27 temp 9 below

Stormy wind fresh ne

Monday Nov 28 temp 18 below

very pleasant the natives held an Antic meeting last night to drive away sickness and to repay the good spirit have indulged in games no work being done by the men

Tuesday Nov 29 temp 12 below

Stormy wind ne Moderate got a rabbit had a dance last night in honor of one of our natives wife taking a wife she is a Kenepter and he a Nootchilli I made her a present of things that would be useful to her and to him gave a hatchet

November Wednesday the 30th 1898

wind moderate N E temp 5 below

Thursday December 1 1898

wind N E moderate stormy temp 6 above
there is quite a body of snow on the Ice

Friday Dec 2 temp 14 above
wind East moderate snowing
when the tide gets as warm as
zero it becomes so warm in the house
as to keep dripping which comes from
the frost which has accumulated
we are all the time having making things

Saturday Dec 3 temp 14 above
wind light from E N E cloudy and snowing
part of the time the Ice rattles around
the vessel caused by such a weight
and caused the water to bubble up through

Sunday Dec 4 temp 2 above
wind moderate E N E snowing part of the time

Monday Dec 5 temp 0
wind N E moderate snowing part of the time
we are having a long spell of Easterly weather

Tuesday Dec 6 temp 4 below
the wind still remains E the N E
storm with some snow and drifting the boat
most one of our sleds went off for meat

Wednesday Dec 7 temp 12 below
wind light from NW a party of 4 Kenepetu
natives came to day they are poor not having
had any Deer to speak of only 3 they have lived
on salmon they have brought quite a load
of which we have 30 of them have had a dance this evening

Thursday Dec 8 temp 7 above
wind South strong and snowing
we opened a can of cabbage which
Capt Nichols had given us is now nearly two years
old it proved to be very good
it had all settled & gathered and wanted about till about

Friday December 9 1898

temp 0

Clear aber head but blowing steers from west driving the snow when the temp rises & gets after being colder it seem quite warm & us

Saturday Dec 10 temp -16 below

fresh breze from west which keeps the snow drifting

Sunday Dec 11 temp 18 below

wind north strong portly Cloudy

Monday Dec 12 temp 12 below

moderate breze from nw one of our sleds returned to day having been away after Dec meat brought us 4½ sledder

Grand & Coats of Bears

Tuesday Dec 13 temp 18 below

Pleasent light air from nw

one of the natives a Kenyatites had a fall which broke his left arm to day I dress it up in splints we keep busy all the time but it is not light enough to work till 9 o'clock and dark again at 3 p m

Wednesday Dec 14 temp 25° below

Pleasent light wind from nw

we have very good success making beer

Thursday Dec 15 temp 26 below

Pleasent this am but at night becoming Cloudy

Friday Dec 16 temp 34 below

wind moderate from west pleasent had a dance this evening

Saturday Dec 17 temp 24

Pleasent am now at work on a box which is to have a wheeling placed in it also making coins

Sunday Dec 18 temp 24 below

Pleasent but becoming stormy wind hauling to N E from nw we have much reading matter which I enjoy very much

Monday Dec 19 1898

Stormy wind fresh from East & have been Melting lead and making Bullets Our Natives in going ashore and coming off in the Dark use a Lanterns made of Ice in which they place a cup of oil with wick which makes a very good light much better than any one would imagein

Tuesday Dec 20 temp 6 above

Stormy wind N E Strong we are having much snow this winter so far

Wednesday Dec 21 temp 2 above

Very Stormy wind N E Strong gale

Thursday Dec 22 temp 0

Still very Stormy wind N E at night clearing a little but few of the natives came off

Friday Dec 23 temp 12 below above

Pleasent wind moderate from N W one of the Native went off this fore noon and shot a deer got back by noon 3 of our natives have built an Igloo to day close to the Vessel the 3 families to live in one

Saturday Dec 24 temp 14 below

Pleasent light air from N W towards night becoming overcast most of the natives moved off to day close to the Vessel this Evening had an Entertainment and made Each man a small present also Each native Beer Peanuts and Pop corn were also passed around the music was furnished by an accordian and a Native instrument known as a Ki'dout a skin drawn tight over a hoop and struck with a stick bound with hide

Wednesday December 25th 1898

temp 24 below

Pleasent wind NW Moderate a Kenepeter
Native come to day (Xmas) says he have only
Meat one Deer have been living on Salmon
through the fall and winter so far

Monday Dec 26 temp 25 below

Pleasent light winds from West
past two Natives are geting ready to go Musk Ox
hunting to the NW of wager River

Tuesday Dec 27 temp 30 below

Pleasent light wind from NW
the Kenepeter Native who come a few days ago
went back to day will probably return
with his family one of our natives went
to the Flint get one sled
got a few Pictures part of them are good
but on account of the Extream cold others were not

The Eclipse Could be seen the morning this Evening

Wednesday Dec 28 temp 32 below

Pleasent light air from NW Our
Natives (the younger ones) started to day
to hunt Musk Ox will be gone about
two months 4 sleds also another
sled have gone after Deer meat

Thursday Dec 29 temp 34 below

Clear with a strong breeze from North which
blowes the snow along one of the sleds had to
return this am having forgotten some Castings

Friday Dec 30 temp 37

Very Pleasent light air from NW

Saturday Dec 31 temp 31 below

Pleasent light winds NW the Kenepeter who
come a few days ago and then went back for his family
come with them to day
as this is the last day of the year I feel
as though I have much reason to be thankfull
for during this past year we have been quite
successfull in all our undertakings
no sickness all well and all Pleasent

Sunday January 1 1899
temp 28 below

Becoming overcast and wind coming
from west there is a pleasure in
thinking that this is the year in which we
go Home and we hope with a grand voyage
Monday Jan 2 temp 19 below
Wkfy over dark wind sw. light
am busy making chairs out of the gear
of one of the whales we caught last May
Tuesday Jan 3 temp 26 below
Over cast wind light west
one of the natives got a seal at the floe
there is no work which can be done now
that we are through banking up
each one makes which he wishes read
and take a walk in the afternoon
with us the second mate looks out for the
Provision the third mate looks out for the
Hands seeing it is kept clean and
keeps the frost chiseled off the windows
one man taking turns comes from the Forecastle each day
and does what work need be done in the House
while one man looks out for the Forecastle
each day the Boatsteerer takes turns in keeping
a watch here often and take the men
and go after fat when need be and keep a
good supply on hand the Carpenter
does what ever may be thought necessary
in his line he is also Blacksmith
and a very handy man he is always at
work the Cook and Stewaird
are busy from 4 am until about 7 pm
during the winter there seems to
be a hard lot made more so by
all the others having so little to do
the mate looks out for things generally

Wednesday January 4 1899

Cloudy wind N & fresh temp 26 below
home of the Benefeta Natives moved off to day
per the Vessel

Thursday Jan 5 temp 42 below
Pleasant wind moderate North

Friday Jan 6 temp 20 below
Pleasant light air from north west
the time seems to pass very quick

Saturday Jan 7 temp 34 below
wind fresh from N & one of the native
shot a Deer & dug the rest of them

Sunday Jan 8 temp 32 below
Pleasant light wind from N W
the schooner is now listing & port this being
caused by a greater weight of snow on the Port
side

Monday Jan 9 temp 32 below
light air from West Pleasant

Tuesday Jan 10 temp 34 below
Pleasant light air N W

Wednesday Jan 11 temp 34 below
Pleasant light breeze N W
the native got a walrus

Thursday Jan 12 temp 10 below
wind East N & fresh Partly Cloudy
the natives got a walrus

Friday Jan 13 temp 10 below
wind E N E moderate Pleasant the natives
got a walrus they speak of seeing many

Saturday Jan 14 temp 4 below
Pleasant throughout partly Cloudy
fresh breeze N E

Sunday Jan 15 temp 10 below
Pleasant wind moderate N N E
two natives went off to day Deer hunting
shot 5 Deer got back before night

Cape Fullerton

Monday January 16 1899

Pleasant wind NW moderate temp 26° below

Tuesday Jan 17 temp 18° below
becoming over cast wind hunting & A G
to of the natives went off fishing gat 8 salmon
from this report should say the Ice & Ice 4 feet thick
it must have been protected by snow —

Wednesday Jan 18 temp 8° below
Blowing from the NE Partly Clear
the two natives went off this morning, and brought
back 6 deer

Thursday Jan 19 temp 26° below
Clear Sand Pleasant light air from west
the natives got two seal

Friday Jan 20 temp 32° below
Pleasant light air from west the natives got 2 seal

Saturday Jan 21 temp 36° below
Pleasant light air from west the natives got seal

Sunday Jan 22 temp 30° below
Pleasant thought partly Cloudy I went
off with two of the natives Salmon fishing
gat 9 the natives gat a walaus

Monday Jan 23 temp 34° below
Pleasant light air from North

Tuesday Jan 27 temp 38° below.
Pleasant light air from NW
two partyes came to day of natives
from different directions two men
in each they report leaving others
in a starving Condiction (Kenepetiu)

Wednesday Jan 25 temp 30° below
Pleasant moderate breze from north west
two of the Kenepetiu Natives have gone & get
with sled and dogs one party of the natives who are starving
sent them meat and bread and oil also matches
expect to arrive where they are to morrow

Thursday January 26 1899
temp 34 below

Pleasent light wind NW one of the Natives got 2 rabbits and the Aguadas (two of them) caught 6 salmon
one of the Kenepeter Natives who come day before yesterday returned with with Bread meal and molasses & those he had left he have left his little brother here

Friday Jan 27 temp 24 below
Pattey Cloudy wind increasing from west one of the Parties arrived to day Kenepeter who have been in want of food the head man is known as Blanket his Mother wife sister and two brothers and others 9 in all
a rat which have been on board during the Voyage was found dead to day we have always taken an interest in it as we looked upon it as a sort of Mascot we had one last Voyage but that also died

Saturday Jan 28 temp 26 below
Pleasent moderate breeze from NW Mr Hayward went off fishing with two Aguaws and a boy got 6 the natives got 1 seal

Sunday Jan 29 temp 32 below
Pleasent & moderate breeze from North one of the Natives shot a rabbit

Monday Jan 30 temp 26 below
becoming Stormy Strong wind from NW fresh the other party of Kenepeter natives arrived to day one of the children died yesterday on the way here not but a few months old they have suffered much for want of food and all very thin 7 of them

Tuesday Jan 31 temp 7 below
fresh breze from N E heading S E

Wednesday February 1 1899 temp 26 below

Pleasant moderate breeze from north
the natives have made a holeday & day & please
the spirit and hope she will send game & them

Thursday Feb 2 temp 32 below

Pleasant wind increasing from west
the natives have mostly all been hunting to day no success
as they they have had no success lately they
lay the cause of it to the arival of the whites
who came here in a starved condition
and believe that the great spirit wants to
starve them

Friday Feb 3 temp 32 below

Pleasant wind west moderate the natives
got one seal

Saturday Feb 4 temp 26 below

Pleasant wind N E & E N E moderate
no success to day calculating though they rest them

Sunday Feb 5 temp 28 below

Happy wind E N E moderate
the natives got 1 walrus and a square 1 salmon

Monday Feb 6 temp 28 below

Moderate breeze from N E Pleasant
have been making knives out of a large ice
saw My throat troubles me quite a
good deal the breathing of smoky air aten Coughing

Tuesday Feb 7 temp 12 below

Strong breeze from north East snowing
thick we find work to do all the time

Wednesday Feb 8 temp 10 below

Pleasant light wind N E
some of the natives went Deer hunting saw 5 but no success

Thursday Feb 9 temp 6 below

Pleasant light wind from North
the natives got 1 seal

Friday Feb 10 temp 16 below

Blowing strong from N E drifting the snow

Saturday Feb 11 temp 12 below
stormy wind N E strong drifting snow

Sunday Feb-uary 12 1899
temp 22 below

Strong breze from nw pleasnt otherwise
we often hear the Ice cracking which goes the vessel

Monday Feb 13 temp 32 below
Pleasent light wind from nw the natives
got one seal one went fishing got two salmon
the sun is now geting so high we can on
pleasnt day eat dinner with out a light

Tuesday Feb 14 temp 26 below
Pleasnt light air from nE the natives had no
success one woman in fishing got 2 salmon
unhung the Bell and and have given it a
good cleaning up shall have to repair some
of the old iron work which is rusted out
one of the Kenepetu women had a son born last night

Wednesday Feb 15 temp 14 below
Hazzy wind very light from E. to South
then west the natives got a walrus
one party got 18 salmon brought 8 lbs
also one of the men and Mr Heywood got a
rabbit the sun warmes up a little this day

Thursday Feb 16 temp 22 below
Pleasnt light wind from west to nw
the natives got 2 seal and those that went
fishing got quite a number brought 12 lbs
keeping some for them selves

Friday Feb 17 temp 7 below
hazy but clearing pleasnt wind
veering but at night nw, the natives
got 1 seal home got salmon
brought in 6 lbs

Saturday Feb 18 temp 22 below
Strong breze from nE the natives
shot 2 deer two other natives have not returned
to day we have built a small beach
& be used in fishing one seal at the place
we already have are but there are so many
natives here it is best to have two

Sunday February 19 1899
temp 20 below
Strong breeze from N E the natives brought in two heddys of Deer meat they saw 9 deer yesterday the other party did not see any two of us have taken a bath Every other Sunday and change cloths then the Sundays between the other two take a bath in this way we can get warm water enough but not enough we have 12 pies

Monday Feb 20 temp 20 below
fresh breeze from N E have been making sleeding spears for the natives

Tuesday Feb 21 temp 10 below
moderate breeze from North Pleasant our natives are getting ready to go down towards Depot Island & remain a few days sealing one of the Kenepteurs got 4 salmon

Wednesday Feb 22 temp 4 below
strong breeze from N E overcast thick all goes well and pleasantly

Thursday Feb 23 temp 6 below
Pleasant wind moderate from N E
the natives brought in 4 salmon
this winter we have spread the nets out in straight lines hoping to cut the Ice by having work their way down through

Friday Feb 24 temp 12 below
Cloudy wind moderate from N E
our natives have all gone towards Depot Island sealing also two familys of Kenepteurs the natives brought in 4 salmon they keep a part of what they catch

Saturday Feb 25 temp 20 below
Pleasant light air from south & the Kenepteur natives went off but had no success sealing none of the women got a few salmon brought in two small one

Sunday February 26 1899

Partly pleasant wind N E moderate temp 6 below
one of the Kenepetu boys brought in a rabbit
he had shot gave him a jack knife
Monday Feb 27 temp 6 below
very stormy from N E
two new natives arrived to day from the inland
Kenepetu they have some fur tobacco and ammunition
they have been 4 day coming brought 1 shoulder
of Deer meat and 6 salmon
Tuesday Feb 28 temp 16 above
Blowing strong from N E and snowing
the temp rose to 16 above zero
We count the months now as they go by
and look forward to the time of working this
coming summer and then the prospect of Home
Wednesday March 1 temp 12 above &c
still snowing light day and fresh breeze from N E
our natives sent the sled up with some meat
they have taken & cached and 2 bags of ground nuts
the natives brought in 2 salmon
Thursday March 2 temp 8 above
blowing fresh from E N E during the night
the two natives who came a few days ago started
to return they came to see about making a trade
for a rifle gave it & bring the skins in the spring
they wanted Tobacco very much & take back to friends
Cut the rudder out clear of ice
Friday March 3 temp 2 above
still blowing from N E cloudy the sled
returned & the natives who are down towards Inland Depot
three salmon brought in cut the item clear
Saturday March 4 temp 10 below
light air from N W cloudy
the natives brought in 9 salmon
one of our men shot a rabbit

Sunday March 5 1899

Pleasent light air from N W temp 10 below
the natives brought in 6 salmon
it seems good to have the day get longer
am now trying to find the error of the Chronometer

Monday March 6 temp 16 below
Pleasent light air from north
we always find something to do
but have much we miss news from Home not
having heard since leaving Hardley

Tuesday March 7 temp 26 below
Pleasent light air from N W the natives
brought in 5 salmon

Wednesday March 8 temp 26 below
Pleasent light air from north the natives
come back from Defot Island
they have caught 39 seal and 6 ground seal
in all 6 of the seal belong to the Kenepetu
natives who went with them 5 salmon to day

Thursday March 9 temp 26 below
Pleasent light air from N W the natives
went with two sleds and brought them
loaded with seal meat and now there
is no more hunger Told them to day I could
not give them more bread as they could get
plenty (the Kenepetus)

Friday march 10 temp 34 below
blowing strong from west
the Vessel have come up about 3 inches off
the

Saturday March 11 temp 38 below
Pleasent moderate wind from west
the Kenepetu sled have gone to get a
party who are still sealing at Defot Island
4 salmon brought in to day
we have to bail out the water from the
hole about once a week but not
a great deal

Sunday March 12 1899 temp 24 below

fresh breeze from west the sled returned with the netters who were reading net at depot Island

Monday March 13 temp 20 below

Pleasent light wind from west

this cold spell have prevented the trout from coming up more 3 salmon brought in

Tuesday march 14 temp 32 below

clear but strong breeze from N N E

one of our netters (Harry) got 2 Deer

brought in both saddles 2 salmon brought in

Wednesday March 15 temp 32 below

Pleasant light air from north one salmon brought in

Thursday March 16 temp 30 below

Pleasent wind moderate N N E 3 salmon brought in

the river very slushy

Friday march 17 temp 28 below

Pleasent wind light from north 9 salmon brought in

the salmon are mostley brought in by Kenepetus

for which I give them bread and molasses

Saturday March 18 temp 30 below

Pleasent moderate breeze from N N E

Sunday march 19 temp 22 below

Cloudy wind moderate N N W a little snow falling

Monday March 20 temp 22 below

Pleasent light air from west & N E at night

4 salmon brought in

Tuesday March 21 temp 11 below

Blowing strong from north west with snow

Wednesday March 22 temp 12 below

wind north & East the party of Kenepetus who

went off about 3 weeks ago returned & day heading

gaf & mark on our natives had no success returning

Thursday March 23 temp 7 below

Strong winds from N E but improving at night

& day the netters have cleaned the mush ox skins of fat

Friday March 24 temp 0

strong Gale from N E with blinding snow storm

Saturday March 25 1899
temp 7 above

wind strong from E & E drifting snow
at night Ebbing but still blowing

Sunday March 26 temp 8 above
Pleasent wind N E & NW moderate
drying the mark on skins out on the Ice
one of our natives shot a Deer brought in saddle

Monday March 27 temp 2 above
Clear fresh breeze from N E
all the natives have been building new Igloos
took the Ice away from the windows

Tuesday March 28 temp 8 below
Pleasent moderate breeze from N E
the natives got a fresh Seal

Wednesday March 29 temp 2 below
Pleasent with strong breeze from N E
the natives got one young seal

Thursday March 30 temp 2 above
Pleasent wind fresh from N E
one of our natives went after some seal skins Dogs died

Friday March 31 temp 0
Pleasent light air from North
one of the Kenepetes (Eskimo) shot two
Deer yesterday brought in two saddles

Saturday April 1 temp 2 below
Pleasant very light air from N W
one of our natives Harry have gone & got Deer meat

Sunday April 2 temp 8 below
Pleasent light air from N W one of the natives got a seal

Monday April 3 temp 6 below
Pleasent moderate breze from west

Tuesday April 4 temp 6 below
Pleasent light air from N W got a seal

Wednesday April 5 temp 5 below
Pleasent very light air from N W which he shot
our natives Harry have returned with 5 sealskins
also 9 walrus
See the first Birds & day two snow birds

Thursday April 6 1899
temp 7 above
Cloudy light airs at night clearing
took quite a long walk for exercise
Friday April 7 5° above
Pleasant moderate breeze N & E & N
Saturday April 8 10 below
Pleasant light airs NW
Sunday April 9 11 below
Cloudy wind moderate E & S & E increasing
Monday April 10 temp 10 above
strong breeze from E & E cloudy took quite a walk
Tuesday April 11 temp 5° above
A Blizard from East
Wednesday April 12 temp 2 & 18 above
Pleasant at first but stormy this pm
one of the natives (Ben) have gone & get some Deer meat
Thursday April 13 temp 20 above
moderate breeze from South Cloudy
Friday April 14 temp 18 above below
Blizard from East a girl & child born to Kenepeta
Saturday April 15 temp 28 above
still blowing and drifting snow
A Kenepeta arrived last night with
his family from Hunting Musk ox
brought 6 skins and 5 wolves skins he
have seen any natives and they had 8
skins in all at that time saw 6 N & E
Sunday April 16 temp 22 above
weather clearing wind still East snowing
the sled left on the 12 returned having shot 6 deer did not
get the meat which was buried so much snow
the Vessel come up to day at 8 am and again more at 9 p m
Monday April 17 temp 12 above
blowing part of the time took the boating away
Tuesday April 18 temp 15 above
Cloudy with some snow cut the Boat off
Wednesday April 19 light airs NW partly cloudy
Cleared the decks of snow by 10 and took up the mooring lines (2) came & 1 musk ox
& 1 wolf

Thursday April 20 1899
temp 18 above
have been cooler cooler
Overcast light snow moderate breeze NW
Friday April 21 temp 18 above
Overcast light airs and snow from west and north
Saturday April 22 temp 12 above
Overcast with light snow squalls
One of the natives Reyn by left 8 return 8
wagon riders and two natives have gone back with skins
Sunday April 23 temp 4 above
Pleasant at first but afternoon cloudy and snowing
two men Kenepetes natives come with some musk ox
skins Blackhead and 8 Laik take
Monday April 24 temp 19 above
snowing wind NE & NW moderate three of our
sleds arrived from musk ox hunting Stonewall
brought in 5 skins Paul 20 and Jack
12 musk ox skins the Kenepetes who
came yesterday brought 8 musk ox skins part of them
Tuesday April 25 temp 3 above
Partley Cloudy wind moderate from NE
took the hatches off for the first time
since covering and changing provision in 8 tents
Wednesday April 26 temp 8 above
Wind fresh NE with a little snow
getting ready & stow the ground the two Kenepetes started to return
Thursday April 27 temp 3 above
Blowing stiff from NE drifting snow
finished cleaning the fat and beef off the skins
Friday April 28 temp 12 above
Blowing stiff from NE partley clear
this NE winds holds the ice over on this side and
also keeps it in the Bay which makes the season late
Saturday April 29 temp 3 above
Blowing fresh from NE partley Cloudy
stowed some bank in the ground tent
Sunday April 30 temp 2 above
Clear fresh breez from NW drying skins
Meleki come back from yellow bluff brought in 3 saddles

May 1 Monday temp 2 below

Pleasent wind South NW have been capsizing

May 2 Tuesday temp 2 above

Pleasent though rather cloudy finished stowing the ground tier of casks light hay NW & N

May 3 Wednesday temp 21 above

Cloudy light wind with snow squalls from South some of the natives have gone Deer hunting

May 4 Thursday temp 21 above

Cloudy increasing wind at night a blizzard from N E most all are suffering from colds

Friday May 5 temp 18 above

A heavy blizzard from N N E unable to go out

Saturday May 6 temp 10 above

Pleasent though at times fresh breeze from North got off a cask of Bread and stowed it, Cook Lye returned

Sunday May 7 temp 8 above

Pleasent light air NW Jack returned with 4 Deer finished drying the meat & skins put them in casks

Monday May 8 temp 8 above & below

Pleasent light air westerly working on the Boats some of the natives have gone towards Deaf Island sealing

Tuesday may 9 temp 9 above

Pleasent no wind painted part of the Boats also repairing them our natives get two seal

Wednesday May 10 temp 3 above

Pleasent fresh breeze from N N E some natives gone sealing

Thursday May 11 temp 9 above

Pleasent moderate breeze North natives no seal returned

Friday May 12 temp 9 above

Pleasent moderate breeze NW painting boats had a dance this evening

Saturday may 13 temp 12 above

Pleasent light wind west some natives gone hunting

Sunday may 14 temp 18 above

Pleasent light air North the natives brought back 3 Deer and 3 seal 2 Rabbit took some pictures NW heatherages for the first time this spring

Monday May 15 temp 17 above

Cloudy strong wind N N E one sled returned with three Deer one of the natives got his eye hurt by the powder coming out through the head of Gastineau

Tuesday May 16 temp 28 above

Stormy wind N E / E East with damp snow got off fresh water in tierces with native Canoes nearly 50 barrels

Wednesday May 17 temp 38 above

light breeze fresh South sent up the Crows nest and top gallant yard put Compass on the deck sent the ashes and Kerosene down the Hole

Thursday May 18 temp 25 above

Cloudy light airs South & SW at night scraped the masts sent more of our guns to the Hole

Friday May 19 temp 34 above

Cloudy this am pleasant this pm wind moderate W to NW one of our natives returned with 3 deer

Saturday May 20 temp 36 above

Pattey Cloudy sent down two boats & the Hole moderate breeze SW to N W

Sunday May 21 temp 28 above

Cloudy spitting snow some Kenepetou natives arrived with 16 musk ox skins and 13 wolf skins part of the skin, are quite poor took a number of pictures

we returned from the Hole July 19 having taken 6 whales in all the natives 1 Mr Borden 1 Mr Heyward 2 my Boat 4

4 whales taken also 1 by the natives for us

It is now Saturday July 29 at anchor Cape Dudley we left third last Saturday for Southampton but on account of Ice went to Whale Point the natives come off & on Sunday wind N W Monday we started again for Southampton with the wind N E worked

(From Tuesday's Memoranda.)

Schs Paul Seavey and Marion Draper have hauled up at Fish Island for the winter.

The Dundee whaling vessel Polar Star, which was whaling in Hudsons Bay in company with the whaler Active, has been wrecked on the western shore of the strait. Her crew and cargo, including 132 walrus and four bears, were transferred to the Active.

The whale fishery has not been very successful this season for the whalers in the bay, and it is mainly for this reason that they have been devoting themselves to the hunt of the various land animals in the country surrounding the bay.

through a p… and came in & clear water …moved and got the Bone on board came & anchor near the shore Wednesday we looked around and could not see any thing of the whaler Thursday we came back & Capt Mullerton Friday landed the Bone and & day split it up got off 3 cask of water Natives from the south brought hence musk ox skin(s) wolf and fox also two Bear skins

& day the wind fresh nw a little rain took some pictures of the Southampton natives while there

Sunday July 30

got under way at 3 am came & whale Point the natives came off they have not seen any whales brought off the bone from the little whale they caught wind variable in force and rain squalls nw at night kept off for Southampton and monday morning passed through a few miles of Ice off Cape Rendall (got a Bear) then came to Clear water again at 11 am saw the Scotch steamer Active Capt Murray at Anchor discharging stores for a station near the south end of the Island 63.09 lat we came down & him by 6 pm and we came & Anchor Capt Murray came on board bringing letters from Home for us the station is reckoned for three years and & he is in charge of his Brother John Murray they have a number of Middle Esquimo natives & have been and are & get more Fairly native & came & day Tuesday 9 months absence of him they are 18 months old arrived last Friday are under way now rain and fog wind nw

Letters from Home

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Clear water Tuesday we arrived and
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Esquimaux natives to leave here
and are to get more Eskimo natives to come
to day Tuesday went aboard of him
they are 18 months out arrived last Friday
are under way now some rain and fog wind nw

Letters from Home

Wednesday August 2nd 1899

looking the place over where we caught the whales but nothing to be seen after soon worked up the coast

Thursday came over to Cape Fullerton and anchored some rain at nights wind fresh SW

Friday wind fresh South raining clearing here this p m ~~got off~~

Saturday worked on here scraping and working getting up a house to put the bone in and handle it the Kenepetu natives helping us

Sunday the 6 of August

Came out of Cape Fullerton this morning and down towards Depot Island have ice to South of us

Monday we are down off Chesterfield Inlet quite a little ice to the N E of us that an Beijing (large vessel) ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday Come back up along through the ice

Wednesday Came by Cape Fullerton light airs - would have gone in to Churchill Came up towards whale Point saw the Scotch Steamer Captain Murray Came on board have been up the Wellcome and got natives for the Saturn at Southampton

Thursday, Coming off Whale Point natives on board Cloudy weather

Friday Coming off whale Point

Saturday working up to wager River

13 August Sunday off wager River some natives Come on board (Scotty) two boats Monday went ashore to Point Harding all the time light weather p m working down the Wellcome

we came in to Cape Fullerton August 16
have not seen a whale. leaving the
leaving Southampton the
4th of July
we have got the bone cleaned
and washed and weighed 18099 lbs
finished Sunday the 20
monday got off a cask of water
and Tuesday morning got under weigh
for Home with a good breez from
west Clear and Pleasant quite cought
made the Southampton shore at 8 pm
but it was to nought for Capt murry to come off
lay too during the night
Wednesday morning Capt murry came off
with his letters to send Home
got some meat of his notives
had the wind south came in to Fiches
Straits wind heading to N E at 7 pm
a gale with a very rought sea we wore around
and stood back again through the night
rain and fogg
Thursday thick fogg and rane rain
at night clearing worked the vessel to or
to go to the southard of Coats Island
during the night clearing
Friday this morning we found that instead
of being south of Coats Island we were still in
Fiches Straits and mark through
Passed Cape Pembroke at noon wind
N W heading to South pleasant
but this afternoon coming on misty and raining
blowing strong wind south
are now part way between Mansfield and Diggs
sent down the Crows Nest two reefs in main sail

Saturday August 26

the weather becoming thick we lay too
in the pack Each night the weather clearing
towards morning we passed Digges
and at night with a good breeze we were
up & the west end of Charles Island
Sunday the 27
passed Charles Island at 2 am
when the wind headed around S & E
and then S & W by night blowing
strong with mist and rain
in evening moderate but thick
have passed two Bergs are about of Baffins Harbor
Monday had a strong gale from N W
with heme very rough seas
at night more moderate
Tuesday Came S & saw Ice and at night
day still fas day light then washed
through it
wednesday weather gale from N E
with Fogs and rain washed in S the
Ice and Tied up at midnight had to let
go on account of swell lay in open water
till day light are off the lower Savage
this noon at night Calm near Resolution

Thursday rain and Fogs during the latter
part of night Quite a little Ice (heavy)
which lays in packs and strips
had the wind N E not strong this am
it is, heading S the west are now
working out through. weather clearing
came through 50 miles of Ice are now in
clear water with the pack S the South of
us. a few large bergs
have Come 75 miles from Resolution
are keeping just clear of the pack
Course S S E Compass wind S W Compass

I was taken sick with inflammation of the bowels was ill the remainder of the Voyage arrived in Vineyard Haven Sept 28. came over the Nantucket Shoales a Tow Boat came for us that night and next morning took us to New Bedford

found my wife in New Bedford to meet me

we had been reported a few days before when near Bell Isle

Price of whale Bone $2.40 per lb
" " " Oil 34 cts per gal

TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF A WHALER.

TWENTY-SEVEN MONTHS IN THE ICE.

The White Star liner Germanic, from New York, which arrived at Queenstown last night, brought the intelligence that the British steamer Manchester, trading from Liverpool for Montreal, spoke the whaler Era on the 6th inst. flying signals of distress. Boats from the steamer were sent to her, and the captain was found seriously ill. The crew reported that the whaler had been twenty-seven months frozen in the ice near Hudson Bay, and that they were in want of provisions and other necessaries, which the steamer supplied.

we were not in need of Provision neither did the steamer furnish any thing to speak of

number of whales taken and weight of Bone Each

6 foot 9	inches	whale	caught in trade		1.860	lbs
10 foot 2	"	mate	"	August 1	1.734	"
9 foot 9	"	mate	"	" 2	1.450	
9 foot 2	"	Capt	"	" 3	1.308	
9 foot	"	3rd mate	"	" 27	1.388	
8 foot 4	"	mate	"	Sept 8	1.035	
					9.295	

2 & 3 barrels of oil
1 1/2 barrels of oil

Season 1899

10 foot 5		June 29	Capt	whale	barrels
7 " 6		July 4	3rd mate	"	"
9 " 9		" 5	Capt	"	"
9 " 7		" 6	Capt	"	"
8 " 2		" 8	mate	"	"
10 " 6		" 11	mate	"	"
9 " 0		" 13	Capt	"	"
3 " 0		" natives	native	"	"
				95	8842 lbs

1898 Gauges of oil Casks stowed full october

150	269	201	270	114
135	222	299	252	292
296	295	274	212	212
200	280	195	215	32
130	200	209	171	122
196	250	200	100	290
130	136	114	129	181
32	130	200	245	242
226	185	100		

Gauges of casks remaining (in all)

115	264	298	275	240
272	300	292	240	220
181	275	240	120	120
used oil 212	240	240	247	214
278		296	224	130
295	273	218	145	278
185	240	272	188	190
235	175	321	230	
190	241	290	230	
272	293	294	111	

236 barrels

we have on hand in trade

April 2	1898	41	mink ox	skin
"		13	Bear	"
"		15	wolf	"
"		34	fox	"
Sept	2	17	Bear	"

Sept 2. '98. Cask no 1. 20 m. ox

" no 2. 21 m ox, 34 fox 5 w

" no 3 20 B. S.

Sent Home by Schooner Francis Allyn — — — — September 17 1898

Spring of 1899

march	Seco	8	mink ox
April	molasses	6	" "
"	Lynch	8	" "
"	Blochhead	8	" "
"	Paul	20	" "
"	Jack	12	" "
"	Stone wall	5	" "
"	Gilbert	10	" "
	Bilby	10	" "
	Tenny	8	" "
	Chester	11	" "
	Aneuke	16	" "
	Sam	12	" "
	Cabry	5	" "
	artingelar	6	" "
		145	

Number of Seal and walrus taken by us and the natives

Seal we got & on the fall by the natives

1897 Dec	31	5	
Jan	1	2	" " "
Jan	3	1	" " "
"	8	1	" " "
"	9	1	" " "
"	11	2	" " "
"	30	6	" " "
Feb	12	4	" " "
"	13	6	" " " "
"	27	1	" " "
March	1	11	" " "
"	4	2	" " "
"	6	4	" " "
"	8	5	" " "
"	10	1	" " "
"	12	4	" " "
"	28	1	" " "
April	10	1	" "
"	16	2	" "
"	19	1	" "
"	22	1	" "
"	25	1	" "
May	2	1	" "
May	4	2	" "
"	15	1	" "
		8	

Skins of these are of Ground seal

Dec	27	1	
"	31	1	
Jan	5	1	
"	19	2	
"	20	2	
"	21	1	
"	28	1	
Feb	3	1	
"	9	1	
"	13	1	
"	16	2	
March	1	1	
"	8	25	
"	28	2	
Apr	2	1	
	4	1	

1898 January

	22	2 "
Feb	2	2 "
Feb	3	1 "
"	10	2 "
March	11	1 "
"	20	1 "
April	15	1 "
1899 Jan	11	1 "
"	12	1 "
"	18	1 "
"	22	1 "
Feb	15	1

* walrus

Number of Seal taken on Jan 24 1898 at Ougashik

1	Seal
2	"
3	"
2	"
May 2	"
May 4	"
May 15	"

3 all arrived
ought any on ground seal

1200

amount of fish and game — we have had on the Voyage — up to November 4 have had 1897

12 saddles of Deer meat 40 salmon

Nov 8	7 saddles	" "	122 " "
Nov 20	1½	" " "	90 " "
Nov 24	1	" " "	45 " "
Dec 14	2	" " "	2.52 " 1898
" 15	1	" " "	
" 18	1½	" " "	
Feb 18	4	" " "	
March 10	2	" " "	
" 12	4	" " "	
" 27	1	" " "	
" 28	3	" " "	
April 5	9	" " "	
" 8	2	" " "	
" 28	11	" " "	
May 5	9	" " "	
July 29	2	" " "	
Sept 20	3	" " "	
" 3	3	" " "	
Nov 6	14	" " "	
Nov 7	8	" " "	
Nov 23	9	" " "	
Dec 12	4½	" " "	
Dec 23	1	" " "	
Jan 8	1	" " "	
" 13	1	" " "	
" 15	3	" " "	
" 16	2	" " "	
" 18	5½	" " "	
Feb 19	2	" " "	
Feb 27	1	" " "	
March 14	2	" " "	
" 26	1	" " "	
" 31	2	" " "	
April 5	5½	" " "	
" 15	1	" " "	
" 16	5½	" " "	
" 18	2	" " "	
" 24	2	" " "	
" 30	3	" " "	
May 4	3	" " "	
" 14	2	" " "	

77 + 77 + 13 7 + 19 + 2 + 166 + 15 + 9 + 1

Deer meat will weigh about 125 lbs

have had many Deer which have not been measured

average 5½

Feb 27	6	252
March 1	3	172
" 3	3	424
" 4	9	
" 8	8	
" 8	4	
" 11	4	
" 14	2	
" 15	1	
" 16	3	
" 17	9	
" 10	4	
April 5½	9	
" 5½	2	

the Salmon

during the summer the natives set nets off from the shore and catch a number of salmon in them

— ducks — Rabbits

— Nov 4 November 4 1897

175 ducks 30 Rabbits

Nov 19	5	1
Dec 2		2
" 3		1
" 9		1
		1
Jan 1	5	1
" 3	10	1
" 4	4	1
" 6	2	1
" 7	1	Feb 28 1
" 11	37	March 6 2
" 21	10	" 13 1
25	8	" 23 1
30	10	" 24 1
Feb 8	6	" 27 1
" 9	2	Oct 5 1
" 14	1	Oct 10 1
" 21	1	" 27 4
March 28	1	Nov 24 1
April 24	1	" 28 1
Oct 6	6	Jan 26 2
" 7	11	" 29 1
Jan 22	4	Feb 15 1
" 30	1	" 26 1
	286	March 4 1
		April 6 1
		" 26 1
		May 14 2
		59
		2
		62

ducks

Rabbits

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New London
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