

the result of the bare figures—without taking into consideration the wide distribution of benefit, the constant winter employment, and the introduction of good food at the very period it was most wanted—is surprising:—

The voyage in 1883, steam, 553,495 seals.

„ „ 1832, sail, 508,000 „

They are both very good seasons. To expand upon this monetary view of the seals, at the end of the 19th century might be considered as a retrocession into obsolete methods of capture—nevertheless, there was a widely-extended comfort obtained by the old method.