

The MUSK-ox, *Oribos moschatus*, Linn.—This is an animal that inhabits only the barren or treeless area of northern Canada. As will be seen from the Journal in regard to the appearance of the country passed over, the treeless area is not entirely barren, but in many places sustains bunches of a coarse grass and plenty of moss or lichen, which afford ample food for this great rush of caribou and the more sedate wanderings of the musk-ox.

The barren or treeless area was reached practically before they came to Lockhart River, but no mention of any signs of the musk-ox is made until they reach the small lake on the Lockhart River. Here on the north side were two skulls of animals killed two seasons before by a hunter who was present in the party. The north shore is called by Mr. McKinley "the native soil of the mask-ox."

The first one killed was seen on the north shore of Aylmer Lake. From there northward large numbers were seen as far as the expedition went. They do not wander in such great bands as the caribou, but feed in smaller herds around the hills, moving in search of food. The cows in the summer generally are more together, the bulls feeding apart or in couples.

Of the smaller mammals the following were noticed:—

WHITE FOX, *Vulpes lagopus*, Linn.—No mention is made of any of the party having seen these animals, but that they are to be found is evident from the many holes seen.

"June 30th —White or arctic fox holes we have come across now and then of late. The first we saw on the portage to the Lockhart River."

WOLVERINE, *Gulo luscus*, Sabine.—Mr. Pike shot three, August 2nd, and mention is made in several places of caches being robbed by these animals.

ARCTIC HARE, *Lepus timidus* Linn. var. *arcticus* Leach. The first signs of this animal were observed on Lac du Mort which is not a great distance north of Great Slave Lake. The note is to the following effect:—"Saw signs of the Arctic Hare on the banks of this lake, which is probably as far south as they come. They are now off out again to the open farther north."