

which very possibly these provident people had secured for a season of famine. This is not mere speculation ; for necessity may have taught the coast Indians to adopt the same precaution as those of the interior, who make it a practice to hoard the bones of the animals they have killed ; from which, in a time of need, they extract a considerable quantity of fat by pounding them between stones, and afterwards submitting the pulverised material to the process of boiling.

Near a detached mountainous rock, the contracted state of the stream, accompanied as usual with a hollow roar, plainly indicated a descent of some kind ; and as it was too late to see the stones in the water, we encamped.

On landing, several wolves were observed prowling about ; and aware that these beasts, as is natural, are only numerous in those districts which nourish large herds of the ruminating animals on which they prey, we profited by the hint, and soon succeeded in killing a musk-ox bull. The American wolf differs in countenance and general appearance from its European representative ; but it has