

walked toward it with one of the firemen in order to get a better view of it, but it disappeared through its hole in the ice. I then walked over to examine the hole but failed to find it. The surroundings disguised its whereabouts, the packed snow of the low rocks being just sufficiently ridged to hide it from view; and this was a clear case of protection to the creature.

Irrespective of difficulties, three species of seals were determined, viz., the Flipper or Ringed Seal (*Pagomys fœtidus*), common at Fullerton, where it was frequently to be seen at the floe or open water during the winter, and it was also seen in Baffin Bay; the Harp Seal (*Pagophilus grœnlandicus*), seen in Baffin Bay, and on the ice near Cumberland sound; and the Hooded Seal (*Cystophora cristata*), seen resting on a sheet of ice in Davis Straits.

The Polar Bear (*Thalarctos maritimus*) can be seen during the short summer, walking about when the ground is carpeted with a low-growing vegetation, and cranberries and blueberries paint the landscape, and when, in certain localities, there is snow only in ravines and deep hollows where the sun cannot penetrate. Sometimes also his bruinship is to be seen on the floating ice in the sea. Bears were encountered as they were walking about on the mountain sides at Eric Cove and at Digges Island, Ungava, and on floating ice off Southampton Island, where walrus were observed. Also among the ice at the head of Hudson Straits, near Cumberland Sound, and in Baffin Bay.

A Barren Ground Wolf (*Canis lupus albus*) was killed with a trap gun in the month of March. If this were the same individual—which is more than probable—it had been seen several times for some days, previously, prowling about near the vessel, and running along over a frozen pond on an island. Its colour was white, the hairs of the back being tinged with black.

The Esquimo Dog (*Canis borealis*) is very wolf-like. This variety of the dog is the domestic animal of the Innuït or Esquimo, and it would fare ill with him were it extinct. It draws his sleigh over the frozen sea, and over the snow inland. Its disposition is that of the dog of a savage, lacking the docility of our civilized varieties; but it has little of the aggressive ferocity which, from descriptions, I anticipated it would have. It remains