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NOTES ON SOME OF THE BIRDS AND MAMMALS OF THE
HUDSON'S BAY CO'S. TERRITORIES AND THE
ARCTIC COAST.

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During a residence of twenty years in various parts of the Hudson's Bay Co's. Territories, embracing the extreme south of James's Bay, Hudson's Bay and north to the Arctic Sea, I had, as a sportsman, many opportunities of paying considerable attention to the habits and peculiarities of the fauna—especially birds—over a rather extensive field of observation, the result of which I shall attempt to give in the following remarks, some of which may perhaps be new, others disputed, or possibly well known.

My first ten years in this wild country were spent at Moose Factory, the Hudson's Bay Company's depot, in the southern department, lat. 51° N., long. 81° W., where the salt-marshes along the coast afford favorite feeding grounds to a great number and variety of water-fowl on their migrations to and from their breeding place in the north, and