

or three hours over 500 seals were captured, each seal being worth about \$4. The wind soon after shifted around blocked up the Bay again with ice and he caught no more seal that season. Poor J—— hoped for some such good luck. We now came in sight of his house: a large wooden building in a very delapidated condition; all the material used in its construction had been brought down in schooners from Quebec. J—— remarked that this was their summer house; they have another smaller one in the interior nearer wood. When we reached the building, I perceived that many panes of window glass were broken, and their house appeared very bleak indeed. After he had gone forward and tied up a half-starved wolfish looking dog, which he said was vicious to strangers, we followed him in by the back door, through what had once been the kitchen. The flooring in places had been pulled up. Seeing that I noticed this, J—— stopped and explained the reason why it was so:— He said that last Spring, during cold weather, having removed to this house to be ready to begin his fishing operations, he was so weak for want of nourishment, that he had not sufficient strength to go for wood, and was obliged to burn some of the flooring to prevent his family from perishing from cold. Looking around, I found the partition had been grained in imitation of oak. We passed on till we came to the front hall, on each side of which I could see rooms through the open doors. The floors were painted in different coloured squares, and on the walls of the parlour and principal rooms, hung the remains of costly French paper-hanging, representing hunting scenes, nearly half life-size; but there was no furniture left in any of these rooms, but in another room was found a stove, a three-legged stool, pine table and a large bundle of nets. We were asked into this room and entered it. I asked J——s to allow me to see his wife and children. He answered that they were hardly sufficiently clad to show themselves, but that he would go up stairs and try to induce them to