

of August, while we were at South-west Point. Mr. Pope told me it was an unusual occurrence. I observed that frequent openings in the fog were seen towards the land, leading to the idea that it was less dense in the interior.

I observed some cattle at South-west Point, belonging to Mr. Pope and Mr. Corbet. They appeared to be in good condition, although they had been left to provide for themselves in the wood openings, or along the shore. A horse belonging to Mr. Pope was in equally good condition.

Gamache or Ellis Bay and Fox Bay are the only two harbors on the island that are comparatively safe in all winds. The former is eight and a-half miles from West-end Lighthouse, on the south side; the latter is fifteen miles from Heath Point Lighthouse, on the north side. From Cape Eagle to Cape Henry, across the mouth of Gamache Bay, the distance is two miles, with a breadth of deep water of three quarters of a mile, extending up the bay a mile and a-half, while the depth of the indentation is two miles and a-half. Fox Bay is smaller, and has less depth of water than Gamache Bay. The distance across its mouth is a mile and a-half, with half a mile of deep water in the centre, extending up the bay nine-tenths of a mile; the whole depth of the indentation being one mile and two-tenths. These two harbours occur in the same geological formation, while the rock presents a very regular and comparatively level surface, over which a road could be easily constructed from one harbour to the other, the distance being 120 miles. By such means the whole island would be brought to within a moderate distance of a road having a natural harbour at each end.

The wild animals met with on the island, as far as I am aware, are the common black bear, the red, the black, and the silver fox, and the marten. Bears are said to be very numerous, and hunters talk of their being met with by dozens at a time; but on my excursion I only observed one at Ellis Bay, two near Cormorant Point, and one in the neighbourhood of Observation Cape. I came upon the last one on a narrow strip of beach at the foot of a high and nearly vertical cliff. Seen from a distance, I took the animal for a burnt log, and it was only when within fifty yards of him that I perceived my mistake. He appeared to be too busily engaged in making his morning meal, on the remains of a seal, to pay any attention to me; for although, with a view of giving him notice to quit, I struck my hammer upon a boulder that was near, and made other noises which I conceived might alarm him, he never raised his head to show that he was aware of my presence, but fed on until he had finished the carcase, obliging me, having no rifle, to remain a looker-on for half-an-hour. When nothing of the seal remained but the bones, the bear climbed in a leisurely way up the face of the naked cliff, which could not be many degrees out of the perpendicular, throwing down as he passed considerable blocks of rock, and disappeared over the summit, which was not less than a hundred feet above the sea.

Foxes and martens are very abundant. The marten was frequently heard during the night in the neighbourhood of our camp, and foxes