

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.—Weather to-day is beautiful. Steamed out of harbour at 8 a.m., and set all canvas, with wind in N.E. Passed Bissom Point at 6 p.m., and lay to at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.—Gale again, and snow all day; course S.E. Steamed in towards land at 4 p.m., to try and pick it up, but could see nothing; so turned round and kept her going slow, with fore and aft canvas set all night; course E.S.E.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.—Very hard gale all night. Happily, no damage done, although the saloon was in a nice state in the morning. Ran amongst some icebergs at 4 a.m., just when it was daylight, luckily. No snow, so turned in towards the land, which we picked up in Home Bay at 10 a.m. Steamed and sailed hard South, and eventually, at 6 p.m., came to anchor at Cape Hooper. Snow began to fall. It was blowing hard, with a heavy sea all day. There are two tupecks here.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.—Heavy snow all night. Dull day, blowing hard outside. R. and C. went ashore to the tupecks, and brought back two good deer heads. They also arranged a shoot for deer to-morrow with one of the natives. I agreed that R. was to go after the deer, and self and C. after walrus, which the natives report in great numbers on the other side of an island, but I doubt if they are worth having. Some were seen yesterday. It is late for them here. I do not envy R. his walk in the snow to-morrow.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.—C. and self left at 7 a.m., in two boats, in lovely weather. We sailed and rowed up the fjord. Passed six walrus coming out, though we did not get a shot. This looked promising; but, although, we did about forty miles in the day in bitterly cold weather, we never saw any more. The water was freezing on the oars as we rowed, and, since it was impossible to keep warm in the feet or hands, we returned to the ship at 4 p.m., with our Burgomaster gull. Joe, John, and Alf. rowed over to an island, and had a walk in the snow. Joe fell through the ice into a lake, but, fortunately, was none the worse for his ducking. No signs of R. when I turned in.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH.—Fine morning. Three boats sent away. R. returned at 1 a.m., having bagged six deer, three with