

seen at, and in the vicinity of, Charles Island, Ungava, in September, 1903. They were first observed in the sea, either singly, or two or three together. At the island they were numerous, and were moving about among the surf and boulders. Walruses were also encountered off Southampton Island. At this place numbers were resting themselves on the great sheets of floating ice, and when approached would in the easiest manner simply slide over the ice into the sea. In August, 1904, numerous Walruses were seen on floating sheets of ice, as we were sailing up the Greenland coast.

Whilst at Coming Creek, North Devon Island, some of the party, intent on making researches regarding the geology and palæontology of the place, went ashore. When in the small launch, a number of Walruses were seen swimming about in the bay. They were chased, and it was great amusement to see them rolling themselves down into the water, in order to hide, and to see them coming up again, as they were compelled to do, in order to breathe.

Knowledge of the Seals is nearly as involved as is that of the Whales. (See p. 86.) Usually only their heads are seen above water, and viewed, as they often are, from a distance, it is sometimes impossible to be sure of the species. The different kinds outwardly resemble one another, and there is considerable individual variation, occasioned by the creature's time of life; and probably for other reasons, such as that of the patterns and markings in the sexes of a particular species. Indeed, one who has never been in the arctic regions cannot properly understand the obstacles to be overcome in studying out those creatures. With us, the best opportunities were in the iglows, or snow-houses, only dimly lighted by the stone lamps when the days were very short, and the sun low down in the heavens.

Seals were observed dotted about here and there in the water at Winchester Inlet, in September, 1903, their heads appearing and disappearing as they sported themselves in this sheltered place. At Fullerton, throughout the winter, seals were frequently seen. One day I observed two frozen-over openings, at places apart, the abandoned holes of seals. In the month of May, seeing a seal resting on the ice far away in the distance, I