

every evening the entire shore of the island north and south, from end to end, is inspected. In bright weather this inspection is made from the lookout by means of field glasses, but when, as was almost always the case during our visit, a fog lies over the land, the inspection must be made on horseback so that no person could get wrecked upon the island and remain undiscovered for more than about 12 hours. Immediately after the completion of each inspection, a telephone message is sent to the main station, reporting the result. A definite hour is set for these reports, so that they are all sent in together. At the time of our visit this hour was half-past six in the morning, and the same time in the evening; but, of course, as the seasons alter, these hours would need to be changed.

The temperature, while not high is extremely stable. Our visit lasted seven days, during which time the thermometer varied only 21 degrees, namely, from  $38^{\circ}$  to  $59^{\circ}$ , the variation for each day being only about  $12^{\circ}$ ; and the greatest daily variation we experienced was only  $17^{\circ}$ , from  $42^{\circ}$  to  $59^{\circ}$ . This was on May 22 which was a very warm, bright day. Fogs are of almost daily occurrence, and while we had the good fortune to have sunshine on three days of our seven, there was only one on which we did not have fog, and on some we had nothing else. There is a record of nine consecutive weeks of fog at about this time of the year, but we were told that later on in the summer during August and September, the weather was all that one could wish, and the bright, warm days were exceedingly enjoyable.

As the inhabitants are all government employes, there is no commerce on the island. All supplies have to be brought from the mainland, and most of these are provided by the government, which sends a vessel twice a year to supply the needs of the inhabitants. Sometimes these visits are postponed as was the case in October, 1900, when it was found impossible to send supplies at all; and the boats which should have reached the island at that time landed its cargo, after two attempts, in the month of March. This delay caused a waste of 100 barrels of cranberries, which had been picked for the market and which are about the only agricultural export the island yields.