

they could not tell, nor did they wait until next Tide to get the Pole.

The Whales came in to *Deer Sound* every Tide from the Westward, with the Flood, and returned with the Ebb to the Westward. There were several Openings seen on the South West Side of the *Strait*, which were never look'd into, so that the West Side seemed to be only broken Lands and Islands, but no Openings were seen on the North East Side, except *Deer Sound*, which only went up two Leagues, the *Indians* they had on Board having travelled round it on Foot; there was also below it a fine large Cove, or Harbour, capable of containing a Fleet of Ships.

Captain *Smith*, in sailing from *Churchill* to *Whale Cove* in four Voyages, in 1740, 1742, 1743, and 1744, set out about the First of July in each Year; he found some Ice betwixt *Churchill* and Cape *Eskimaux*, but from thence to *Whale Cove*, he neither in going out, or returning, saw any Ice to obstruct his Sailing, it being always drove to the Eastward from that Coast into the great Bay, by a strong Current setting from the North West Shore, which, with an equal Westerly Wind, drives it more to South Eastward in twenty-four Hours, than an Easterly Wind can force back again in forty eight Hours; by which Means, the Bay to Southward is full of Ice, when there is none on the North West Side of the Bay.

This Current from the West also, sets the Ice to Eastward thro' *Hudson's Strait*, which
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