

game when they fall in with it, regardless of real wants, or the future consequences of the devastation they make.

On the 21st, they crossed the Snowbird Lake, and found deer as plentiful as before, so that much time was expended in killing and eating them; but as Mr. Hearne was assured that the season would by no means permit them to proceed in a direct line to the Copper-Mine River, this delay was of little consequence.

In crossing Pike Lake, on the 3d of March, they came up to a large tent of northern Indians, who had been living there from the beginning of winter, and had employed that long interval in catching deer in a pound. Indeed so successful is this method of sporting, in a country where the game is so abundant, that many families subsist by it, without having occasion to move their tents above once or twice in the course of a whole winter.

Such an easy mode of procuring subsistence in the winter months, is a capital blessing to the aged and the infirm;