

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Secretary was authorized to ask the attendance of the following persons, viz:—

Jno. Hargraves,	High Bluff.
Capt. Robinson,	Winnipeg.
D. MacArthur,	Winnipeg.

The Secretary was authorized to report to the House, and to ask leave to sit again.

(Sd.)

E. F. GIGOT,

CHAIRMAN.

MARCH 25TH, 1884.

1. CAPT. KENNEDY,
2. Retired Captain Mercantile Marine.
3. St. Andrews, Man.

Was 8 years in service of H. B. Co. at Ungava Bay, and during that time was travelling a great deal between Fort Chimo and the various rivers emptying into Hudson's Straits, trading for the Company. Made survey of Georges River Harbor in spring of 1839. In autumn of 1838, traversed coast from Fort Chimo River (Kaneabascon R) to Georges River. Have coasted in a York boat, that piece of shore line every month from July to November. Attempted it in June, but was more or less obstructed by ice. Found no ice after July in the Bay, and only on one occasion found some ice on the 1st November, and then only one small piece of field ice. Ice commenced to form on the Bay about 15th November. During winter the ice forms along the coasts of the Bay in the period of full tide, breaking off at the ebb, and setting out with the southerly current past Cape Chudleigh into the Atlantic. The prevailing winds were from the north, setting the ice from the Straits into Ungava Bay, and in consequence opening a corresponding channel on the north shore of the Straits. The polar currents that pass through the Straits do not follow either shore but generally set down the middle of the Strait joining the Labrador current at the eastern entrance of the Straits. The ice that comes into the Straits is chiefly from Fox Channel and is brought into the Straits by the polar current above mentioned. This ice commences to run about the 1st June. It is all field ice, much broken. No such thing as icebergs (as popularly understood) are to be found in the Straits at any time. Bergs are of glacial formation, and are formed in the deep fiords of the Greenland coast from Melville Bay to the circumpolar land, and not in any channel or inland sea emptying into the Atlantic through Hudson's Straits. The tides are very high in Ungava Bay. I have found the Spring