

requires from this kind of game in that quarter a slight removal of one or two degrees to the southward.

Of all the geese I have enumerated, the *Anser caerulescens*, or blue wavy, appears to be the least known in the settled and civilized portions of North America. In May it frequents only James's Bay and the Eastmain of Labrador, and it is probably the case that its hatching ground is on the north-west extremity of that peninsula, and the opposite and scarcely known coast of Hudson's Straits. In the autumn their bands, increased six or sevenfold by the young, return by the same route, but where they winter is the query. I have not seen them on the Columbia nor on the north-west coast. Do they adopt the seaboard on a lower latitude? Are they to be found in winter retreat in Southern California and Mexico?

It is very difficult to form anything like an accurate idea of the numbers of the various species of geese that have just been passed under review. Of the quantity shot at particular points where they become an article of provisions, we may arrive at a wide but still a better estimate. Seventeen to twenty thousand geese are sometimes killed by the Albany Indians in the autumn or fall of the year, and ten thousand or more in the spring, making a total for these coast Crees alone of at least..... 30,000 Not speaking so certainly of other natives, I would place

the Moose Indians as killing at all seasons.....	10,000
Rupert's River natives.....	8,000
Eastmain and to the north, including Esquimaux.....	6,000
The Severn coast I cannot compute as yielding less than.	10,000
The York Factory and Churchill Indians, with Esquimaux beyond, must dispose of.....	10,000

Making a total of geese killed on the coast of..... 74,000

As many geese must die wounded, and others are got hold of by the foxes and wolverines, we may safely allow the total loss to the flocks while running the fiery gauntlet as equivalent to 80,000. I was at one time inclined to believe that two-thirds of this number was, or might be, the proportion for the autumn hunt, but it is probably nearer three-fourths, and we have thus 60,000 in round numbers brought down from the newly-fledged flocks, as they pass southernward along the bay. I have lately been informed by an old and experienced hunter, that he believes that for every goose that is killed, above twenty must leave the bay without