

Capt. Jacob Tabor, a New Bedford whaler: From first of July to first of November.

Capt. St. Clair, New Bedford whaler: From first July to middle of November.

Capt. Clisby, of New London, Conn., who has had fourteen years' experience in those waters: Four months, and often five.

Capt. Wm. Kennedy, who commanded an expedition in search of the remains of Sir John Franklin, and who has had eight years' experience of the Strait: From June to November.

Mr. W. A. Archibald, for many years in the service of the Hudson Bay Company at Moose Factory: From June to December.

Capt. Wm. Hackland, in the H. B. Company's service for 39 years: Strait never freezes; no reason why steamships should not navigate it any time.

The Canadian Government sent three expeditions to the Strait and Bay—1884-85-86—under command of Lieut. Gordon, in all of whose reports the period of free navigation of the Strait is placed at four months.

Capt. J. J. Barry, the first officer in each of the expeditions, and an experienced Newfoundland sealer, thinks ocean steamships can enter as early as June, and can certainly come out as late as December.

Mr. W. A. Ashe, Superintendent of the Quebec Observatory, the officer of the expedition in charge of the station on the north coast of the Strait from August, 1884, to September, 1885, says the Strait is navigable for from four and a half to six and a half months, varying according to the class of the ship.

Mr. C. R. Tuttle, secretary of the first year's expedition, places the period of navigation at eight months. In his interesting volume on the voyage, "Our North Land," he quotes Capt. Sopp, the sailing master, as saying: "I would sooner navigate Hudson Strait than the English Channel."

Mr. Wm. Skynner, an officer who accompanied the three expeditions, thinks the Strait can be navigated from June to December.

Mr. D. J. Beaton, who made the round voyage with the expedition of 1885, reported that the Strait was navigable from May to December.