

deer to Tilt Cove, Toulingurt, &c., in the season, also trapping bear, beaver, &c., during the winter. They also do well by acting as guides for people who go to the bay to shoot and fish; often military officers starting from that place, and crossing the island to Humber Sound.

The Indians are very tall men (Micmacs), some of those who were on board being from 6ft. 2in. to 6ft. 5in. in height.

HARBOUR GRACE, August 7th.—Trade was thriving at this place, but being early in the season the merchants had received no reliable reports of the Cod Fishery on the Labrador, their usual trade during the summer months.

Made inquiries respecting the Butlers, of Cape Rouge notoriety; found they were not expected till October 20th.

ST. JOHN'S, August 12th.

SYDNEY, C.B., August 17th.—To provision ship.

ST. JOHN'S, August 23rd.—To give ship's company leave, &c.

CROC, September 9th.—Came here to communicate with Commodore Mer, but found he had left for St. Pierre.

OCCASIONAL HARBOUR, September 11th.—The fishermen here had done well; in fact, it usually is a good ground, the average catch this year being about 30 quintals. During the three days I remained here, the weather was so bad no boat left the harbour, and a large iceberg was blown into the harbour and grounded about one mile inside the entrance.

INDIAN TICKLE, September 14th.—No vessel loaded as yet; fishing very bad; Mr. Hennerbury anticipated a serious loss: he was also unfortunate in the spring, seal fishing; having shot and killed a large number of the seals, the ice took off, and the steamers coming up from St. John's and Harbour Grace, were enabled to get to the ice, and so took Mr. Hennerbury's, and some other man's seals; Mr. Hennerbury and the other being unable to work up against the wind to their seals.

CURLEW HARBOUR, September 15th.—Only a few men making fish for sale to the establishments.

At GREASY ISLAND I put in for shelter, anticipating a gale.

CARTWRIGHT HARBOUR, SANDWICH BAY, September 17th.—Messrs. Hunt and Co. had failed in the cod fishery; and the salmon had been only fair, about 290 tierce salt, and 40,000 lbs. in tins. They had been obliged to send one vessel home empty, and the one loading while we were there will not have a full cargo.

INDIAN HARBOUR, HAMILTON INLET, September 19th.—Everything white with snow. Mr. Norman informed me the fishing had been very poor, having not had more than one-third of his usual catch.

I made inquiries relative to coals left here by H.M.S. *Gannet*, a report of which is made in my letter, in duplicate, of this date to the Commander-in-Chief.

GREASY HARBOUR, September 20th.—The fishing here had been a total failure, not one-third of a fair catch having been taken.

There was a quantity of ice in the harbour, being mostly parts of two large bergs that had grounded on the N.E. side of the island.

Messrs. King and Larmour had been obliged to send one vessel home unladen.

INDIAN TICKLE, September 22nd.—Remained here till the 24th, a strong blow from N.N.E.

MECKLENBURG HARBOUR, September 25th.—No fishing place.

Outside SOPHIA HARBOUR and MURRAY'S ANCHORAGE the fishing had been good. There were several schooners from the northward making fish which they had brought down green.

One vessel, the *Guide*, had 210 quintals among seven men, taken to the north of Cape Harrison.

DEER HARBOUR, September 26th.—There are no inhabitants here, though it is a very good harbour. Visited this place to inspect the grave of a man belonging to this ship who died there last year, found it in good order, repainted the headstone and railings. Abreast of the grave is a good anchorage.

BATTLE HARBOUR, September 28th.—Had bad accounts of the herring catch, and the cod had only paid fifteen quintals a man. Made inquiries relative to Mr. Dodge, an American, in compliance with Vice-Admiral George Wellesley's Memorandum of the 24th August, but could not hear that he had been on the coast this year.

On entering Battle Harbour, the entrance was so blocked up by herring nets, that, in spite of using the utmost precaution, stopping the screw when possible, unfortunately one was damaged; the owner afterwards came on board, and complained that two were