



Preparations for next year's operations are already in progress among many of the sealing fleets. A lesson taught by last year's sealing was that an early start is absolutely necessary in order that a schooner should get the full advantage of the limited hunting season. Not only does this apply to the vessels which cruise on this coast but it applies with almost equal force to the Japanese fleet also. One of the principal reasons given by the unsuccessful sealers for their poor catches this year was that of being late in getting to work, and thereby missing probably the best part of the season, when the

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