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whaling business was invaluable. We left St. Johns, Newfoundland, on April 27th, 1899, carrying a crew of 53 all told, and provisions for two years. The Cruise was completed at Dundee on the 27th October. Dr. R. P. McKenzie and Mr. W. Cecil Hammond accompanied the expedition. In the Journal the former is, for the sake of brevity, referred to as "R," and the latter as "C."

The Diary was written from day to day, and while the impression left by recent events was still fresh. No attempt has been made at elaboration. It is a record of our experiences, brief, but complete, and it is hoped that, having the interest which arises from directness of statement and impressions at first hand, it may reasonably claim a place in the literature of sport.