

seek to be cautious in speaking with certitude concerning the identity of species, in particular cases, unless the evidence was unmistakable. The bones of Cetaceans, bleached, mutilated and worn, are often to be seen along the shores.

Two Whales, evidently the Right Whale or Bow-head (*Balæna mysticetus*), were seen on the Greenland side of Baffin Bay; the Killer (*Orca gladiator*) was reported seen after leaving Port Burwell in August, and the Narwhal (*Monodon monoceros*), whilst we were sailing along the coast of Greenland. A White Whale or Beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*) was seen sporting itself leisurely near the shore in a harbour on the Labrador coast, and several White Whales were seen at Fullerton. Certain cetaceans, apparently the Grampus (*Grampus griseus*) and the Common Porpoise (*Phocæna communis*), were seen whilst we were sailing along the Labrador coast.

Bird life is an attractive feature in the Arctic zone. Some, such as ravens, eiders and sea-pigeons, remain in the far north throughout the winter (that is, some of them do); and when the sun gains in the ascendancy, the return from the south, for breeding purposes of insessorials, birds of prey, numerous shore birds, swimmers and divers, is indeed a thing of import. Some unerring instinct leads those immigrants to leave the more genial and wooded temperate parts, to betake themselves to the barrens of the north, where, undisturbed, they may make their nests, and rear their young among the rocks and ponds. Among the earliest arrivals are the insessorials, notably the Snow-birds, and these are soon followed by gulls, terns and shore birds. Whilst removing their skins I found the birds were generally well protected from the cold by fat, and that the swimmers and divers, in addition, were very oily for resistance against water.

Tit-larks (*Anthus pensilvanicus*) were seen at Port Burwell. Lapland Longspurs (*Calcarius lapponicus*) were frequently noticed hopping about among the snow-birds at Fullerton.

Snow-birds (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) were observed among the rocks at Fullerton, when we arrived there towards the end of September, 1903.

(To be continued.)