

a man who was said to be an adept in rock-climbing. We found several nests of the pigeon or black guillemot, each with two eggs in, laid on the bare soil in a hole or crevice of the soft rock. Near the west end a few puffins breed, and we took one egg. On the south shore a stretch of sandhills and wet sandy beaches extends about a mile ; while a little distance inland great quantities of American cranberries grow, which though of last year's ripening were still fit for use. Among the small pools of fresh water I expected to meet with the yellow-legs, but saw nothing except some sparrows, and a few piping-plovers at the sea shore. We noticed a pair of ospreys, which doubtless had a nest in some of the larger spruce trees.

June 24th.—This morning walked with the proprietor of the island and my other friends to the lobster factory, thence to the east point, where a heavy sea was running, the spray flying over the tops of the cliffs. I saw the spotted sandpiper, another sandpiper, numbers of American scoters and a few mergansers. Fox-sparrows were scarce, there were a few pairs of black-poll warblers. We took a number of black guillemots eggs, nothing else. I learned that Leach's petrel still bred near the east point, so in the afternoon went with one of the boys who lived on the island to the locality where they were said to breed. After a short search we located a nest-hole among the roots of a scrubby spruce bush some thirty yards from the edge of the cliffs. The hole was eighteen inches deep, and found by the strong odour proceeding from the bird and pervading the whole bush. At the end of it was the nest consisting of matted grass, chips, fibres, &c. The first two I found, each contained one fresh egg ; in the third one the bird had been killed. I caught the old bird on both the nests that contained the eggs, and after carefully examining let them go. They appear to be nocturnal in their habits, and are at first dazed by the light. When taken in the hand they eject a few drops of a strong-smelling oil, whose odour lasts for a long