

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

seven months in the year; about the year 1860 a canoe came from Moose Factory to Little Whale River in November, arriving at the latter place on the 15th of the month. There was no ice at that time in the Bay. Was trader with Esquimaux for many years, and they have told me that they have caught cod outside islands on East Main. Salmon are not caught south of Cape Jones, but are found in great quantity in rivers of East Main and in Churchill River, and rivers north of Churchill on the N. W. coast of Hudson's Bay. The development of the fishing industry in Hudson's Bay would form an inexhaustible source of revenue to this country. The American whalers and sealers at Marble Island have a permanent establishment where they remain all the year round fishing and trading with the Esquimaux, and deriving very considerable profits therefrom. If stations were established on some of the islands in Hudson's Bay, sealing could be carried on with the same success as on the coast of Labrador. It would be necessary that such posts should be on the islands, as, if on the coast, it would be impossible to reach the sealing grounds, as the ice does not break up until after the sealing season is over. The sealing season is early in Spring. There are both harp and hooded seals in Hudson's Bay. Fogs are not prevalent in Hudson's Bay. In my experience, fogs are less frequent than on lakes Huron and Superior.

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4. Have never been at Hudson's Bay. Have compiled a book on Hudson's Bay and strait from authorities published on this subject accessible to me dating from the Journal of Hudson, the discoverer of the Bay in 1610, to the present time. Have copies of log books of American whalers, and letters from whalers sailing from New Bedford and other ports in the U. S., and from the Commodore of the "Dundee" whaling fleet. Most of the communications are embodied in "Our Northern Waters," which is the title of the book compiled by me. The result of interviews and letters from men who have lived on the shores of Hudson's Bay and Straits, and whose statements have never before been published, is also embodied in my book. Since publication of my book I have received further information bearing on the subject and hope to receive still more. I submit dates of opening and closing of Hayes's River at York Factory from 1828 to 1880. Dates of arrivals of vessels at York Factory from 1789, and at Moose Factory from 1735. These