

on Board Bark *Alva Barker* on New Zealand

whaling ground

Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours strong breeze from the S. & we were under double reef topsails & under by the wind on the Starboard tack. Middle part strong breeze from the S. & we were under short sail & on the Port tack heading S. & S. E. Latter part the same & our men were employed at ship's duties &c &c

Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were under double reef topsails & under by the wind on the Port tack by the wind until 4 P. M. then we wore ship & went on the Starboard tack &c

Middle part strong breeze from the N. & we were under short sail on the Starboard tack by the wind. Latter part good weather & we made some head & steered by the wind on the Starboard tack & our men were employed at mending our old four topsails &c &c

Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were under easy sail on the Port tack by the wind heading about S. E. & we were shortened sail &c. Middle part good weather & we were under short sail. Latter part good weather & we made all sail & steered by the wind on the Starboard tack heading about N. N. W. & our men have been employed at mending our four topsails &c &c

Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steering by the wind on the Port tack &c &c. Middle part fresh breeze from the N. & we had all sail set & steering by the wind on the Port tack heading about N. N. E. & we raised sperm whales about 11 A. M. quite quick to the windward & we had all 4 boats but did not get near them &c &c

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Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steering by the wind on the Port tack heading about N. N. E. & S. E. Middle part good weather with the wind from the N. & we had all sail set & steering by the wind on the Port tack. Latter part the same & it began to look cloudy & thick &c &c

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours thick & rainy with the wind from the N. & we were on the Port tack by the wind &c &c. Middle part rainy & equally dark & we were under short sail & steering by the wind from S. E. Latter part thick & rainy with the wind from the South & we were steering about N. N. E. & our men have been employed at breaking out the four hole for water &c &c

Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but cloudy with the wind from the S. & we were steering about N. N. E. & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c. Middle part light winds & cloudy with the wind from the South & we were steering N. N. E. with all sail set. Latter part the same only more pleasant & clear &c

Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze from the S. & the part of the time it was calm but had all sail set & steering to steer N. N. E. Middle part pleasant & we had all sail set & steering N. N. E. with the wind from the South & that being light. Latter part the same & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c

Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> 1869

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steering N. N. E. with the wind from the South & that being light. Middle part pleasant & we had all sail set & steering N. N. E. with the wind from the South & that being light.