

Journal on board

S. P. O. 11 July 1871

Monday July 24th

Good weather with a strong breeze and pretty cold for July: nothing in sight

Tuesday July 25th

Strong wind but a pleasant day for all that, such days pass swiftly and pleasantly, it is now nearly four months since we left port yet it seems as a week, nothing in sight

Wednesday July 26th

A strong breeze, about the same old story, waves and other indications of land although no birds have yet been seen

Thursday July 27th

Fine weather, land in sight St. Felix set the main top gallant sail this morning and have done some good sailing St. Felix is uninhabited

Friday July 28th

This morning we was fifteen or twenty miles from land to leeward - set all sail, and beat up, but it was squally at night and were obliged to take in sail

Saturday July 29th

A pleasant day, at about ten o'clock leeward two boats lowered and went fishing, came on board at three o'clock, tired and hungry, sailed along to leeward of St. Lawrence

Sunday July 30th

Good weather with a strong breeze from the North, our course was South, nothing in sight

Monday July 31st

A strong breeze, nothing transpired to excite, but still it is pleasant, and if it was "human nature" to be contented I think they must be here

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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August 1871

Tuesday August 1st

Nearly calm: very pleasant nothing to see nothing to hear nothing to do the last suits me to a T

Wednesday August 2nd

Same kind of weather, nothing to see and the most excitement our vessels created and that by slipping our board poor fellow! he looked well when he came on deck

Thursday Aug 3rd

Calm, nothing in sight today a man fell overboard but it did not create any great excitement that I am aware of for he was on deck before anyone knew he had been overboard

Friday Aug 4th

Good weather, was shining full and by this afternoon the slop cask was hoisted on deck to cover the makiel or nearly so, port does make the contents of a sailor's chest look small

Saturday Aug 5th

"Nothing to see nothing to hear nothing to wear is there? Nothing, manna"

Sunday Aug 6th

A fine breeze and a fair day, and it passed off pleasantly as most of them do although this day of the week is generally attended with pleasant thoughts which make me feel bad

Monday Aug 7th

Good weather, nothing in sight our cook had some kind of a fit which rendered him unfit for any service

Tuesday Aug 8th

Good weather a strong breeze from the N. we were surprised before the wind came S.E. nothing in sight