

Journal on board

S.T.C. May 1873

Monday May 5
Light S.W. wind this morning but we made sail. and the wind soon hauled round to the N. course S.E. by E. Lat. $49^{\circ} 39'$ min Lon 76°

Tuesday May 6th
Rainy with a North wind. But before night we got a South wind so had to shorten sail. not a very comfortable job.

Wednesday May 7th
A strong S.W. wind this morning and we layings to under double reefed topsails but we gradually set more until we were under fore and main to gaisels Lat. $53^{\circ} 55'$ min

Thursday May 8th
This morning we had a good N.W. wind but it soon died out then came a breeze from the S.E. so wore ship. and shortened sail course E.S.E. Lat. $54^{\circ} 44'$ min Lon $77^{\circ} 9'$ min

Friday May 9th
Becalmed the greater part of the day. at night we had a light breeze from the S.W. course E.

Saturday May 10th
Calm, or nearly so. a light wind from the N.W. it has been a very pleasant day for this part of the world. we have had much better weather here than I anticipated. but we are not out of it yet.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Sunday May 11th
Bracing round and wearing most of the day and at 11 night we had a calm.

Monday May 12
Calm during the day. the moon was eclipsed this morning. the barometer indicates bad weather and bad weather I suppose we will have.

Tuesday May 14th
A fair wind throughout the twenty four hours. and with fore and main to royals set we made some Lon. I think, two sails in sight one on either beam and we seemed to gain on the other during the night had some snow falling Lat. $57^{\circ} 30'$ min. Lon. $68^{\circ} 24'$ min

Wednesday May 15th
Squally through the day. and at night we had hail. rain and cold fingers. until we had taken in royals. top gallant sails. staysails and double reefed Lat. 55° Lon $66^{\circ} 25'$ N. Eby.

Thursday May 16th
Snow in abundance. and it was really dangerous to show your head without being well armed. N.E. by N.

Friday May 16th
A strong breeze this morning and when we had got nicely turned in at 11 all hands were called to take in courses and close reef topsails. at 10 A.M. did leave to. but started again at 4 P.M. course N.N.E.