

At 6 PM we came to thick ice and close to
weather, and we could not get farther along, so
we took in all sail, but the fore and most stay
sail, braced the yards and let her drift for the
night. Capt Russell went to his ship on the
ice, the Empire took in sail.

Lat 54, 30 Long

Monday May 9th

First part of the Day Commences
with light airs from E and foggy and snow, At 8
AM fog cleared up, set all sail, in thick ice
made slow headway to the N.W. Latter part of the
Day light wind from N.E. to N and cloudy weather,
Heading from N.W. to W and making good headway
through the ice, ice thinner. We have a small
chance in from the South, it broke up the ice
fast & it has been a thawing Day all Day, At 8
PM Shortened sail for the night.

Lat about 54, 30 Long about 130, 30

Tuesday May 10th

Commences with a fresh breeze
from N.W. Heading W.S.W. Ice quite heavy,
At 8 AM tacked ship in a spot of water, Heading
N. Wind N.W. Set all sail At 10 AM I have
aback and lowered a boat in the ship's wake and got
in to the Empire's wake and got on board the Empire
and spent the Day. At night I returned back on
the ice and also my crew, find it wet walking on the
ice, just through thin ice and some clear water.
Latter part of the Day Heading N.W. Saw several flocks
of W.C. geese flying North.

Lat 54, 42 Long Ely Ch 130, 17

Wednesday May 11th

Light airs from E and fine
warm weather, Heading N.W. all sail set
set, making slow headway through the ice, Popped
ed through spots of thick ice and through spots of
thin ice, Capt Russell came on board of us in a
boat and spent the Day, returned to his ship on
the ice, Saw wild geese flying to the North.

Lat 54, 55 Long Ely Ch 149, 36

Thursday May 12th

Light airs from W and fine weather,
Heading N.W. all sail set. Strips of heavy ice
and strips of thin. No clear water in sight. Em-
pire close by. Put some sheathing on the Larboard
side of the ship, Saw some seal and a flock
of wild geese flying to the N.E. Thawing weather,
Our sails lay 11 fathoms.

Lat 54

Friday May 13th

Blowed a heavy gale from South
and a thick snow storm, Heading to the N.W.
Carrying close reefed topsails, We run through
several large strips of water and worked through
some very heavy ice. This gale has broken
the ice up pretty well, there can't be any
clear water to the South of us, very high for
there is no sea yet, At 1 PM took in the
main topsail, Empire close by, spoke her
3 times, very big ice and the ship has knocked
some of it to pieces. At 4 PM all most calm
set the main topsail, some of the ice not
much broken.