

Remarks on Board of Bark Ontario of New York

Wednesday May 25th 1864

Continues moderate breeze from S.E. heading in and off from the Ice Middle and latter part moderate breeze tacking ship every 3 or 4 hours trying to get in clear of the Ice 4 ships in sight

Lat 60° 57' 33" N. Long 173° 20' E

Thursday May 26th

Commences fresh breeze from the Eastward. Middle and latter part strong breeze from N.E. and thick Snow Storm heading N.N.W. under Mr. Popsail and Storm Spencey and staysails.

(No Obs) Split fib. rumbent it &c &c

Friday May 27th

Continues strong breeze from N.E. and thick Snow Storm heading N.N.W. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from N.W. steering N. by E. Plenty of Ice ahead steering in for So. End.

No Obs

Saturday May 28th

Light breeze the first part of this day, got up to the Ice at 2 P.M. but could not get through. 2 or 3 ships off from the Ice, 22 vessels in sight. Lying aback the rest of the 24 hours. Plenty of S.E. and very quantity of ships.

No Obs

Sunday May 29th

The wind weather and S.E. the same Lying aback 4 P.M. spoke the bark Canada Thomas New Bedford clean for this season. Middle and latter part strong breeze and Snow squally from S.E. to N.E. heading different way. Plenty of Ice.

Monday May 30th

Continues the same. Middle and latter part moderate breeze from N.E. to N.W. went through several floes of Ice but could get no farther 2 or 3 ships in sight.

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Tuesday May 31st 1864

First part of this day moderate breeze from N.W. Lying aback and making short tacks near the Ice Middle and latter part light air working through the Ice slowly to the Eastward a number of ships in sight.

Lat 60° 06' N. Long by Chron 175° 10' E

Wednesday June 1st

Continues light air from N.W. heading to the E.N.E. working through the ice. Middle and latter part much the same any quantity of ice. I don't know when we shall get in clear water again. a number ships in sight.

Lat 60° 11' N. Long 175° 30' E

Thursday June 2nd

Commences moderate breeze from N.E. lying aback in the ice heading N.N.W. Middle part fresh breeze took in topsails and courses and let her lay under staysails heading N.N.W. & E.S.E. much Ice. So Ends.

No Obs

Friday June 3rd

Everything the same plenty of Ice Lying under staysails through the night. Latter part set the Popsail and steered N.W. through the patches of Ice. So Ends.

No Obs

Saturday June 4th

Steered to the N.W. until 3 P.M. took in Popsails and let her lay. thick dirty disagreeable weather. Saw quite a number of seals. Middle part steering N.W. saw the land ahead but could not get through the Ice. Latter part steered to the S.E. So Ends. Plenty of Ice.

Lat 60° 16' N. Long by Chron 173° 30' E

Sunday June 5th

Fine clear weather wind North heading to the E.N.E. breaking our way through the Ice. The old ship gets some pretty hard thumps. saw 3 ships. Middle and latter part much the same saw 10 ships. 11 AM spoke the Maitha, MacKomber late Dayley. Not here this season.