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March; 10th Temperature; -38 rising to -26 . Very fine day bright sun no wind.

Usual chores in morning, J.J. Wood doing odd jobs in the house, Sidgwick cleaning out store and warehouse, then went out hunting no luck so had to have eggs for supper. William Kuptanna was down in morning to find out how his account stood for he wishes to settle up if he can on the next trip to his trap line.

Arrivals Peenik came in from his trap line this evening.

March; 11th Temperature; -38 rising to -24 Fine clear cold day, with slight East wind.

About noon Avramna and Peter arrived trade d and pulled out again. Peenik also pulled out for Avramna's. William Kuptanna left this morning for trap line, Kewgek pulled in late last night. Traded on and off all day. Lena Kuptanna and children were down to listen to Coppermine broadcast. Mr Chitt was down for supper.

March 12 th. Temperature; -20. rising to -13½ below. Storm, all day with ground drift.

Sidgwick washing clothes and making out District Office Account Current. Woods doing chores and cooking set bread.
No arrivals or departures today.

March 13th . Temperature; -14. rising to -10 with strong N. East wind ground drift.

Sidgwick baking bread , William Kuptanna arrived back late last night brought in some fur. Koochuk arrived from seal camp, reported lots of seals so the people will have lots of feed for themselves and the dogs.

March 14th. Temperature; -16 rising to -10 Clear day wind east calming. Mr Chitt was down in afternoon to get ear phones for his short wave sending set he is in touch with Coppermine every day.

Working at odd jobs and trading a little.

March 15 th . Temperature; -28 rising to minus 20. practically calm all day Went out hunting in morning. William and Lena were down for supper.

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March 16 th ; Temperature; - 26 rising to -6. East wind, overcast, slight drift.

All the locals who were out at seal camp pulled in this morning, enroute for their trap lines, Kooch and William Kuptanna left this morning. Mr Chitty paid a visit to get our head phones, CLEANED STOVE PIPES TODAY NEEDED IT BADLY.

March 17th; Temperature; - 16 rising to -8. Strong easterl wind, ground drift.

None of the natives except Howak left for their trap lines. Weed doing his washing, Sidgwick rebuilding snow porch.

March 18th; Temperature; -12 rising to -6. Easterly wind slight snow fall. Clearing up towards evening. Working in store .

No departures as weather still pretty foul for travelling.

March 19th; Temperature; -12 rising to -6 . Fine calm day . All the locals left today except Howak who is going down to Coppermine with the mail at the end of this week. Working at odd jobs in store and warehouse. Weed mending a rifle for Howak. Lena Kuptanna paid a visit.

March 20th; Temperature; -22 rising to -14 Fine clear day ver little wind. Worked in store in morning. J.J.Weed getting every thing ready for his trip to Coppermine. While talking to Mr Chitty in the afternoon we saw a raven the first one to be seen this spring. Nayake arrived from seal camp William Kuptanna arrived in evening from trap line.

March 21st; Temperature; -28 rising to -12. Overcast but cleared up before noon cold, with slight Easterly breeze. Weed and Sidgwick worked in store arranging merchandise for spring trade. In evening Kapek arrived at C.T.C. Post.

March 22nd; Temperature; -14 rising to -10 Overcast in A.M clearing up at noon. J.Weed and Howak left for Coppermine at 8.00 A.M. William Kuptanna pulled out in afternoon for trap line.

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March, 23rd Temperature; -34 rising to -20. Cold raw day, slight Easterly wind. Borrowed Mr Chitt's heater and dried out cupboard also cut off an inch at the back of some of the drawers so they won't freeze to the wall. Peenik arrived late in the evening followed by John one arm.

March; 24th; Temperature. -22 rising to -12. Fine clear day, slight Easterly breeze. Worked at chores all morning, getting in coal into snow perch, filling gasoline container, etc. Saw a flock of ptarmigan so went after them they were too wild and are the first big flock to arrive at Read for some time. Peenik left for his trap line early this morning.

March; 25th. Temperature; -20 rising to -6. Fine clear day with easterly wind. Worked all day at odd jobs round the house and in the store. Heard over broadcast that J. Weed and native Hewgak arrived at Fort Hearne yesterday at 3.0'clock in the afternoon on a quick trip. B. Klengenberg and William Kuptanna pulled in this evening about 8.30 Bobb stayed here the night and brought in a pike of fur towards his account. Bobb reported that Avakenna had shot 3 caribou inland from the bay point so they may be coming around and we shall be able to get meat.

March; 26th. Temperature. -16 rising to -0. Strong Easterly wind ground drift overcast. Glass very high the highest I have seen it yet reading 30.73. Traded with Bobb, Klengenberg and he settled his account. Mr Chitt paid a visit so did William Kuptanna. Hewgak and Peenik arrived back from trap line the foxes seem to be coming back for Hewgak got 8 and reported many tracks. Both men were slightly snow blind. B Klengenberg pulled out at 4.0 clock.

March; 27th. Temperature. -8 rising to -5. Strong North Easterly wind ground drift. Worked at odd jobs and did some trading. Mr Chitt came down at 5.0'clock to get the fur press as he had received word that the plane was coming to get his fur so we can expect it some time next week. William Kuptanna paid a visit.

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March 28th; Temperature; -18 rising to -6. Very lovely day bright sun all day.

Avakoma pulled in about noon and traded and left fur on his ~~own~~ account. Worked at odd jobs the rest of the day. Mr Chitty hard at it baling his fur. Lena Kuptanna and children were down for supper.

March 29th; Temperature. -30 rising to -10. Fine clear day Easterly breeze with wind ~~cut~~ switching to the south east. Heard over V.H.K. that no planes had left the south for the North due to bad weather.

Baked bread and did odd jobs all day. Worked in the office in the evening.

March 30th; Temperature; -20 rising to zero. Fine clear day Slight snow fall during the night. Pooyuk pulled in this morning and stayed the night. Worked in the office all day on returns to go out on the plane that is due here tomorrow or the next day We heard that it had reached Camaren bay this evening.

March 31st; Temperature; -30 rising to -12. Fine and clear in morning South West wind, but by noon the wind changed to West n' west and was strong with slight ground drift. The mail reached Coppermine at 1 o'clock and is coming over for the C.T.C. Far tomorrow.

Finished the March returns to go out. Poenik and Nuyako pulled out for trap lines so did Pooyuk. Oudlitan arrived in afternoon.

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April 1st; Temperature; -12 rising to -8 Very bad day no planes. Strong North wind with heavy ground drift. Visibility 50 feet clearing up towards evening. Nougak and J.J. Wood arrived late last night after a two day trip from Coppermine. They were followed by Koochuk and William Nuptanna also Taptanna and Nayako, from their trap lines. The locals had a very poor hunt only 5 or 6 foxes between the 1st. Hope it picks up before they pick up their traps.

April 2nd; Temperature; -25 rising to zero. Fine clear day after the storm of yesterday. All the natives are waiting for the plane and so far we have no idea when it will pull in for today we had no communication with Coppermine. but are expecting it tomorrow as the weather looks settled.

April 3rd; Temperature; -31 rising to -17. Calm clear fine day Slight northerly breeze. All anxiously waiting for plane which failed to arrive due to bad weather to the south. No arrivals. William and Koochuk left for Rymur Point. Local natives wandering in and out.

April 4th; Temperature; -30 rising to -20 Strong North wind ground drift. Clear over head. No movement of plane from Coppermine. Doing odd jobs and waiting for the Sound natives.

April 5th; Temperature; -22 rising to -4 Strong N.W. West wind ground drift. sunny with poor visibility. Wood baking bread and washing floors. Amokak and wife and child arrived at 5.15 p.m from the Sound.

April 6th; Temperature; -22 rising to -2. Fine clear day no wind. Fog in morning. Hauled ice in forenoon. Went hunting in afternoon. Heard from Amokak that the Sound men were catching no fur in fact they have done so badly since June that they are not coming down for a while. This is very bad news as we were looking forward to a big hunt as all these men have debt which looks as if it will not be paid this spring. William Nuptanna arrived from Rymur point this afternoon. The plane is staying the night at Cambridge Bay.

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April 7th Temperature: -30 rising to -8. Fine day but foggy so the plane did not come over. Avramna and wife and children Pooytuk and Alagumiak arrived for a visit. Nougok Peemik and Nayake also arrived. Nayake had one of his bad attacks and very nearly died we carried him up to the house and doctored him up a very close thing for the man. Avramna reported that he had caught two Silver Foxes one had been eaten but he will show me the other tomorrow, very unusual on Viictoria land.

Nearly all the locals have their traps pulled and the rest will have them up in a day or two. so ends another season.

Weed saw a couple of crows today.

April 8th Temperature: -26 rising to -10. Clear over head with East wind 5 m.p.h. slight mist on the horizon. The plane arrived for the C.T.C. fur at 12.30, C.F.A.M.Z. with Mat Berry and Rex Hartly in charge. The fur 9 bales were loaded and the outgoing mail then the plane stayed till 1.45 after they had received a weather report from Coppermine. Left before two o'clock and were back at Coppermine soon after 3 o'clock and on their way out. A great many of the natives at Head had never seen a plane so were all hot up.

Traded with Avramna and Alagumiak the latter paid his debt. After supper three teams arrived from the North sound Moneyak, Anemak and Jacob, the latter brought down the Walker Bay Mail which missed the plane by a few hours. Received a letter from I. Belt who seems to be doing well, also a letter from Mr Rowan who complains that he is short of merchandize for the spring trade like a lot of other posts.

April 9th Temperature: -26 rising to -17 Fine day strong North west wind, slight ground drift. Traded off and on all day the men that are in are coming through with their debts nicely. Mr Chitty paid a visit in morning. Weekiak arrived in afternoon and paid a visit in evening. Tuptooma went off this morning to get seals from his cache returned in the evening.

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April 10th Temperature; -28 rising to -16 Cold West Wind slight ground drift.

Still the people keep arriving today Avakenna Bobby Klengenber and families arrived followed by Kulugok Kooltanna and in the afternoon J. Herberg and wife. the only one from the east met in yet is Okituk. No trading today due to it being Good Friday.

April 11th; Temperature; -30 rising to -16 Cold West wind Okaituk arrived and paid all his debt which is more than some are doing. Avakenna also squared up. Worked in store and in house writing letters to go to Coppermine and Kugaryuk with Johnny Herberg.

April 12 th Temperature; -22 rising to - 10 Very fine day bright sun no wind.

The first dog race to be held at Reid was run to day from the Post to Seven mile point and back. 16 teams started and the first man home was back in one hour and thirty minutes the order of finishing was as follows;

1. Kuloguk, 30 feet ahead of William Kuptanna, 3 David Kooltanna
4. Avakenna, 5 Kostchuk, 6 Avrauna, 7 Bobby Klengenber, 8 Peoyutuk
- 9 William Oudlituk, 10 Kewgok 11 John Herberg the following

also ran Anowuk, Johnny one arm, Taptocna Jacob and Peomik.

This race caused great excitement and was filled in the day. In the evening the men had running races.

Black/miak pulled in at supper time with a load of Caribou meat which I bought also has some fur which I hope to get.

Some of the men are pulling out tomorrow and the rest on Tuesday.

April. 13th; Temperature; -30 rising to - 16 Clear cold day North East wind. bright sun

Anokak Manyuk Anowuk Taptocna and Oudlituk pulled out for the sound this morning. Will be back at the end of the month.

All the rest are pulling out tomorrow. Traded on and off all day Asked William for some more fur to settle his account and he got mad and is displeased with the Company now but I guess he will come round again, I had a feeling that since Mr Chitty let him live in Grubline's old house we should loose him, for he was to close to the opposition to trade with the Company

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April 14 th Temperature; -28 rising to -12 Clear fine day hot in the sun. A general exodus today the following left Kuloguk Koochuk Kolutanna Avakana Bobby Klougenberg Neekiak Okaituk Alagumiak Peeytuk for Walker Bay Johnny Norberg and William Kuptanna with J.J. Wood for Kugaryuk Wood had the chance to go with a very little expense attached so as H.J. Gill wanted him I sent him down. I know it is a little early but if he left later it would mean hiring a team; The only natives left are Avanna, Howgak and Neekiak who will be away in the morning to their various destinations. Nels Havatun arrived after supper.

April 15th. Temperature; -28 rising to -8. All the rest of the natives pulled out today Avanna and Peenik to the West Howgak to Kugaryuk Nuyako to the Okailik Islands. Nels paid a visit and stayed till after the Coppermine broadcast. Heard that Const Chartrand had left for Reid Island via Bernard Harbour, also The Roman Catholic Father with A.L. Heureux as guide cant make out why they are coming now for there are no natives at Reid and we are not expecting any till May. Washed floors and cleaned up the house it sure needed it after the gang that has been in. Weather today extremely fine hot sun light East breeze.

April 16th; Temperature; -22 rising to -10 Strong East wind ground drift. Baked bread and cleaned house. Jacob pulled in from Rumer point said that all the gang there had gone off to Kugaryuk. Had the ladies up this evening cleaning foxes. Nels came to supper and stayed to 1 o'clock.

April 17th; Temperature; 8 above rising to 10 above Strong East wind ground drift.

In evening the Father A.L. Heureux and native arrived followed by Const; Chartrand and Tommy Geese. Paid a visit to The C.T.C. in evening and satyed till midnight.

April 18th; Temperature, -10 rising to more. Strong East wind ground drift clear overhead. Visitors all the day a little trading and lots of cooking. All the visitors ready to pull out tomorrow.

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April 19th ; Temperature; -14 rising to 2 above, fine bright day slight East wind.

All our visitors were away today The Father and L'Heureux pulled out at 11.45 a.m. followed by the Police, and Tapteena who is on his way to get meat from Kugaryuak.

April 20th; Temperature; -14 rising to 6 above. Fine sunny day slight east breeze.

worked at odd jobs in house and outside. Nels paid a visit in evening.

April 21st Temperature; Zero rising to plus 11 Fine calm sunny day Very hot in the max sun real spring weather. Worked at odd jobs outside all day .
hauled ice by hand sled. Alagumiak and wife arrived in afternoon Avrauna must have gone over to see Lucy at Watsons and this man did not like staying alone so came to Reed for a visit.

April 22nd; Temperature; -16 rising to plus 14 Fine day slightly overcast.

The Sound men arrived in the afternoon the following men and wives arrived; Kusereena, Kijakak, Kyrek, Melvranma, Pamiadiek, Koutak, Koolak , Kaptanna Frank, Amokek. The rest should be along soon. They all seem to have fur but not as much as we hoped.

April 23rd; Temperature; Plus 8 rising to rising to plus 26. Dull day in afternoon it snowed then blew hard all the rest of the day.

Started trading at 9 o'clock and was hard at it on and off all day Most the our men paid their debts a few were shy though.

The sound men have sure had a poor hunt since Xmas, and Mr Chitty says it is the worst spring trade for years. There are still a few to trade so things may pick up also a few have still to arrive.

April 24th; Temperature; Plus 6 rising to plus 20. Fine very warm all day clouded over in the evening. Traded on and off all day This evening five more men arrived Palvik, Tadlidiek, Neogualuk, Otkinna and Ootcoewuk.

April 25 th Temperature; Plus 11 rising to plus 26. Very stormy day strong N. West wind about 50 M.P.H. with heavy surface drift. Traded in morning then worked in office. The people were in and out but I only saw the gang that is down our end and the rest stayed down at Mr Chitty s. I wish they would pull out soon as they are now on the bum having done all their trading.

April 26th Temperature; -4 rising to plus 2 Still stormy but the wind dropped by evening and it turned colder. This storm has been one of the fiercest this Outfit and has piled up the snow into huge drifts. Had a moment today free from Huskies as they had Church twice so managed to get a few odd jobs done. Traded for two hours in afternoon with some of the U.T.C. men they sure brought down a bunch of park fur some I bought at \$1.00 each.

April 27th. Temperature; -8 rising to plus 12. Fine day in the morning clouded up in the afternoon with slight snow. Worked in Office all day. None of the natives are ready to pull out yet they seem to be waiting for the gang to return from Kugaruk so as to be able to get deerskins.

April 28th. Temperature; Plus 5 rising to plus 6 falling towards night to below zero. Blowing hard again from North West heavy ground drift visibility 20 to 50 feet. The weather for the past week has been some of the worst experienced this winter as regards blows. Same old thing today the natives hanging around, one can hardly dare go to the store or a bunch of them will be in on the bum. Checked the fur taken in the last few days, five pelts are real blue backs the rest are pretty good, not as good fur as the local natives have been turning in. No sign of the men returning from their trip to Kugaruk.

April 29th Temperature; -8 rising to -2 Still blowing from North West ground drift. Nukerema fixed the snow perch in A.M. Kaptana Joe pulled out for Kugaruk this morning to get deerskins.

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April 30th; Temperature: -12 rising to plus 2 Another stormy day still blowing and drifting from the North West. Worked in store during the a.m. checking the fur find quite a few have to be cleaned to take out the smoke from the Kudlaks. Baked a batch of bread and managed to get a few minutes peace during the evening.

I. Bait and wife and man arrived about 5.30 from the North side of the sound, he was looking very well but stopped down at Chitty's so as to be near Leana Kuptanna.

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May 1st; Temperature: -3 rising to plus 2 Same kind of day as the last few blowing and drifting from the North West cleared up towards night, and looks as if it will be fine tomorrow As far as I can find out the people are just waiting for the wind to drop before pulling out. Worked in office all day closing off the April books can not finish until the people leave for one never knows what they will change at the last minute of the goods they have bought.

May 2nd; Temperature: -8 rising to plus 12 Fine clear day today the first one for about ten days Seen after 11 o'clock this morning we saw 4 teams arriving from the East the were the lads from Kugaryuak William Kuptanna, Avakenna Bobby Klengenberg, and Kootahuk. They were very welcome as the Sound men were waiting to get deer skins from them. The trade picked up a bit today and I did good business. At 8.30 this evening the following pulled out for Myer Point; Avakenna, Bobby Klengenberg, I. Bait and wife, Amakuk and Jacob. the last two will be back tomorrow to see The Rev J.H. Webster. Last night the following men arrived after I had written up the days events; Mameyuk and Jacob. I now have for the Company over 1000 white faxes and am expecting a few more before the end of May

Sunday 3rd Temperature; -10 plus 28 warmest day yet slightly overcast snow getting soft. This morning all the natives were collecting up their boxes and will be pulling out as soon as they have seen Rev Webster who is expected any time now. This afternoon Avramna and wife and kids arrived, they had just got back from paying the Watsons a visit. He brought in the last of his fur which makes his catch 102 foxes this season, our high man.

Seen after 9 o'clock I felt and his gang from Myer Point arrived followed by Jacob Friday and the Rev; J.H. Webster.

Monday 4th. Temperature; -10 rising to plus 8. Fine cold North breeze. Church is the order of the day to day three or four services held. Rev J.H. Webster had tea with me this afternoon. Amos Anderson and a lad from inland arrived this A.M.

Tuesday 5th. Temperature; -6 rising to plus 30 Overcast warm slight east breeze.

Church the order of the day again three services for the natives and one in the Company House for the Whites. I had to get Rev

J.H. Webster to lance Avramna's right hand due to him getting a bad case of blood poisoning in it he fixed it up and I will dress it for the next few days. I saw the first birds today.

Seen after midnight the Myer Point gang pulled out followed by Rev J.H. Webster and Friday. Seen after the had left Kuptana and Taddidiak pulled in from Kagaruk.

Wednesday 6th; Temperature; -2 rising to plus 20 Blowing hard from the East with heavy ground drift. Only 5 teams pulled out today Jacob, Anewuk, Pumiadluk, Kyreck, and Ochina. The rest we hope will pull out as soon as the wind drops. Worked at odd jobs all day baked bread, put new pane of glass in bedroom window which got broken by a kid with a stone, also mended a primus stove. Dressed Avramna's hand. Mr Chitty came down for supper to get away from the gang.

Thursday 7th; Temperature; plus 12 rising to plus 16. Stormy day blowing from East with

Thursday 7th (Continued) heavy ground drift. We are paying for the fine weather we had about 3 weeks ago. No one left today and are still a curse. Lasy Avramma cleaned faxes for me. Untill supper I worked in the Office on April returns.

Friday 8th Temperature; plus 16 rising to plus 28. Calm, overcast slight snow fall in afternoon. All the natives except 6 pulled out today to our joy. Managed to get some work done in store and warehouse. Traded with Avramma in morning. Worked in office in evening. William Kuptanna brought down the last of his fur and paid his account, he and his family pulled out for Rymer Point in evening, after a six months stay at Reid.

Sat; 9th. Temperature; plus 12 rising to plus 18. Very fine day bright sun warm.

At 7 'o'clock Eteekona and wife arrived and pitched their tent down by the Company House. Worked in Warehouse checking Customers fur. Cleaned faxes and traded with Eteekona. In evening Howgok and family arrived from Kugaryuak after nearly a months visit. E.J. Gall forgot to send Avramma's deerskins as ordered and made John sore especially as I had written Mr Gall and asked him to be sure and send them. About 10.30 p.m. Kahok and Kuptana pulled out also Tadlidiak and Oudlituk, the only Sound native left is Aasek. Bill Steer arrived from Bernard Harbour about 10 'o'clock

Sun. 10th Temperature; - 10 rising to plus 16 Fine sunny day slight North East breeze. Worked in office and at odd jobs all day. Bill Steer pulled out in evening. Avramma also left about 8.30 for his place.

Monday 11th; Temperature; plus 2 rising to plus 28 Fine bright day warm. Moved ice stage to North side of house also buried all fresh meat and the last of the potatoes in a snow bank. Worked in Office. Some of the natives went off sealing as a few seal have been seen on the ice a month late this year. It sure is a late spring and is still cold at night.

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Tues; 12th Temperature; Plus 2 rising to plus 10 Fine bright day cold wind N. West.

Avranna and Etekeena left today to bring in the rest of Etekeena's stuff he cached on the land. Worked in office all day getting mail ready to go to Coppermine when Rev Webster arrives next week.

Wed; 13th Temperature; -6 rising to plus 9 Heavy Cold day strong Westerly wind ground

drift. The natives are starting to drift away and today Hovgok went inland to his trapping camp to collect his junk and to try for some fish with hooks. Nukadluk went back to Bernard Harbour. Etekeena and Avranna drifted in some time early today with the rest of Etekeena's stuff. In evening William Kuptanna and Koochuk blew in from Myer Point stayed a while then went off again.

Worked at odd jobs in A.M. and finished up the book work in the afternoon.

Thur; 14th Temperature; -2 rising to plus 19 Fine sunny day warm towards evening.

No arrivals or departures today. Worked at odd jobs all day.

Fri; 15th Temperature; -9 rising to plus 18 Fine sunny day cold wind East. Today

Etekeena and Mayak pulled out for Coppermine on a visit followed by Avranna who went home. In afternoon a team arrived from Walker Bay and my missing mail from District Office turned up, the corrected Inventory and other mail, it had been sent to W.J with their mail. Cleaned out the store and then cleaned fences.

In evening Artignak and wife pulled in from Bernard Harbour.

Sat; 16th Temperature; -6 rising to plus 9 strong north east wind ground drift cold

Cleaned fences all day. Traded a little today as well.

Received wire from District Manager and find the 259 records are over at Bernard Harbour. Must write Inspector Gibson and find out if I shall go over for them.

Sun; 17th Temperature; -6 rising to plus 19 Strong West wind slight ground drift, clear overhead and bright sun. Atigiuaq pulled out this morning. Baked bread and then walked round the island no sign of any birds the ptarmigan are not here this spring. After supper six teams pulled in from Nymer Point. I, Belt B. Klengenberg and Malrook who will pull out in a few days for the North, Avakenna and William Lena and kids to wait for Rev Webster also Kulugek who came to settle up I hope. Worked in office entering sales and furs purchased till after 11 o'clock.

Mon; 18th. Temperature; -4 rising to plus 14. Very fine day bright sun no wind. Took top off half the snow perch in a.m. Worked at odd jobs the rest of the day. Kulugek paid up his debt. The rest of the natives are just waiting for the Rev Webster who should be along tomorrow.

Tues; 19th Temperature; plus 7 rising to plus 28 Very warm day cloudy in a.m with slight snow clearing up in afternoon to a very fine day. While trading in the store with I. Belt I received a message from Mr Chitty to hurry down to see him as he was passing bleed I ran down and found him pretty sick as he had had a hematemesis and wanted me to help put him to bed with I Belts help we managed it, and sent off two teams to find Webster who is on his way and bring him back. After one more bad attack Mr Chitty was easier and rested all evening quietly. I stayed down till 2 o'clock when Nels Havatum arrived. At 3 o'clock Rev Webster had not arrived so went to bed.

Wed; 20th. Temperature; -9 rising to plus 14 Stormy day clear overhead with strong N. East wind 22 miles per hour. Ground drift. No sign of Rev Webster today Mr Chitty easier but weak. Nels spent afternoon at my place. In evening traded with I. Belt and fixed him up for the summer His man may leave tomorrow if fine.

Thur; 21st. Temperature; Plus 12 rising to plus 18. Very stormy strong E. East wind ground drift visibility a few feet. Mr Chitty about the same today still has pain in stomach. Amokok and Avakenna arrived back this afternoon from Lady Franklin point where they met Webster's man no sign of the Rev Webster who must be held up by the bad weather at Richardson Island anyway Friday has gone to find him and tell him to hurry. They report the weather very bad to the east worse than it is here. Worked at odd jobs and in the office.

Fri; 22nd. Temperature; plus 14 rising to 22. Still blowing hard snowing as well to make life more miserable, this is the third day so it may clear. Mr Chitty still very sick and a little weaker I thought as he is still passing blood. Heard over V.B.K. that the following had arrived at Coppermine; W. Gibson, Bill Steer, Slim Purcell and J. Norberg. Worked at odd jobs in store and warehouse also baked bread.

Sat; 23rd. Temperature; plus 18 rising to plus 32. Still blowing but not so hard. clearing in the south very warm today snow wet. Early this morning four teams arrived from the Sound I was woken up and had to make tea for five. Traded in forenoon then went down to see Chitty he seems to be a little better today has not passed blood for 12 hours but is very weak. We expect Rev Webster in some time today.

Sun; 24th. Temperature; plus 22 rising to 46 above overcast but very warm. Natives held Church service this morning I. Belt was the preacher. Mr Chitty seems to be better today. At five o'clock the Websters arrived and after supper he visited Mr Chitty and had a look at him gave him instructions about his illness. Then held a service.

Mon; 25th Temperature; plus 22 rising to 32. Overcast a little colder. Mr Chitty much better today more like his old self. Church was the order of the day three services. All the natives read to pull out and will leave some time tonight. It was well after midnight before the men pulled out.

Tues; 26th. Temperature; Plus 20 rising to plus 26. Cool East wind overcast.

Very few natives left and all will be away in a few days. The Websters resting another day before pulling out for Bernard Harbour. Got mail ready to send to Coppermine with them. Heard that the Snowflur had arrived at Coppermine.

Wed; 27th. Temperature; Plus 20 rising to plus 30. East wind fine. Nuyake and Neteckerna arrived in early this morning. The Websters left for Bernard Harbour at 4.30 this afternoon. After supper worked at odd jobs, filled water barrels with ice, cleaned house and paid a visit to see how Mr Chitty was, he is fine now but still in bed resting.

Thur; 28th. Temperature; plus 8 rising to plus 28 cold dull day strong east wind. Worked in store and warehouse all day getting things in shape to take inventory on Monday. Paid a visit to see Chitty in evening. Just before midnight it started to rain and sleet and blow hard a very dirty night.

Fri; 29th; Temperature; plus 28 rising to plus 33. Stormy in morning with sleet and rain, cleared up in afternoon and was fine by evening. The three native families that are left getting ready to pull out and should be away by morning. Cleaned up the rest of the faxes and will check all fur the day after tomorrow.

Sat; 30th; Temperature; plus 18 rising to plus 28 cold dull day. All the natives away except William Kuptanna who would have gone long ago but Lena has been pretty sick. Worked all day in the warehouse counting the deer skins and balancing them for the summer, worked in the office after supper.

Sun; 31st. Temperature; plus 18 rising to plus 28. Fine clear day cold east wind just thawing in the sun. Washed clothes and cleaned house. Worked in office. Mr Chitty up for a while today. William Kuptanna pulled out today.

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June 1st. Temperature; plus 18 rising to plus 44. Very fine day the warmest yet bright sun no wind, thawed quite a bit today. Checked all the fur in warehouse found it agreed with fur book, then started to take inventory with interruptions I finished the groceries and Hardware. Avramma and Estokonna pulled in in the afternoon to take away a load of Estokonna's junk. Was talking to Avramma who reports three big ice cracks to the west. also he was remarking at the number of ptarmingen that are around now, they are thick on this island at this last very late this year. He says that the seals are only just coming up onto the ice very late like ever thing this year it looks like a late break up. The ice at Coppermine seems to be getting wet but it is also late down there. Anyway the new Outfit has started off with a glorious day which I hope means a fine year in the Far Trade.

June 2nd Temperature; plus 15 rising to plus 40 Very fine day warm slight south wind, the snow sure went today and pools of water were amongst the rocks saw the first ducks and geese today. Finished taking inventory Worked in office after supper, about 10 o'clock Artigluak arrived from the Islands reported seeing numerous geese but very few seals also said there weren't cracks between here and Bernard Harbour sure is late this year. He traded then pulled out again.

June 3rd Temperature; plus 26 rising to plus 38 Dull overcast day looks like rain. Extended inventory and baked bread. Hela left for Bernard Harbour in evening. Johnny - one arm and I cut ice after supper and filled water barrels. Heard that the Coppermine river had flooded away on Monday. Saw more geese today.

June 4th Temperature; plus 27 rising to plus 40. Fine bright day wind shifting all round the compass ended up in the North West. Finished extending inventory. After supper paid Chittya visit he was O.K. Then hauled ice for the house. Worked in Office from 9.30 to 11 o'clock.

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June 5th Temperature; Plus 28 rising to plus 40 Cool North West breeze overcast.

Worked in office all day .

June 6th Temperature. plus 24 rising to plus 40 Fine mild day . Received wire from

Inspector Gibson answering my questions. Started to dig trenches through the snow drifts round the house some 300 due to the large amount of snow piled up. Worked in office in evening.

June 7th Temperature;

plus 28 rising to plus 40 dull day¹ with a few scattered rain showers. Quite a fog came up in the evening and it turned snow. Finished the trenches and find I still have one more to do to drain round the house. The ice in the inner harbour has begun cracked in several places and pools of water have formed in lots of places. The snow is sinking rapidly and soon the big drifts will be the only snow left.

June 8th. Temperature;- plus 30 rising to plus 40 Fine bright day clouded up after supper and rained quite hard. Finished digging the draining ditch. Baked bread and worked in office till 10.30 p.m.

The inner bay covered with water and patches are showing up on the outer bay ice now, it is just about the same as last year.

June 9th. Temperature;- plus 28 rising to plus 34 The rain of last night turned to snow early this morning and was quite a heavy fall. all day it was cloudy with a strong N.West wind. Worked in office all day .

June 10th. Temperature:- plus 22 rising to plus 36 stormy day snow flurries all day Worked in office and outside. J. One and went out after ducks at the west end of the island and found lots of ² snow and older ducks , also our geese but was unable to get near to them.

V.A.K. came over very well this afternoon.

June 11th. Temperature; - plus 28 rising to plus 42 Dull day warm. Went round the west end of Island after ducks this morning saw lots but were too wild to get close enough for a shot. Bayaks pulled in from sealing in evening. Typed Inventory in evening.

June 12 th Temperature; plus 30 rising to plus 44. Dull overcast day cool S. East wind. Worked at Inventory but had many interruptions for first Nels arrived from Bernard Harbour with letters from Coppermine. After V.B.K. a bunch pulled in from Avraqua's, Betekeema, Avakenna, Nowgek, and Pooytuk with wife, they all traded seals and then beat it. Worked late in the office.

June 13th. Temperature; - plus 30 rising to plus 40 The sun shone for a few hours today the first time for quite a while then as usual it clouded up and turned cool again. Finished typing Inventory.

June 14th. Temperature; plus 29 rising to plus 34 Cool dull day Dug out the west side of the store as the snow water was trickling through as the high large drift thawed. In evening paid a visit to the C.T.C.

June 15th Temperature; plus 26 rising to plus 38 Cool Westerly breeze some sun. Cut some more draining ditches in forenoon then helped Nels take engine out of whale boat. Worked in office in evening. Freezing when I went to bed, so far every night it has frozen.

June 16th Temperature; plus 25 rising to plus 44 Very fine day bright hot sun. Made out the Merchandise Book today Now am being held up with the C.T.C. account not ready yet. Freeze again tonight.

June 17th. Temperature; plus 30 rising to plus 38. Cool East wind strong at times. Part cloudy rain in evening. Did not feel to go out today, cold in stomach or something. Did odd jobs. Nels and J. Tukluk were out all day setting nets under the seal holes they seem very successful at this time of year. Noticed the first wild flowers out today also.

June 17th. {Continued } lots of water on the outer harbour ice not drained off yet. Heard over V.R.K. that the ice in the river was on the move.

June 18th. Temperature; plus 28 rising to plus 44. Fine bright day. Did odd jobs such as washing, cleaning out seal house, filling water barrels with snow in a.m. In p.m. went for a walk round the west end of island noticed lots of ducks and several flowers in bloom. Had supper down at the C.T.C. then was taught to make a seal net. Worked in the Office from 9:10-30.

June 19th. Temperature; plus 30 rising to plus 42. Fine warm day. Cool breeze in the evening. Worked at odd jobs round the buildings for it is still too cold and damp to begin painting. Finished off the Office work on hand, until I got the C.T.C. account I can't finish off my 266 books. Coppermine was in a hurry so had a short broadcast today.

June 20th. Temperature; plus 32 rising to plus 44. Slight rain early today cleared up and was hot. Nels, Chitty and I pulled up the whale boat ~~canx~~ clear of all ice to turn her over so they can repair the bottom. William Kaptanna and Smokestack paid a visit in afternoon left again about 9:00'clock.

June 21st. Temperature; plus 33 rising to plus 44. Fine but cloudy with slight rain showers. Last night was the first night that it did not freeze. Worked all day making a step out side the front door, finished by supper. Nels also brought back the fur press.

June 22nd. Temperature; plus 33 rising to plus 42. Dull day heavy clouds in the East looked like rain but it held off. Began the painting today did the inside of the W.C. first coat. Worked in Office in evening.

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June 23rd. Temperature; plus 32 rising to plus 44. Fine clear day . Painted the new roof and W.C. roof with shingbreen. In evening Nels and I went hunting. Heard that the Negalik is leaking badly and the C.T.C. for May go out by plane in the summer. Also heard that the Silver went out on Monday .

June 24th. Temperature; plus 31 rising to plus 58. The warmest day yet. Fine bright sun all day . Painted the house and gave the W.C. two coats. Nels and Johnny-one-arm were out setting seal nets. V.B.K. told us a plane for Inspector Gibson was expected at the end of this week. Fishing was in full swing at Coppermine while here the ice has hardly cracked yet, still lots of water to drain off .

June 25th Temperature; plus 34 rising to plus 52 Fine clear day clouded up in the evening and turned cool. Finished painting the house and W.C. Decided not to paint the white on the warehouse as it is in good shape and was done last year but will touch up the trim. After supper helped Nels turn over the Whale boat. Nuyake blew in and stayed for a while.

June 26th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to plus 48. Overcast . Painted trim round house and W.C. cleaned up a bit but it is too damp to rake yet. Heard that Ross is bringing back a wife.

June 27th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to plus 50 Very fine day one of the nicest yet. Finished painting the trim and the inside of W.C. After cleaned up round the east end of the house where an igloo had been, hauled out onto the ice four loads of muck. Nels and Johnny were out to look at seal nets also were going to try for fish in the cracks.

June 28th. Temperature; plus 38 rising to plus 62 Fine bright day strong south wind.

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June 28th (Continued) painted the skiff first coat. Took a walk over the island noticed the first Mosquitoes. Nels had no luck fishing the deepest place they tried sounded 30 fathoms. They had good luck with the seal nets for they got six, three seal in one net.

June 29th. Temperature, plus 35 rising to plus 48. Strong West wind but it died down by evening. Could not finish the outside painting until after supper. Dug out seal pit and put in fresh seal. Also put new glass into East window. Got the fur press and ever thing ready to begin baling fur tomorrow.

A few visitors today Alagumiak and wife from the west, Avakenna, Keeletanna, and Hovgak from the east.

June 30th. Temperature; plus 30 rising to plus 36. Cold dull day with strong West wind Froze last night then today we had rain, snow and sunshine. Baled fur all day. Nels and J. one-arm went to visit seal nets.

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July 1st. Temperature; plus 30 rising to 36. Another cold day. Rained hard in afternoon which turned to snow. Baled fur all day.

July 2nd. Temperature; plus 30 rising to 36. Another cold storm day with rain and snow flurries. strong wind due west. Finished baling the fur have the ends to sew and mark. After supper helped Chitty check his fur the total collection for this year is 1803, foxes, 702 foxes more than what the Company has.

July 3rd. Temperature; plus 25 rising to 40. Cold dull day not quite so windy. Cleared up a little in evening and with a rising glass it may be fine tomorrow. Finishing off the fur bales just have the labels to put on and to make these done

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July 4th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to 42. Fine day but a cool south wind.

Finished off the fur bales. After supper walked down to the east end of inner harbour to see what the ice was doing I found that the east end had rotted out and was clear for 2 to 3 hundred yards but so far the ice has not cracked as it usually does across so it can't move at all.

July 5th. Temperature; plus 36 rising to plus 40. Fine clear day turned warm towards evening. Finished all the fur bales, marked, weighed, and labeled. Just before supper Nels and Johnny came down for the fur press, Chitty is baling his fur tomorrow. Heard that the plane arrived at Coppermine and left today with Inspector W. Gibson.

July 6th. Temperature; plus 36 rising to 52. Fine day strong East wind.

Did a big washing, all the curtains and cushion covers, sheets etc. After supper worked in office.

July 7th. Temperature; plus 38 rising to 56. Fine warm day dead calm. The mosquitoes very bad today working outside a misery. Finished painting the inside of the skiff. Then worked at odd jobs such as cleaning the kitchen stove and cleaning up. Worked in Office after supper.

July 8th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to 38. Cool foggy day with strong West wind in afternoon and evening. Painted the counters of the store and baked a batch of bread. In evening Nels and I held a hair cutting bee.

July 9th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to 52. Fine warm day, hundreds of mosquitoes. Mr Chitty brought down his account so I finished off the inventory. Nels came down for supper then we went Tom God finished his fight to early yet.

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July 10 th Temperature; plus 38 rising to 60 Heavy rain early this morning then turned very muggy with thunder over Victoria Land. Worked all day on returns will finish tomorrow. Nels and Johnny went out sealing for the last time and took up all their nets, the ice is getting to cut up for the dogs.

July 11th ; Temperature; plus 42 rising to plus 48. Fine cool day. Finished all the 266 returns and closed June accounts to mail when the plane comes for the C.T.C. fur which should be round the 21st. The ice in the inner bay begins to look as if might go to bits soon for it is full of holes and cracks.

July 12th. Temperature; plus 38 rising to 42. Dull day. Finished all office work on hand and then cleared the house of all small stuff for I begin painting tomorrow.

July 13th ; Temperature; plus 38 rising to 48. Raining hard all day. The inner harbour broke across opposite the C.T.C. this morning. Cleaned the stove pipes and took the lids off stove and gave it a real cleaning. Started to paint the inside of house gave ceiling first coat.

July 14th; Temperature; plus 34 rising to plus 48. Misty with rain on and off all day. Painted all the windows white.

July 15th Temperature; plus 33 rising to 60. Warm sunny day, millions of mosquitoes after the rain. painted ceiling second coat.

July 16th Temperature; plus 40 to 58. Warm sunny day east wind. The ice in inner harbour clear from the east end to the H.B.C. painted the walls. In evening went Tom Ced fishing thousands in the bay. J.T. caught over 400 and was splitting them

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July 17th; Temperature; plus 40 rising to 47. Warm overcast day East breeze.

Painted the lower half of the walls and the furniture

A good job one can work in doors these days as the flies are as bad as at Tuktoyaktuk, and worse than I have seen in the gulf.

July 18th. Temperature; plus 34 rising to 56. East wind clear. Finished all the trim etc in the house today. Mr Chitty very nearly finished painting his house too.

July 19th. Temperature; plus 42 rising to 52. warm in forenoon but after V.B.K it fogged up and turned cooler thus getting rid of the flies for a while and giving the dogs a chance. Started to straighten the house arranged it differently and for a married couple it will be better. Cleaned stove and painted the bed-stands.

July 20th. Temperature; plus 36 rising to 56 Fine sunny day Cool towards evening with slight fog. The ice in the inner harbour has been gone for the last couple of days. The ice in outer harbour is beginning to look sickly and many holes and small cracks have appeared today. Finished off the house, put up curtains, washed tables and china shelves, in evening washed floors. Set bread tonight.

July 21st. Temperature; plus 34 rising to plus 56. Fine sunny day strong West wind. During the night the ice in the outer harbour made its first move towards the East, the outside ice also moved a little and pushed up on the west side of Igloodik. The mouth of the river is wide open now and one can see open water all round the islands at the mouth of the river.

Baked bread and painted porch finishing the painting for the year.

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July 22nd. Temperature; 34 rising to 36. Dull day with rain in afternoon. Finished up the last of the house cleaning jobs, the rest of the day spent cleaning up the yard and spreading fresh cinders round various buildings.

July 23rd. Temperature; 34 rising to 42 Fine sunny day with stiff West breeze. Finished cleaning up the yard and burnt some. Also filled the water barrels with ice. Washed pillow cases and towels. After supper worked for a while in the office. Nels came to supper.

July 24th Temperature; 32 rising to 50. Squalls begin with then cleared up. Did a big wash in a.m. in afternoon began work on the new deck. Heard over V.R.K. that the Fort James is going direct to Cambridge on her first trip due Wilmet Island August 8th. The ice in main North harbour is all broken up a good east wind will clear it out now.

July 25th. Temperature; 35 rising to 50 Fine sunny day Very little wind hundreds of Mosquitoes. In forenoon helped the C.T.C. gang turn the whale boat over and run it down to the water. Then finished building the crib and got it in position and half filled with rocks. I find I have made it a little too high but it should settle when all the rocks are in.

July 26 th. Temperature. 34 rising to 52 Fine sunny day in evening it turned cool and foggy. Finished the wharf by evening then helped the C.T.C. launch the whale boat. Heard that a plane was at Coppermine and will be over tomorrow for the C.T.C. far weather permitting.

July 27th. Temperature; The wind last night blew the thermometer to the ground and broke the glass so readings are not correct will give up till new thermometer arrives. Stormy in an clearing in evening Plane still at Coppermine. Making out 268 Requisitions.

July 28 th .

Fine day, scattered clouds, westerly wind. In afternoon the C. A. L. plane with Matt Berry as pilot arrived at the Island for the C.T.C. for he had as passengers the following, Dr Garth^(P) a geologist, Mr Thomas the operator for the Dep. of Marine Wireless station at Coppermine and Messers Norberg & W. Jess the latter stayed to fix up the Cinderella and they will take the boat to Coppermine as soon as the ice permits. A large mail was handed over which was very welcome. The plane departed for Coppermine at 4-40 p.m. They reported solid ice to the West and in the gulf also that Mr Watson and his boat were still at Bernard Harbour. The local ice conditions are getting a little better for the outer harbour is clear of ice and it is clear to Avramna's place for in the evening he and his brood arrived for a visit followed by Alagumiak and Peytuk. They left in the early hours for their camps. The ice to the east is hard against the land and pretty solid due to the west winds of the last few days but with a good east wind the ice should move out.

July 29th.

Dull day slight west wind. Finished reading and filing the D.O. mail. Heard over V.E.K. that the Margaret A had left Tuk; for Coppermine. Wonder how far she will get with the ice solid to the west of this place and round Cape Bexl .

July 30th.

Fine day scattered clouds. Typed out 268 Requisitions.

July 31 st

Fine day . West wind . Quite a lot of ice drifted in to the outer bay during the night from the west the outside ice still solid. Avramna arrived and got J. Norberg to fix up his motor launch which did not take long and they left soon after noon. Heard that Mat Berry picked up R. Jardine yesterday and left for outside this morning. H.C. Grubline also flew out. Finished the 268 requisitions today.

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Sat; 1st.

Fine in early a.m. clouded up with slight rain in evening strong west wind. Lots of ice drifted in during the day from the west and blocked the west end of outer harbour. Nels in the whale boat tried to take down to Avramma's place Johnny one-armed wife and kids Mrs Jhenmy is due to have a child next week some time, they had to turn back due to ice. Closed the July books and finished off the requisitions.

Sun; 2nd

Another cold dull day with strong west wind. The outer harbour blocked with ice. Finished off all the office work today and am all ready for the boat. Put the C.T.C. cargo boat into the water and towed her round into inner bay.

Mon; 3rd;

Heavy rain all day cleared up in the evening and turned cold. Worked at odd jobs in and around the house.

V.B.K. started the daily broadcasts today heard that Capt; Pedersen arrived at the Island yesterday. Also the St Roche was on her way to Coppermine. The Shammagen left Coppermine for Reid Island today.

Tues; 4th;

Fine sunny day strong west wind. All morning the ice ran through the outer harbour to the east soon after noon it jammed and filled the outer harbour right full. After broadcast we went over to the south side of the island and had a look round. To the east the ice was jammed tight to the west and south west open water. The wind dropped towards night and it was dead calm by bed time. Heard that the Shammagen had turned back and was at Coppermine again, the St Roche and the Negalik were 40 miles from Cambridge Bay and in ice.

Finished banking up the North side of the house with gravel, then laid sods round east and north sides. A hair cutting bee down at Chittys in the evening.

- Wed; 5th; Overcast with slight rain, west wind changing in evening to North. Ice conditions unchanged. No movements of boats in east and no word of the Margaret A. Did odd jobs around the house and in evening filled the water barrels with ice.
- Thur; 6th; Fine day slight west wind. No change in the ice conditions. Worked at odd jobs in evening went Tom and fishing.
- Fri; 7th Fine day east wind all the ice on the move west the outer bay very near clear of ice. A gang from Rymer point arrived at noon the first time they have been over for over a month. William Haptemma, Avakenna, Oshaituk, Mayako, and Hovgor made up the bunch. They traded and left around 6 o'clock. In the evening the weather turned to a steady rain. Heard that the M.A. was tied up by ice at Keats Point and the St Roche had arrived at the Finlayson Islands. Mat Berry and the mail arrived at noon today at Coppermine with two passengers who they were we were not told.
- Sat; 8th. Fine wind/ day west wind. Heard over V.E.K. that the St Roche was at Turnagain Point, no news from the west. House cleaning the order of the day with work in the office in evening.
- Sun; 10th Fine day wind shifting all round the compass in evening then went to N.E. east and blew steady. Heard that the St Roche was off Wilmet Island no news of the Margaret A. In the evening Avakenna and family plus Hetekeema and wife blew in. They report no ice at all to the west and with this wind the ice will get moving west all along the North shore of Victoria Land. Messers Norberg and Jess are ready to pull out for Coppermine in the morning.

Mon; 10th

Very fine day wind in the east turned to westerly in afternoon. Avramma and Netekeema traded and then left for home in afternoon. After broadcast the U.2 with Messers Herberg & Jess on board left for Coppermine they only managed to get 10 miles east of Rymar Point and found the ice hard up on the shore with no leads through so they had to return and were back at Reid just after midnight.

Tues; 11th

Fine sunny day strong west wind. Heard that the police boat arrived at Coppermine at six o'clock last night. A wedding was held the Rev R. Thomas of Cambridge Bay was married then Mat Barry left for South. No news of any boat movements to the west and no news from the Margaret A or Lady of the Leardes. Ole Anderson arrived in at Coppermine on the 10th. Messers Herberg & Jess are going to try to get over to the mainland by going west and crossing over by Avramma's place as the North shore route seems impossible now. Hovgek blew in from Rymar Point with seal to trade.

Weds; 12th

Another very fine day the last few days have been the best this summer. South easterly breeze. Messers Herberg & Jess pulled out for their attempt to get over to mainland late last night and by 11 o'clock this evening we have seen nothing of them so we guess they made it. Worked at different jobs today in a.m. erected boundry post and painted same after broadcast tore half of the new wharf down and rebuilt it made a stronger and better looking job. Heard that the Margaret A was off Buchanan River and in ice.

Thurs; 13th;

Dull overcast day wind North West. Did a wash in a.m then cleaned up North shore beach. Hovgek blew in on his way back from Avramma's. Stayed a while and traded seal. Heard over V.R.K. that Herberg & Jess in the U.2 arrived at Coppermine at 1 p.m. today they report very little ice from the Sutton & Lister Islands into Coppermine. The Skanigan is on the way to Reid, should be in tomorrow.

Fri; 14 th;

Fine cool day wind west turned to South East in evening. Seen after six o'clock this morning the Shumagin arrived at Reid and anchored off the C.T.C. Post in the inner harbour. William Raptanna arrived about noon with young Donald Mr Chitty is taking the kid to see the Dr at the Island and we hope his thigh can be fixed. Heard that the M.S. Aklavik left for Cambridge Bay today. Finished cleaning up the beaches all ready now for the arrival of the boat.

Sat; 15th.

Strong westerly wind very little ice in sight now quite a sea running outside and breaking on Igloodik. Heard over V.R.K. that I am to proceed to Bailik Island with the fur on the Shumagin. Pete says O.K. we will pull out when they leave. House cleaning the order of the day.

Sun; 16th;

Dull cold day strong westerly wind Loaded up the Shumagin with gas and the Company's fur. All ready to pull out now. Mr Chitty has to wait for the Negalik so went be along with us. Heard the the M.A was at Stuypleton Bay also a plane was due at Coppermine tomorrow with the Fur trade Commissioner and Bishop Fleming.

Mon. 17th.

Fine day left on the Shumagin for the West at 8-30, half way to Aranna's met Watson & Co & the Andersons. B turned back to Reid to give them food

Tuesday. 18th

East wind we moved from the South round Reid Island The Negalik & Tutlak pulled in, all ready at Reid ready to go west tomorrow. Loaded Post today. slept on board the Shumagin

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Friday 2 October

The supply ship "M. S. Fort James" arrived from Tuktoyaktuk via Coppermine about 6:30 P.M. A new breeze with frequent heavy snow flurries prevented us going ashore but we could see the Canolaska schooner Niglik had been here and dumped her cargo on the beach about half a mile east of their post. The schooner Fox was also there, being pulled out. The inside harbor was frozen over. There were about ten natives around Canolaska post but no tents.

This was a very bad year for ice. The M.S. Fort James worked ice practically all the way and it took from the 11th of September to make the trip.

Among those on board were R. J. Summers Capt. Larry White chief engineer, Bill Sturges mate of the M.S. AB Mr. Sedgwick who was post manager here last outfit and who had gone out to Baillie Island to get passage to Walker Bay where he was going to release the C.V. Rowan who was going outside on furlough. Having to get passage he returned to Read Island and will work his way to Walker Bay by dog team. Mr. Ross and Mrs. Ross returned from furlough and will take over Read Island from Mr. Sedgwick.

Saturday 3

The weather is mostly clear with only a light N.W. breeze. We started unloading on to the beach a couple of hundred yards west of the house. Some came ashore and engaged the natives who have been working for Canolaska. The Chilly kindly kindly gave me permission to take them. They were the young from Lynne Pond and Uranus place. The Chilly had brought them here to help him. Mrs. Ross and I moved ashore tonight. The buildings and grounds are in a clean and orderly condition and it is a pleasure to be back and to be able to start in again just where I left off last summer.

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Sun. 6 Oct.

Cloudy with NW.
breeze

Owing to antiquated equipment for unloading the vessel, we were unable to finish last night so we were up bright and early and on with the job.

There is an odd piece of old ice drifting about in the outside harbour, quite a lot on the beach and a lot of new slush ice in against the beach where we are unloading.

We finished lightering about four o'clock with every thing in the warehouse except coal oil & gas which were left on beach for future consideration. The skipper & crew came ashore and drew their rations and expect to pull out in A.M. for Bernard Harbour to go in to winter quarters.

The natives are getting afraid of an early freeze up so I paid them off so they can pull out first thing in the morning. Cold and clear tonight.

Monday 5th

Light easterly
breeze and quite
foggy

The M.S. Fort James heaved anchor and away as soon as the fog lifted and the natives all got away but I am afraid they would not get far as the ice is forming fast. They will probably beach their jolly boats on Victoria land and walk home. The Fort James laboured around with in sight & hearing and towards evening they came back and anchored just off the east end of the island to the NE of Read Island. The boat will be about 2 miles from the post judging by the look of the weather they will be there for the winter. Mr. Sidgwick and I (Ray Ross) worked in the store opening goods, checking and pricing.

Tuesday 6

Clear & calm

The outside harbour froze over during night but there are quite a number of open holes. We went down and gave Mr. Chetty a hand to pull his boat (MS Fox) out. I opened a thermometer today and it registers 10° above.

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Wednesday 7.

Cloudy Moderate
N.W. gale 5° above

We had a little snow on the island but today's wind seems to have blown every thing bare again. We went down and helped Mr Chetty again with his boat. We could not get it out of the water but it seems to be far enough up so that it will not be damaged. It was very cold working out in the wind. The Fort James is still at the same anchorage but has swung her bow from NE to NW. Ptarmigan seem to be very scarce so far this year.

Thursday 8thPartly overcast
N.W. gale
10° above

Mr Sedgwick and I worked in the store opening goods. The Canalska outfit was dumped on the beach about 3/4 mile east of the post. They are busy hauling the stuff up to the post with dogs.

Friday 9thMostly clear
N.W. gale
10° above

We worked in the store. Johnny Tuklatuk (C.T.C.) interpreter ran into a flock of about fifty ptarmigan today. Maybe we are going to get some here after all. The storm blew itself out and tonight it is practically calm with temperature unchanged.

Saturday 10thClear, gentle breezes
10° above AM.
-7° evening

We worked in the store all day. Larry White (Chief Engineer on Ft James) walked in to the post today. Evidently every one on the boat are getting nicely holed up for the winter. The ship is leaking about the same and it looks like a nice mess for the spring.

Sunday 11thZero - light East breeze
Clear

We listened in to Coppermine Radio last night and heard Mr Bonycastle give a line up on the happenings during the Ice Age of the past summer. We worked in the store. Mr Sedgwick visited the Ft James. A couple of the crew were on Victoria land yesterday and reported many fox tracks.

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Monday 12.
10°, Light E. breeze
Overcast in AM.
Clear in afternoon

Mr Chetty visited the ice pond yesterday and found the ice about a foot thick so he, Johnny Mc Sedgwick and myself went over and cut about 130 cakes of ice. Everything seems to be frozen up around the island except a small patch at SW side of island - Mrs Sedgwick birthed pups yesterday up till this morning she had ten.

Tuesday 13.
10°, very heavy fog till noon
Clear in PM
Light NE breeze

We cut about 100 more ice blocks today most of them larger than were cut yesterday. We estimate that this should see us through the winter. Capt Summers paid a visit to the post today to do some shopping.

Wednesday 14
-8°, clear, calm

We worked in the store, repacking flour & sugar. Early this afternoon 3 sleds arrived from Plover Island Sound. Numerena, Umotok, Napoyuk. The first James borrowed our big Tarpanum to cover the sleds. Joe Eliak paid a visit from the boat.

Thursday 15
10° above
Clear, calm

Aurana & Puytuk arrived from their camp 15 miles west and are helping Canasaska haul their stuff from beach to ware house, (using dogs). With this gang around, there are so many interruptions.

Friday 16
-12°, clear, NE breeze

Numerena put mud runners on his sled today - getting ready to pull out in the AM.

Saturday 17
NE breeze, clear, just above zero

Numerena, Umotok and Napoyuk left this morning for their camp in the sound. They are camped on a fish lake and report plenty of fish. I worked in the store while Mr Sedgwick hauled coal oil gas etc down from the beach to store. The natives working for Canasaska finished hauling supplies. Edmonton & Coffey's Radio came in good. - 10° tonight

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Sunday 18.

Clear, zero, light NW breeze

Avana pulled out for his place this AM. The Canalska cargo boat which had frozen in in the inside ^{harbour} ~~anchorage~~ at anchor before the arrival of the boats from Herschel, was pulled out of the water and left on top of the ice. The ice in the harbour was about 12 to 14" thick around where the boat was cut out.

While we were pulling the boat out, Johnny Norberg arrived accompanied by two natives Koochuk and Amnakona. Johnny left Coppermine with foot James but a strong breeze compelled him to cut adrift around Tikerak and we had been wondering what had become of him. He arrived at Lady Franklin Point just east of his old camp. He pulled his boat out and came up here with dogs.

Monday 19

zero - clear NW breeze

We had Johnny, Koochuk, Amnakona & Harry White for visitors today with the result that there was not much work done, however we did get the door covered on the outside with paper felt and tresses to prevent it frosting up on the inside. Ted Sidgwick packed some more freight while I cleaned up some odd jobs around the house.

Tuesday 20

Zero, light NW breeze

The Sidgwick and I hauled the balance of coal and gas down from beach. Just the coal remains there.

Johnny Norberg, Koochuk and Amnakona with Wm Kuyplana who arrived on 17th returned to their camps to east.

Wednesday 21

zero, clear, calm

We were engaged in hauling coal today. The skipper paid a visit. Coppermine reader - good. The Chilly pay - a visit. Very few plans made have made their appearance so far. The Sidgwick visited the boat & sets a batch of bread for them and will go back tomorrow to bake it.

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Thursday 22

-2°, Calm, clear

Mr. Sidgwick visited the boat and baked a batch of Bread. (Casting his bread on the waters)

A batch of natives arrived from Rymer Point. Nuyakok with wife visited and returned while Kalogots, & wife Okauntuk, David Koolituna and Kootchuk stayed the night. They report good sealing out in the open water off Rymer Point.

Friday 23

-10°, clear, light
variable SE to NE breeze

The native arrivals of yesterday left this AM. We finished hauling the coal up to the house. That is the 75 sacks which with the coal on hand from last outfit, should see us through the winter. We left 45 sacks on the beach. The coal on hand is some of the 265 coal that was shipped from 1814 last outfit and is certainly better stuff to use. More ptarmigan seem to be appearing from the north but they are very wild.

Saturday 24

-14°, clear East breeze

We built a stage using the can & a couple of gas drums with angle iron for platform and put our seal & dry fish on it. We prepared some old lumber & made a frame work over the coal adjoining the house. The door to canvas covered shed adjoining store and used as seal house & for storing odds and ends finally came adrift from its moorings & was in too bad shape to repair so Mr. Sidgwick hung the old door off house in its place.

Sunday 25

10° SE breeze
some snow fell
cloudy.

We covered the coal with an old sail belonging to a native whale boat. If the Commissioner were to pay us a visit & see all the make shift hean. to's around the lot I think it would not be long till some lumber were shipped etc. I cleaned up around the store. Red hauled ice. Larry White visited.

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Monday 26
-6° at night, clear^{now}
+8° in AM +12° at noon
Clear. Strong NW breeze

There was some drifting this morning but there is no snow around to cause a real blizzard. We worked around outside getting things stored away for the winter. Mr Sedgwick went ptarmigan hunting but came none.

Tuesday 27
-17°, clear variable breeze

We rigged up my transceiver Radio but when I attempted to tune it for a skid with the boat it developed a short so I left it till Larry White visits for a look, all Red Sedgwick visited the boat tonight.

Wednesday 28
-24° clear, calm

We filled up some 1 gallon coal oil tins from a 45 steel also the port gasoline. Larry White visited and reports himself all from appendicitis but it is probably indigestion. The skipper & Bill Starks are also a bit under the weather. Larry and I fixed the machines (Radio) so that it will have to be sent outside for a look over.

Thursday 29

-18° clear, calm

We worked in the store straightening up and arranging the stock. Howgok & his family arrived from Rymer Point & will stay here for the winter. There was barely enough snow to build his snow house which had a canvas roof. He cut the blocks by the warehouse & hauled them down to the dock where his dwelling was built. Larry White visited and stayed the night. He reports himself as much better.

Friday 30.

-10 below in AM -6° PM
O'cast. strong
NW breeze

Coppermine Radio not so good today (no volume). Wm Kuptana & family, John Norberg & family, and Smokestack arrived from Lady Franklin Point & Rymer Pt. The latter returned. Wm is here for the winter looking up quarters in Granblime shack.

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-4°, NW breeze, O'cast

A cold wind blowing with some ground drift. I worked in the store - rearranging and displaying the goods. The Sidgwick worked on the books, closing August accounts. Hingok & family arrived just before dark and built a snow house by Canataska store - there being no snow around the Company - The breeze must have been too strong for the men aboard Ft James to venture along for Coppermine Radio broadcast.

Sunday November
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-4° Blowing NW
and snowing
-10° tonight

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The skipper of Fort James + Joe Elizabeth paid a visit. Hingok found enough snow to put a roof on his snow house. The Sidgwick finished August accounts while I worked in the store.

Monday 2.

-4° NW breeze
O'cast, foggy

Larry White paid a visit to the post to put the final touch to some requisitions he is sending out. A plane is expected at Coppermine soon and it is probable that it may come up here. The Sidgwick hopes it will take him to Walker Bay as natives are reluctant to make the trip.

Tuesday 3

-10° Breeze is
easing - sky clearing
in evening

Johnny Norberg and William Kiptana left yesterday with two loads of supplies for Johnny's camp. William returned late in evening having gone about 15 miles east of Rymes Point. Every thing on the radio is election news - evidently Roosevelt is getting in with a 2 to 1 majority.

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Wednesday 4.

Much milder
Occast. hazy
light NW breeze -10°

I moved the thermometer around to north side of house so that I could see it from kitchen window. It registers just over 40° above but as it is not thawing out, there must be something wrong with it. (Note) There was a bubble formed in bulb.

Thursday 5.

-10° NW breeze. Clear

The Coppermines did not mention anything about a plane arriving. Avana and Etorkona with their families paid a visit yesterday. E. Kaituk, David Koolitana & Kootchuk visited today. Ptarmigan all scarce. Fox tracks are few and far between also

Friday 6

-20° in AM going up to
-5° in evening
Calm, clear.

All the Inuit natives left this morning to establish their trapping camps. Most of them going in towards the pingo to NE. There was no news from Coppermines - Mr Sedgwick was out ptarmigan hunting but saw none. The bacon that came in this year in tin is very mouldy. I will have to open it all up and scrape mould off. The Canalska got theirs in tin and it comes in in good shape. There is either poor packing in Edmonton or it is the trip down the river that puts it off colour. It will pay to have it all in tins in future.

Saturday 7

-6° cloudy light
NW breeze -8° tonight

Some snow fell. Hengok and Nuyokok returned from taking their supplies in to make a trapping camp. Mrs Ross made and cooked the Christmas puddings. Coppermines midnight broadcast heard but somewhat distorted. Plane due leave Resolute 8th

Sunday 8

-8° cloudy hazy
L to NW breeze
Evening -15° clear calm

I worked in the store and have finally got it in pretty good shape for any rush of trade that may come along. The Sedgwick hauled a load of fire & mailed the boat in the evening. Evidently dirty weather on mainland as plane did not leave today.

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Monday 9.
-7° Blowing NW
Snowing
Clear at night

The natives are making preparations for another dash up on the land - packing up traps grub coal oil dog feed etc. The Sedgwick is preparing for his trip to Walker Bay.

Tuesday 10
-8° NW breeze, cloudy
snowing

Hovgok & Tugayakot left for inland. The Sedgwick continued with preparations for trip. I visited the Chitty & borrow some ingredients for Christmas cake.

Wednesday 11
-12° going to -20°.
Overcast, SE to E
breeze, foggy

Even yet there is not sufficient snow for banking the house. Ptarmigan seem to have given us the go by this year. Arrived at Bay. The Skipper & Joe Elsenak send a visit from the ship. V.B.K. Coppermine Radio sent the plane with Radio. There is a light Resolution for Cameron Bay this AM. Weather permitting it should reach Coppermine tomorrow.

Thursday 12
-10° NE Hazy
Calm & clear at night

A light wind started blowing with a little ground drift. Visibility not so good as there will be no plane today - The Sedgwick and I pushed opening the ice in and scraping the wind off with the exception of three or four slabs we should have no difficulty in disposing of it.

Friday 13th

-10° calm

The day broke clear and fine but a haze drifted up before noon & covered the visibility for a couple of miles. We washed all the harness in a strong solution of Soda then painted it with vinegar (Sostab).

Saturday 14

-25° going to -28°
then up to -20 in evening
NW breeze clear

Kerry visited, Joe evidently has been let out with pay ration & lodgings stopped. He was hired at W14 to work on 40 frames. Expecting to be returned to W14 where his wife & family are; the ship froze in there & he has been fired. A strong truck for the cement and household Company.

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Sunday 15

-30° clear calm

-20° O'cast. NE breeze

The midnight broadcast from V.B.K. informed us that the plane had arrived and expected to leave this AM. for Outside. Joe Eliak who was forced from crew of Hyman, stayed with the opposition interpreters last night and they left together for mainland to establish trapping camps.

Monday 16

-21° NE breeze very dull

going up to zero in PM

Trapping season opened this morning - There was too much wind for me to go out. Houghton returned & put duck all around the house from windows to ground. If it does not keep the cold out it will at least keep the house clean on outside.

Tuesday 17

-10° low clouds

light variable breeze

Heavy snow at night

I went out and set some traps but set in a way that would indicate that I might catch any. The skipper pays a visit. Two ptarmigan hit near the house this evening - the first we have seen for weeks or so. Mr. Sidgwick has made arrangements with Koochuk to take him on one leg of his trip to W3.

Wednesday 18th

-8° cloudy calm

some snow in PM.

The weather has turned quite mild. Our thermometer is evidently about 7° too cold as Mr. Chitty says has registered above zero last night. Mr. Sidgwick shot two ptarmigan this morning evidently the ones we saw last evening. I killed 11 flies in the house today they must have come out of the vegetables as we have no house flies natives.

Thursday 19

-11° clear mostly

calm with NW breeze

in evening

Mr. Sidgwick is all prepared for his dash to Walker Bay with natives Koochuk taking him as far as the sound natives. The skipper pays a visit.

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DATE TEMPERATURE WIND WEATHER REPORT	DETAILS
Friday 20 -20° Clear - Strong NW breeze which fizzled out about 9 AM	We were up bright and early to get the traveller away. He decided the weather unfavourable in the early hours but it calmed down in time to let them get away about 11 AM. Bill gave a short visit. He is quite a stranger. He brought word that a plane would come here if they could pick up a half ton of coal. I sent word that I could spare it.
Saturday 21 -10° clear - NW breeze	Harry & Nuyts The two native farmers that were camped here, pulled out this morning for trap line. They intend fishing for a while so will be gone a couple of weeks. There is sufficient drift around the house to start a snow wall. Harry & Nuyts will stay tonight.
Sunday 22 -20 O'cast. Strong NE breeze - Hazy	Some snow fell & with the haze. Harry decided to spend another day with us as he could easily miss the boat. V.B.K. informed us that plane was at Cameron Bay. It is not expected that it will be with us here or to Slaplylin Bay.
Monday 23 -10° NE breeze clear	Harry left for the boat. Some local natives have been held up from visiting trap lines, with dirty weather. We moved the bed back into bedroom and now have plenty of room in kitchen to range with out bumping into furniture & boxes. - Cloudy & calm tonight -12°
Tuesday 24 zero. light NW breeze	The natives left for their trap lines today. I did some odd jobs around the house and worked on the books, journalizing checking depot invoices etc. Mr Chitty was over this afternoon.
Wednesday 25 20 below zero - calm clear - blousy in evening	The skipper was over for a visit. I cleaned stove pipe and worked on books.

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Thursday 26
 2pm. o'cast strong NE
 cleared up at night - 8

A howling blizzard today - can see Canolaska buildings with difficulty. Early White was an early visitor. He came over to see if we were going to send a team to Lady Franklin Point to connect with Police & Catholic Mission Patrol who will be bringing 2nd class mail to that point. There will be no team going from here. I worked on small jobs around the house during day and on books at night.

Friday 27
 mostly clear, - 6°
 practically calm

Johnny Onearm Tukluk arrived home yesterday in that blow. He said that at times he could not see his lead dog. He just let the dog go and it brought him home. He missed a lot of traps owing to not being able to see them. Saw some Ptarmigan around the house today. I worked on the books yet. Treat B. and Eskimo 515 finished for October.

Saturday 28
 - 5° calm mostly
 o'cast

The sun was up for only a very short time today. Two sleds arrived from Lynner Point, David Kootanna and Smokestack. They report very little fur in that direction. Mr. Sidgwick and Kutluk arrived back from their attempt to reach Walker Bay. When they left they had planned on running into the Sound Natives but failed to find them and ran short of dog feed so returned.

Sunday 29
 - 30° clear calm

Mr. Sidgwick busy getting ready for another trip into the unknown. He is going to substitute a deer skin sleeping bag for his eiderdown which freezes up.

Monday 30
 - 30 clear calm
 Niles cloudy at night

Mr. Sidgwick buried 190 runs (sawdust) I worked on books and visited traps caught nothing.

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Tuesday 1
-10° overcast calm

Very dull and dark in morning at 10 AM we still had lamp burning. some snow fell during night and a few flakes were falling in morning.

Wednesday 2.
-15° overcast strong NW breeze, drifting

Kootchuk arrived back from Rymu Point he reported that Hans Kookitane had a son born to them.

Thursday 3
-12° mostly overcast NW strong drift

Mr Sidgwick is all ready to proceed on his trip to N 3 again but is held up by Kootchuk who has sore feet (frostbite) & is repairing his sled. It was mentioned in yesterday's news that Mr Bonnycastle had not yet arrived outside.

Friday 4
-20° in AM -10° evening
-26° at night
light NW breeze - clear

W^m Kuptana went to Rymu Point ^{for fish and returned tonight yesterday} for fish and returned tonight. It was blowing so hard he could not go home. He visited here today & returned to the boat. We have been busy baking bread the last few days having on hand about 35 loaves.

Saturday 5.
-36° clear, calm.

A beautiful day. Joe Elsonak brought the Skupper over for a visit and to do some shopping. Poyluk visited his shot trap line but caught nothing nor saw any signs. I have been banking the house the last few days and have nearly finished.

Sunday 6
-34° clear, calm.

Mr Sidgwick and Kootchuk got away to an early start on the Sidgwick's mad dash to Walker Bay. Larry White visited.

Monday 7.
-38° clear - 15 E breeze

A beautiful day. Busy laying linoleum on kitchen cabinet and making a set of curtains.

Tuesday 8.

L White visited. Nuyakok returned from his trap line he reports very few foxes on the land.

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Wednesday 9

-40° in AM

Clear and calm

Temp went up to -10° PM

Another beautiful day - The temperature went up to nearly zero this evening sky remains clear. Amos arrived from Richardson Island last evening he stays with Ole Andersen. He reports very few foxes down that way so that makes it unanimous now. Nuykuk who returned yesterday has been away 17 days and returned with 4 foxes including 1 his wife caught.

Thursday 10

-8° Clear calm

Nuykuk went to Rymer point to pick up a cache of dog feed. Howyok returned from his camp, inland. He has been away 18 days and caught 6 foxes. Larry paid a short visit. I finished banking the house.

Friday 11

-6° clear light

Easterly breeze

I put up some shelves in the kitchen part of house. The skipper paid a short call. A group of Prince Albert Sound natives arrived this evening I have not seen them as they are camped over at Canalaruka. Kahok who quite trading here last year is there also & Kotuk Okhina & Joe Kuptana. I Kotuk & Okhina were men whom Mr. Sedgwick saw had quit Canalaruka last year and joined the Company, possibly it was only on the strength of getting a flock of deer.

We have been in complete touch with world events especially the critical condition surrounding the throne. Today King Edward abdicated in favour of the Duke of York who will be proclaimed King George VI tomorrow.

Saturday 12

-29° Clear, Calm

My thermometer is all haywire again. It gets separations in the liquid and bubbles down in the bulb. So that readings are anything but accurate. I fixed it again but it is not worth using so I will omit temperatures.

The natives in addition to ones mentioned yesterday are, Nelvana and Sam. There are more natives coming here from P.A.S. and some of them are going to stay for Christmas. They have practically no fur.

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Sunday 12.
Clear calm

The natives are very quiet. they are going to remain here till Christmas but God only knows what they and their dogs are going to live on.

Monday 14
-6° Cloudy calm

Cloudy with a short but heavy snow fall in evening. Some of the natives are talking of going up to the north side of Victoria Island for next Summer. They will have to do better than they have done so far in order to get sufficient supplies to last them. William Kuptana and his partner Poytuk returned from a seven day trap line with a skunk.

Tuesday 16
-6° Cloudy calm

Larry & Chitty visited today. Koochuk the native who took the Sedgwick has not shown up yet. He is about due to return (later). Kootak, Kootak & late this afternoon after having delivered the Sedgwick to Koochuk's camp in Prince Albert Sound. Numerous will deliver him to Ikey Bolto's camp & then Ikey will see that he gets through to Ft. Collinson. Light easterly breeze getting up tonight.

Wednesday 16
-2° Clear E. gale

Very strong easterly wind with drifting. The natives are very quiet today - we had only 1 visitor (Kahok). The wind appeared to be easing up late tonight.

Thursday 17
-16° Clear W. breeze

Howyuk returned late last evening from a trip to Rymur Point for dog feed. The breeze has hauled right around to day and from the looks of the moon, we are in for some cold weather.

Friday 18
-30° Clear calm

Joe & Elihiak & Johnny left for a visit to their trap lines, that will be the last visit before Xmas. The natives are very quiet this year. They are doing very little visiting except among themselves.

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Saturday 19
- 32° Clear calm

Larry & Chitty paid a short visit there was a light easterly breeze for a while in evening and it looked like a snow storm but nothing came of it

Sunday 20.
- 24° Calm & clear
all day but NW.
breeze in evening.

The gang from down at Arranna's pulled in this forenoon presumably for the Christmas holidays. Arrana & Ettookona have built snow houses here while Alagomiak went on to the other end of town. Arrana has very little fur but has done a little better than most of the others.

Monday 21.
Clear & Calm

The post thermometer has again gone on strike & separated in mid tube so that accurate readings cannot be taken. It seems very cold & I should judge that it is down in the forties. Taulukuk & Eukilik arrived from P.A.S. They are the last ones who will be in from that direction. Lady Franklin Point & Lynner Point gangs are still to come.

Tuesday 22.
- 48° NW breeze, slight
ground drift.

With the wind blowing it makes one of the coldest days I have seen. Some of the natives went away for more dog feed and returned. They said Lynner Point gang would be in tomorrow

Wednesday 23.
- 35° Calm. clear

The natives from Points east arrived today. Johnny Norberg & wife from Lady Franklin Point. Friday Heikink Kakpak, Amos, and another chap who lives with Billy Joss. Kalozok, Kodutana, Okaituk from Lynner Point.

Thursday 24
- 36° Clear calm

This is a very quiet year in the store. No debt is being collected as the natives require the small amount of fur they have for necessities. The natives are all dancing down at Canalaska house tonight.

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Christmas Day.
Friday 25th
-32° light E. breeze, calm
Clear

The natives danced all night in Cannocka house but they were up bright and early this morning and engaged in a dog race down to seven mile point and return. William Kuptana was first with Kelogok second the men who did the most talking about their dogs were not in the running at all. Joe Elishak held a church service in the house.

Saturday 26
-32° Clear calm

The gang from the boat visited today. There were some more races. Foot races for men and women. Darrel Koolitana & Johnny Norburg were first & second in mens race and Bessie Norburg and Vera Kank were winners in Womens race. The weather came up cloudy and NW breeze sprang up in evening.

Sunday - 27
light East breeze
Calm

Nelvana left for his camp in the Sound early this morning. The other natives are preparing to get away tomorrow.

Monday 28
East breeze. Clear

Most of the natives left today for their camps after spending a couple of weeks around the post. Some are staying till after New Years. It will be a relief to get them all away from here so we can settle down to work again. My thermometer is not working again. It seems very cold especially with this breeze. We heard yesterday that Con Farrel had arrived at Coppermine with the mail. The plane will leave today on its return to Bear Lake and outside.

Tuesday 29
very cold, clear, calm

Several native families are still hanging around and they haven't the house from noon till night making any kind of book work practically impossible. Harry White was a visitor today.

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Wednesday 30
Clear, calm

Mr. Copeland spoke to all of us, over V3K. He expects to leave for Bathurst Inlet in morning and will ~~leave~~ visit Wilmot Island Cambridge Bay and Perry River before he returns here where he expects to be about the middle of February.

Thursday 31.
Clear, Calm.

The Temperature seems to have moderated. There is just a very light easterly breeze. Well this is the end of another year and tomorrow we will usher in one more glad New Year. The Comalaska staged another all night New Years eve dance. A strong Easterly breeze sprang up tonight.

Friday 1
Clear & Calm

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The all night dance proved too much for the natives. Two families that were going to leave today failed to get up in time. The dance, they tell me did not finish till 6 AM.

Saturday 2.
O'cast. East breeze

The sky looks as though there were a big storm and we were getting the tail end of it. There is just a slight ground drift. Arrana & Alagomak left today. They had a fair wind. David & Smokestack did not leave owing to head wind.

Sunday 3.
S W breeze
Cloudy, hazy
not so cold.

The wind hauled around to westward today & is blowing quite hard. Temperature I should judge is around zero. The local natives & visitors are all ready to pull out as soon as weather moderates. Mr. Chitty visited today.

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Monday 6
O'cast NW breeze

David and Smokestack left for Rymur point after spending Christmas and New Years here. William Kuptana, Poryluk Johnny Oseam & Joe Elias left for their trap lines. Hougok and Nuyakok both of whom have been a bit under the weather are still with us.

Tuesday 5.
N.W. breeze. clear
light ground drift

Hougok and family pulled out this morning for his trap line. He will spend some time at a fish lake. Nuyakok who seems to have periodical sick spells is just recovering and is up and around again.

Wednesday 1
SE breeze - some
clouds but mostly
clear

Coppermine mentioned that they were ^{getting} a 30 mph. south wind with drifting. It is just a light SE breeze here but warming things up nicely. Two messages went over the air to Mr. Copland at Bollhurst Point.

Thursday 7.
Calm clear mild

The temperature must have been above zero today. It seems strange to have this weather in January. Larry White paid a visit. About 2 1/2" of snow fell during night.

Friday 8.
Mostly calm but
SW breeze at night

Nuyakok went out on the ice to set seal hooks & returned. I am working on Riquationin and cancellations of Summer rations and mail.

Saturday 9
O'cast easterly breeze

The Coppermine told us tonight that they were getting a North wind 40 per hour. we will be next in line for it in morning. Nuyakok visited hooks (nothing).

Sunday 10
NW storm

A light breeze in morning developing in to a real storm during day. Late tonight it seems to be slackening off.

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Monday 11
N W breeze
misty O'cast

The storm turned gusty during night then eased up during the day but atmosphere is hazy and storm is not over yet. Snow heard again tonight.

Tuesday 12.
N.W. storm
O'cast

The wind is still howling but gusty. A lot of the old drifts have blown away and new ones have formed.

Wednesday 13
N W. Wind clear

The wind seems to be easing up and the clouds have rolled away. William Ruytann visited today he and Pootuk returned from trap line Saturday William got three + Pootuk 2 foxes

Thursday 14
Calm, clear
about - 30°

Seemed good to see the old sun roll up over the horizon today. Skipper & I visited today, got caught two foxes last visit on trap line. Coppermine Radio told us yesterday that plane due to leave Mc Murray on 21 Jan will be a week later, leaving

Friday 15
Clear, calm
very cold

The sun was up for about an hour and a half today. I took a series of pictures of it.

Saturday 16
Clear, calm
cold

The Captain and Bill paid a visit from the boat today. This is the first time we have seen them for some time. A few days ago the Coppermine Radio told us that the plane would be a week later in leaving Mc Murray than scheduled. Tonight they informed us that it was a mistake and that the plane would leave as scheduled. Now the man we had engaged to go down to meet the plane, has gone on his trap line and will not be back for six days and there is no one else here to make the trip. We may miss the plane until our mail this year.

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Sunday 17
Clear Calm
very cold

Larry was a visitor today with Mr. Chitty.
We sent a message to Coppermine about being late with mail

Monday 18
Strong NW breeze
Clear in evening

Ground drift all day but the wind died down in the evening. The natives are still away on their trap lines

Tuesday 19
Clear. Calm

This is the day we should have left for WS with mail. I think William Kuptana arrived back late this evening so that he will be ready to leave here on Thursday - Larry was a visitor

Wednesday 20
Hazy. clear & wind
Calm

A strong breeze got up last night (but) - blew fairly hard all night, dying out early this forenoon. The Coppermine Radio informs us that he must have left McMurtry on schedule this morning

Thursday 21
Clear, light E. breeze

I was a day ahead when I mentioned that William had returned. He arrived back yesterday, will lay over today & pull out for Coppermine tomorrow

Friday 22
Clear NW breeze

William got away about night this morning. He had a fair breeze with light ground drift. The wind increased late at night

Saturday 23
Clear NW breeze

It was blowing hard early in AM but eased up after day break. Larry was a visitor. We missed VSK or at least they were on when we tuned in and we heard no news

Sunday 24
Clear. calm

Clear today but plane arrived ^{at} late at Cameron Bay to venture over to Coppermine - Howgok & Nuyakok arrived back off trap lines 8 and 2 Foxes respectively.

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Monday 25
Clear - calm

Clear and very cold today. The plane should have made it to Coppermine today but we have no schedule with V.B.K. till Wednesday. The fort games has a sled tonight so Larry will likely be over tomorrow with the news. Joe & Poryluk went out to set seal hooks. Hovgok & Nuyokok getting their shoes in order and will go tomorrow. Amos arrived from Ole Anderson's camp today.

Tuesday 26
Clear - calm
strong NW wind in PM

Bill Sturkes visited from the boat. He told us William Kustana arrived Coppermine ~~Monday~~ ^{Sunday} evening. Hovgok got two seal.

Wednesday 27
Clear - calm

This has been the first day that I have visited Coppermine today. The plane had arrived Monday and left today. William & Johnnie Nishers spoke over V.B.K. They said they were leaving in the AM but Williams dogs were crippled and it will take him several days to get back. Hovgok got a seal. He is the only one getting any around here.

Thursday 28
Snowing - strong
wind got up in eve.

Cloudy with light fall of snow all day. Hovgok got 3 seal today. 2 of them were on one hook. Joe Sturkes, Poryluk and Nuyokok have not caught any. The Chilly was in for a visit. He says he heard Charlie Reed was paying 12¢ for blue back furs at Coppermine. The price for good fur was not mentioned. Strong NW breeze got up tonight.

Friday 29
Overcast, light NW breeze

Bad weather at Coppermine prevented any departures but they expect to leave in morning. The weather here has been cloudy with some snow and mild. Hovgok got 1 seal.

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Saturday 30
Cloudy in forenoon
clear later - calm

Due to so many natives around here at Xmas we were unable to hold a Christmas Dinner. At New Years it was the same and then we were preparing for the mail trip and could not have it so we celebrated tonight by having the gang off the boat and Mr Chitty over for dinner. We heard over C.J.C.A. that the mail plane had arrived in Edmonton yesterday.

Sunday 31.
Cloudy Calm
- mild

Three teams arrived from Prince Albert Sound Kiorok, Pumisiluk and Inowelook - they report very little fur. They were at Skeps place for Xmas where Andrew visited also every one has found trapping is exceptionally poor

FEBRUARY

Monday 1
Clear, calm, cold.

The natives traded their lot of fur and are making preparations to return to P.A.S. tomorrow and Capt and Bill Starks visited

Tuesday 2.
Snowing - calm

Aurora arrived with Peter, stayed about an hour and departed. The P.A.S. natives got away in an early start this morning. The boys on the boat are getting anxious for their mail. They were expecting William back today but were out of luck

Wednesday 3
Cloudy - East breeze

William arrived shortly afternoon with mail from Coppermine. We were all very glad to hear directly from the outside once more and eagerly read and re-read every thing. Larry called in an evening for H. James mail.

Thursday 4
Clear, calm, cold

A beautiful clear day. we took some pictures. Hough and Nyakok went to fish lake near Rymer Point for a load of fish and returned today.

Friday 5
Cloudy, strong
breeze

Harry visited. Honyok and Nuyok prepare to visit
the ship tomorrow. We heard a repeated message to
Patty from Lichgo in Vancouver saying
he had a Nova Scotia built boat (oak) 250 ton with
600 HP engine speed 13 K. If you keep your fur
for me and send out requisition I can deliver your
outfit. Ha. Ha. Ha. Too bad he hadn't bought
the H. Jones.

Saturday 6
Clear, calm
cold.

It was such a beautiful day that my wife and
I went out to visit H. Jones. The first time we have
been on her since freeze up.

Sunday 7

Mostly clear and calm. Harry visited in evening.
^{Honyok} Nuyok and Kootchuk returned late this evening. They
had difficult travelling so returned without all my
all their traps. Kootchuk got two Honyok nothing.

Monday 8
Clear, East breeze
cold

Harry visited for a short time. Etoloma & his
wife visited from their camp at Avranais and returned.
Wabban, Johnny, Joe and Poytuk went off to look at traps.

Tuesday 9
Clear, calm, milder.

Dkautuk visited from Rymer Point. He is a good trapper
but this season he caught 1 fox at Christmas and nothing
since. Harry visited and returning to the ship at night
he could not locate it so returned here and slept.

Wednesday 10
Clear, calm, mild.

Harry at Coppermine sent a message to Catholic Mission
at Bathurst saying the Bishop would arrive Coppermine
last week in March (in their own plane). Harry went back
to his ship today.

Thursday 11
Clear, calm

Johnny and Joe returned from
the trap line with no fur.

Friday 12
Clear, calm, very
cold

The boat natives have been out trying to get seal
but Kookteak getting two was the only lucky one.
Larry visited today but left for the ship before dark.

Saturday 13
Strong East breeze
getting milder

My wife and I visited Mr Chilly's today. I was
her first visit to the opposition. Williams & Poytuk
returned from their trap lines the former getting
and Poytuk 2.

Sunday 14
Ocast strong
East wind

Larry & Joe were over to get a reply to a message
that I received from Coppermine last night. Mr
Webster left Coppermine last Friday but will be tied
up during this blow

Monday 15
Ocast blowing but
showing signs of
improvement

Larry & Joe were over. Larry brought a message from
D.D. To find out my trade & expectations also what
opposition were doing. I sent out a report on mail
& a wire shortly after and now another wire. It
is pretty hard to predict the movements of the forces

Tuesday 16
Clear, calm

The gang from Arsan's place arrived with all
their women and offspring and will wait here for the
coming of Mr Webster

Wednesday 17
Clear most of day
but cloudy at night

Larry visited from the boat. Mr Webster arrived
just before 3 o'clock accompanied by David Kookteak
and Smokestack, so we have quite a gang around
again. Mr Webster is staying with Chilly. They
lost no time in getting down to business with
a big feed of religion. Mums Coplay Garm Ecks around 11

Thursday 18
Clear, calm mild

There services today kept the natives pretty well
occupied so they did not have time for much visit.
Mr Webster was over here for dinner. His reverence
brought a bunch of fresh meat - many thanks.

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Friday 19
Clear - calm

Mr Webster & Kootchuk left for a visit to the "Sound" natives and Skay Bello's place. All our local natives left, Howard going to his traps and the others going out on the ice to seal.

Saturday 20
Clear, calm.

Larry visited yesterday and went back to the boat today. Anne & Stuck arrived today for a visit.

Sunday 21
N.E. breeze, clear

Mr Copland & Bill Store left Coppermine yesterday for Read Island. My radio batteries played out yesterday and I missed most of broadcasts.

Monday 22
N.E. breeze clear

Mr Copland and Capt Bill Store arrived this evening from Coppermine having made trip in 2 1/2 days. I received a wire from Wop May saying plane would leave Edmonton on 24th for Read Island so Mr Copland will wait here for plane.

Tuesday 23
N.E. breeze clear
mild

Mr Copland and I went over the books today & sent the Chitty in the evening. Had roast pork for dinner tonight. Some that Wop May sent in to me.

Wednesday 24
Clear some N.E. breeze
mild.

We went over requisitions today & later Mr Copland visited the Fort James. David Koolikton and Arrana returned from the seal camp. Palvik returned to Prince Albert Sound.

Thursday 25
Strong N.E. breeze
heavy drift

Impetuous & Copland
It was blowing so hard today we hardly put our heads out of doors. Mr Copland inspecting accounts.

Friday 26
Same as yesterday

We continue with the books. Larry and Bill visit.

Saturday 27
Clear, calm.

Clearing weather we heard the plane had arrived at WS.

Sunday 28
Clear, calm

The plane ^{with Ann} arrived and left before noon. Mr Copland and Mr Store were outgoing passengers.

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Monday 1
Clear NW breeze

The plane yesterday brought some meat and the mail. Bill Store could not get away owing to bad weather.

Tuesday 2
NW breeze drifting

Bill Store left this morning but had to turn back. The weather cleared up in afternoon and Larry who was caught here, left for the Fort James. Hapok got out.

Wednesday 3
Clear light E. breeze

Bill Store got away early and expects to make Kamsarsten tonight. Coppermine Radio told us today that Frenchy Chantons and Father Bonnard left today for Walker Bay via Reed Island. VPK tells us that for the week of Feb. 21st gave birth to a baby boy.

Thursday 4
Clear calm

Cleaning up the house and working on books for February.

Friday 5
Clear Calm

Larry White visited for short while today. Joe Elwood returned from trap line. He did not get any thing.

Saturday 6
Clear. Calm

This has been a beautiful spell of weather. Johnny One arm returned with a fox. He had been fishing and a cake in land but caught no fish. My wife spoke to me over C.P.A. the plane arrived in Edmonton 2:00.

Sunday 7
Clear Calm

Mr Webster arrived about 11 PM having come over the postage to P.A.S. in two days (one stop)

Monday 8

Mr Webster held three services today in the house. Two for natives and one for the whites. They boys from the boat came in and with Mrs. Chitty we made a congregation of 5. Arana & Alag-mak arrived in town.

Tuesday 9
E breeze drifting

Mr Webster was to have pulled out today but the breeze was too strong. Etokoma came in today.

Wednesday 10
Clear calm mild

The skipper with his excess baggage Gofie Abloynuk left for Agassiz today. We had a visit from friendly Chaitans and the Father. They expect to leave in morning for Walker Bay.

Thursday 11
Clear light E. breeze

The Polar & Father with Tom Goose another native and Kootchuk for a guide left in good time for Walker Bay. Arana & Etobona & Alagoniak also left for their camps. Howgok & Nupok left to go over their trap line.

Friday 12
Clear calm mild

A beautiful spell of weather. Joe Tadguk left for a visit. He had been out sealing with a couple of dogs (one sled) from Arana's camp. He is at home.

Saturday 13
Clear, calm mild

Joe Tadguk left for home. The glacier which had been high the last few days took an abrupt turn to the west.

Sunday 14
Cloudy calm
some snow

The skipper and Bill paid a visit. I thought when the barometer dropped so fast that we were in for a storm but it seems that we are just going to get a bit of snow.

Monday 15
Cloudy calm

Howgok returned from trap line with three foxes. They did not get nothing Johnny Cassin's two.

Tuesday 16
Clear calm

Larry and I have been testing my short wave transmitter Radio. It works fine between here and the 11 pines but so far, have been unable to get any one else.

Wednesday 17
Clear calm mild

This winter has dished up some beautiful weather for us and the spell of the last few days has been about perfect.

Thursday 18
Mostly clear but
hazy. Sun - dogs

A slight change in the weather. It looks like we are in for a dirty spell.

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Friday 19
Cloudy - some sun

Larry has been working on the radio and tonight raised the St. Roche at Cambridge Bay. They sent out signals and plane was coming from. The shipper visited today and I mailed V.B.K. There was a message for me too.

Saturday 20
Cloudy - calm

Howe & William have been out sealing and setting traps respectively. They report a lot of lemming tracks both on the ice and on the land. They must be migrating here from the mainland.

Sunday 21
Clear - calm

We had a bit of a breeze from NW last evening with a little snow but that has cleared up now & weather is fine again.

Monday 22
Clear, calm mild

Some natives arrived from Prince Albert Sound for the Easter holidays. Timmerman, Kiklo, Tulvanna and Taptoma. They tell me that some of the natives from around them have gone to Warner Bay to trade. This has been a regular spring day.

Tuesday 23
Clear calm hazy

The Father Bongard arrived back late tonight after visiting at Prince Albert Sound & up at Ike's place. Tulvanna arrived today instead of yesterday & E. Kooluk and Joe Kuptana arrived yesterday with the gang.

Wednesday 24
Strong Easterly with ground drift.

Kyrok arrived early this forenoon. Alagomak arrived lately. The late arrivals report many fox and lemming and mice tracks on the land. They seem to be quite general.

Thursday 25
Light E breeze & cast some snow.

Johnny Ouearn, Tubluk and Father Bongard left for Coppermine. Aorena, Etokora, Kooliktana, John Norling & Anopla & Smokestack arrived - We hear Patsy Klungenberg's wife died.

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Monday 26
Clear - light breeze

O. ~~Smith~~ arrived today. I think that will complete the gathering of the clans for this Easter. They had a service at Canalaska.

Saturday 27

The natives held a dog derby today racing to Epenwadek and return, with four dogs. It took them eight hours and 25 minutes. They finished with in a minute of each other the three winners - Wm Kuptana, John Norberg and Aorara. The prizes were 1 yd Flour, 20 lb Sugar and 2 lb Coffee and 2 lb Tobacco. The Canalaska & the Company each contributing half of each prize.

Sunday 28
Clear, calm, mild.
Some snow at midday.

The mission plane flew from Kaiti. Harwood reported it went right past Coppermine about 10 miles out. It returned this evening to Coppermine. The women here today used today using 3 dogs each. The winners were Kaloogok's daughter and Kuptana.

Monday 29
Clear, calm

The natives were due to pull out today but a dance at Canalaska last night kept them up so late that they could not get up this morning. They had several foot races and danced again tonight.

Tuesday 30
Clear, calm

All our visiting natives left this morning. It is a relief to see them get under way. They are the genuine original Thundering Herd. Chitly must be missing too many boats if he can stand them dancing in his house every night.

Wednesday 31
Clear, calm

It seems quiet around here with all the natives away. A little boy named Eddie Horvok was my only visitor except Bill Starks and Joe who came over from the boat.

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*Thursday 1
Clear - calm

April opened with fine weather. The plane has not yet arrived at Coppermine.

Friday 2
Clear light NW breeze

The plane was expected at Coppermine today according to the radio.

Saturday 3
Hazy light E breeze

Frenshy Chartrand with Tom Goss arrived back from Walker Bay patrol - Koochuk who accompanied them from here brought back a wife and newly made family of two boys. Saw a raven today.

Sunday 4
Easterly breeze, ground drift.

The plane left Coppermine at noon for Cambridge Bay so Johnny Oream who went down with the mail should be back soon.

Monday 5
Gale NE with snow

Larry White has been keeping his sled dogs and Coppermine on my set. He came over tonight. Frenshy & Tom Chitty also visited and we had a round of four handed crib. Blowing so hard Larry stays here.

Tuesday 6
NE storm with snow

It is still blowing, Plane still at Cambridge & Johnny is still at Coppermine.

Wednesday 7
NE breeze clearing

The plane & Johnny have not left yet. The police expect to leave for Coppermine in the morning. Saw some small birds around today the first ones of the season.

Thursday 8
Easterly gale

The storm eased up last night but it went right back on the job again today and is blowing as hard as ever again.

Friday 9
East wind in AM
Light NW breeze in evening
Clear

It was blowing & drifting this morning and did not clear up till evening. Johnny Oream is still at Coppermine.

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Saturday 10
Clear calm mild
beautiful

We got a welcome break in the weather today and the police patrol left for Coppermine. All the natives went out sealing. Alogomiak returned from Pimebellet Sound where he had gone, to get his seals or muskoxen.

Sunday 11
Cloudy snow

Hazy and snowing most of day. Harry was in to the post this evening. Johnny is still at Coppermine. Rinky Skewis the pilot of the plane that went to Cambridge returned to Coppermine.

Monday 12
Cloudy some snow

The natives were sealing but had no luck again. Harry was in this evening ^{and} was talking to Elak (now Akkavik on shotwane). The plane and Johnny Casson are still at Coppermine.

Tuesday 13
Strong E. wind
heavy drifting

None of the natives left town today owing to the storm. There is a lot of soft snow around now making travelling difficult.

Wednesday 14
Cloudy calm mild

Today has been the mildest day this year. The first on sealing in store started to drop. Franky arrived at Coppermine yesterday & Johnny Casson left.

Thursday 15
O'cast NE breeze mild

Two local natives have been working with the crew of St James shovelling snow, yesterday and today they finished the snow & have started to dig a trench in the ice. Ikey Bolt arrived late this evening accompanied by Awakona, Bob, Diamond & Malitok.

Friday 16
O'cast calm, mild
some snow at night

Awakona and his family worked the gins on the boat out the trench around the boat today and expect to start sawing tomorrow.

Saturday 17
some snow at night

Estakona arrived today. Smoke stack visited from Ry...

Sunday 18
Clear, calm mild

I left for the fort James in evening. John & crew arrived back from Coppermine in evening with mail.

Monday 19
O'cast, calm mild

A young fellow who lives with N. Kymunk at Coppermine arrived with a caribou. A gang from Prince Albert Sound arrived. Amokok, Kipok, Katak, Pannaduk, Monaguk, Annukuk, Hordukuk, Jacob with wives and families. Amokok has returned to the fold after being a deserter for last several years.

Tuesday 20
O'cast strong NE breeze
drifting

Mr Webster & his native Tetrulik arrived about six this evening and held a service this evening. He is staying with me but holds service at Canamasuk with me fine as I would prefer the striking land any place except all in here at once.

Wednesday 21
O'cast NE breeze drifting

The weather continues rather strong but mild. Some of our visitors are making preparations to depart in the morning weather permitting.

Thursday 22
Clear in AM. O'cast
in PM - calm

Mr Key Bolt, and three of his men left for their camp today also two men the Canamasuk sent to Tucker Bay to get fur & the Post manager Bob M. Isaac. Two more teams arrived from P.A. Sound. Audlitch & Paluk.

Friday 23
Clear - strong light NW

Audlitch and Paluk arrived from P.A. Sound today. Mr Webster is still granting out his three services a day and making them like it.

Saturday 24
Clear calm cooler

Mr Webster left this afternoon for Coppermine accompanied by several families who are going part way. Tetrulik, Nibran & Khoruk arrived from P.A. Sound.

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Sunday 25
Clear, calm, mild.

Katuk left for P.A.S. The gang from the boat comes in for a visit today. The visiting natives are getting low on dog feed as they should be moving back to their camps soon. The radio has been good up till a couple of days ago and last night I could not hear a sound from C.S.C.A. at midnight though I did hear them earlier in the evening.

Monday 26
Clear

Most of the natives are preparing to get moving in the morning. Etokina left today & Aviana arrived.

Tuesday 27
Clear NE breeze, drift

Aviana left for a visit to Coppermine. Amokot, Kigak and a number of other natives left for P.A.S. Amokot returned from Krukenston where he went to get his shotgun. Tjapany accompanied him back, having just come off the land at Kigayuk.

Wednesday 28
Overcast NE breeze

Avakona & Smokestack (K. I. got) returned from Pyram Pond. We are losing some of our hunters. Kluigak is going up with Ike's outfit. Kookak is also going up that way. Hargok, Nuyak, Kachukta and Kookak are going on the land at Coppermine & Kigayuk stations.

Thursday 29
Overcast NE wind
snow.

Jacob and Kutchuk left this evening for their camps up near Ike's place. The radio has been very poor for the last week or so, even the short wave does not function so that a cable message I received last Thursday has not yet been decoded because we have been unable to get in touch with Charlie Reed.

Friday 30
Overcast, calm, mild

Avakona, Smokestack, Monnyuk, Polar Bear, Amokot, Hoolowak left this morning, all going via the coast. The last week or so the temperature has been up around 20-25° above during day and goes down to about 10° at night.

Saturday 1st
Overcast, dull, calm

The last few days have been very dull. The temperature has been mixed but not changing in the shade

Sunday 2nd
Overcast dull light breeze

Many Happy and Prosperous Returns of the Day Hudson's Bay Company. Inuk and Nuyak left today for Coppermine. They intend going inland around Dismal Lakes for the Summer.

Monday 3rd
Clear, warm, fog in evening.

Ekaituk and David Kookitana arrived from Rymur Point. They returned their traps & a golly boat. They are now off for inland. David going east to some wharf in Bathurst Inlet where they will load inland and come out at Kuqaymak. Ekaituk is going in to around Dismal Lakes.

Tuesday 4th
Clear - Strong NE breeze - drifting Gale force tonight

The skipper of Fort James paid a visit to the account for supplies to his boat. The only local natives around now are Ekaituk and Talonina. They will probably spend the Summer around here.

Wednesday 5th
Overcast - Howling NE gale getting gusty late

The gale that started yesterday was still blowing hard this morning. The 90 ft mast that for usual runs crashed over on the house at 9 a.m. It looks as if in places and is beyond repair unless stripped and reset.

Thursday 6th
Clear - calm cool.

Ulagomak & son visited. Harry got in touch with Coppermine tonight for first time in two weeks but I still do not know what the code message was about.

Friday 7th
Clear, light E. breeze cool.

The Coppermine radio came in good - they told us of the burning of the Zep at Lakehurst. Ekaituk returned from a seal hunt with one seal - they had been away during the blow.

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Saturday 8
Partly clear but
some snow. NW breeze

The weather is still unsettled. we are getting a stiff NW breeze with a ground drift temperature rising from -5° to 12° above. Two sleds arrived tonight. Both owned and operated by Algiak who has a house of sorts to the west around Williams point where he is going to spend the Summer after being at Coppermine for the last three years.

Sunday 9
Clear NW breeze
with ground drift.

Algiak and his wife and two sons piled a drift today and tried to dig them selves in as porch door was drifted over half way up. The boys did not thawing & Skippy visited.

Monday 10
Clear calm mild

I went out and picked up my traps which had just been sprung at end of season. saw some ptarmigan. Algiak & his wife pulled out this forenoon for Williams. Toptoma arrived from P.A.S., Etokina visited and Avanna returned from Coppermine.

Tuesday 11
Clear calm mild

Avanna left for his place this morning. Pory & his wife had a baby girl the other day.

Wednesday 12
NW breeze, clear, cooler

William Kiptana accompanied by Bob McIsaac arrived from Walker Bay. They report that Mr. Sudgwick will be down here later to go west on Fort James.

Thursday 13
Clear NE breeze, thawing in
forenoon. Clear fog NE by E

Three teams arrived from P.A.S. early this AM. Kachok Kiptana, Paiminluk & Ootunguk. Mimmusuk had been ill is recovered. Ootunguk was in the back with 22 long by a leg. but seems to be none the worse for it.

Friday 14
Clear, NE storm

Snow fell during the night & it is blowing and drifting to beat the band. Johnny Norberg arrived in the early hours. He missed Coppermine on the night went last night but put new Batteries on and got them to work.

Saturday 15
O'cast calm 26°

Johnny Norberg visited & paid his account & borrowed a sled to be returned by Canalska. He will be leaving Monday for Coppermine with Canalska fur.

Sunday 16
O'cast w breeze cool

We have had only 1 warm day so far. The snow has melted considerably but has not started to disappear off the land yet. Friday & his son arrived tonight from Coppermine. He says it is still winter over there and quite warm at W5.

Monday 17
O'cast calm cool

Johnny Norberg & Friday were supposed to leave today with mail & fur, but they did not get away.

Tuesday 18
O'cast calm mild

Friday pulled out for Coppermine about noon and Johnny left in the evening. O'anna visited.

Wednesday 19
O'cast NE breeze cool

Most of the natives are away hunting - as there are none living around the company. I can not keep track of them.

Thursday 20
Clear, calm mild

I have some flower plants growing in the house and I put them out in the sun today. The first time it has been warm enough.

Friday 21
Clear NE breeze cool

Johnny Norberg arrived at Coppermine today. Too cold to put the plants out.

Saturday 22
O'cast NE breeze cool

We got some stationery on the radio around midnight but I could not hear Edmonton tonight.

Sunday 23
O'cast, calm mild

Kimmukkam arrived from Kuqayquak this evening. He will be here around there parts this year. Saw the geese today - first I have seen this season.

Monday 24 The Capt. & crew left for Rymer Point today. William Kuptana, Nalvana, E. Kookik and Taptoma. They will make their summer headquarters there.

Tuesday 25 Today has been visitor day. The captain, Larry, Chitty and his wife were over this evening.

Wednesday 26 Kimmuk and his family left for Arvane's place. We have had practically no warm weather yet, most days it is thawing in the sun but goes very little above freezing in the shade. The snow around the buildings is melting and turning to ice but there is no water around yet.

Thursday 27 Very quiet around here with no visiting natives. John and Joe and Joe Elinick are the only natives here having been over.

Friday 28 I visited the boat today. Mr. Sidgwick arrived from Fort Collins tonight accompanied by Jacob. He has closed Walter Bay Post and will go west on St. James.

Saturday 29 Mr. Sidgwick and I dined at Canadaska this evening. It is reported that around Minto Inlet the snow has all gone and they have ducks and geese. Chitty heard geese here.

Sunday 30 I am doing a little carpenter work on the house getting ready for painting. Mr. Sidgwick paid a visit to the St. James.

Monday 31 Jacob left for his return to his trapping camp. John & Joe returned from sealing with one seal between them. When Kaptana returns from Rymer Point.

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June 1
Clear - strong NE
breeze drifting

The night opened with nothing very exciting happening. The crew went to get a harriet and Mr Chitt, was out for a while in evening he says that Johnny saw some ducks out on the ice - so far we have not seen any here though there are gulls and numerous small birds around - no ptarmigan.

Wednesday 2
Clear - strong NE
breeze drifting

Mr S. and I are working on our respective books. It has been a beast of a day with a strong wind that started from NE and kept backing around till now it is in NW. It was drifting & barely thawing in sun. 82° of frost tonight.

Thursday 3
Clear NW gale mild

A howling gale with heavy drifting could not see the shore this morning. It cleared up about noon & the wind died down at night.

Friday June 4
Clear light breeze mild
Clear calm later in day

Joe & the Skipper loaded for supplies this morning. The weather cleared up about noon and the wind died about 40°. The snow disappeared rapidly and small pools of water appeared on the ice on the inner bank. Kimuktu arrived from Avannas this morning. And visited Fort Jones.

Saturday 5
Clear calm mild

Clear weather prevails again and the snow vanishes. Kimuktu says there is a small ice crack about a foot wide between here & Avannas, the only one he has seen around here. He was out sealing and shot 3 seals.

Sunday 6
Clear calm foggy

It has been no radio for days now. Johnny Norberg arrived back from Appurmin late this evening. Quite a number of ducks and Brant flying around some near.

Monday 7
Misty clear mild

Heavy mist over a warm touch with Appurmin. The land is coming up more & more with the mist.

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John being pulled out for his camp about noon.
The ice is full of water all over the ice now and very little
snow. The snow on the land are the remains of drifts.

Wednesday 9
Clear calm warm

Kamikaze arrived back from a boat and word he had
got three seal but was unable to get on the Chalkuk & Hudson
islands owing to deep water on the ice in the bays and

Thursday 10
Clear & breeze cool

The breeze is cool but blowing in the sun - freezing at night.
Chilly & McSease were over for dinner this evening. We dined
up on the legs of pork that I had sent in to me during winter.
The water is rapidly running off the ice.

Friday 11
Clear NE breeze cool
calm in evening - warm

We have been busy on our books the last few days - Mr
Grayson has practically finished Walker Bay accounts.
I still have plenty to do on this part of the record. Coppenham
informed us that a person had been here.

Saturday 12
Mostly clear - NE breeze

Cyril Wengrid and family arrived late last night from
Belmont Point. He was from the first James crew. Accompanying
him from Lynce Point were F. Scott, Helvanna and Wm. Kipton.
Mr. Wengrid's bitch produced another litter of pups. It is
eight months to a day since she had the last lot.

Sunday 13
Clear & warm

Mr. Wengrid's bitch had 13 pups (about a bucket and a half).
The pups are practically all run off the ice. The mother
has been with the pups with the exception of
one pup which was found dead it was barely alive.

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Wednesday 15
Clear, NE breeze, cool
rain fell in evening

We sailed for again - the male population at Avanna
found the route. Avanna, Etrokhona, Alagomish
Puytish and Sam. They left again about seven P.M.

Thursday 16
Clear, NE breeze warm

The gang from Canastota, Fort Jones and here joined from
and went over to the island south of the westerly end of Reed
Island called locally Iglood's and erected a beacon
which had previously been prepared by Mr Chilly. It
is a triangle made of about 12 boards on a 40 ft
mast facing south. It will be an aid to boats
during navigation season. When we returned we
found Avanna back again with a porcupine hand.
The Coppermine told us that their river went out on
Monday. A birds nest had five eggs in it.

Friday 17
Clear NE breeze warm

Harry had a talk with Coppermine got something new in the
way of news. The Canastota found their cargo boat. It
froze in last fall & was cut out & hauled upon the ice
where it stayed all winter.

Saturday 18
Clear, NE breeze - warm

A warm NE breeze has been blowing the last couple of days with
bright sunshine. It should go far in making the ice down.
The ice was 6 1/2" at the boat just the other day. Tuddadent
blown from his coal camp, during night and returned today.

Sunday 19
Clear, calm warm

This has been a real summer day. Every one went fishing
for Tomcod this evening catching birds of these. A young
Arctic last Wednesday from Bernard Harlow consisting of
the mother of Attiguhah and her son and a girl.

Monday 20
Clear, calm cool

It was quite nice all day but this evening came up
cloudy and got rather boisterous like we were in for a
storm.

Monday 21
Clear, strong N.W. breeze,
cool

Mr. Sargent & Joe Stenick left this evening for Bernard Harbore where they will get the the old records from which to make up a chronicle & account which he is disputing some rain fall.

Tuesday 22
Overcast foggy showing
N.W. breeze

I baked a batch of bread, taking advantage of the cool weather and washed the curtains. Mr. McVane & Mr. Chitty visited this evening.

Wednesday 23
Overcast. N.E. breeze
Showery & foggy cool

Scrubbed out today, preparing to paint inside the land is practically dry even the puddles that are generally with us have dried up. There is quite a bit of open water along the shore and you need a boat to get out on the ice even at low water. Painted siding.

Thursday 24
Clear N.E. breeze warm

Aurora who came in a few days ago with a pair of swollen hands and said it was painful from a seal pupper - after persisting at for a couple of days I came to the conclusion that it was a stinger and not poison.

Friday 25
Clear E. breeze warm

I expected Mr. Sargent back from Bernard Harbore but they must have found the rough sea harder to navigate than they anticipated. I painted the ceiling second and last coat. Mr. Chitty is also painting the inside of his house. Aurora left for home.

Saturday 26
Clear, S.E. breeze warm

Two of Aurora's dogs wandered in here today. I was glazing today put in six new window panes which had been cracked ever since the place was built, and replaced most of the others.

Sunday 27
Buffy overcast, N.E. breeze

Mr. Sargent came back from Bernard Harbore early this morning - reporting very tough owing to old rough.

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July 27

Monday 28. It is raining this AM. there is quite high water so the ship is out and they are getting West winds some where. Larry was over today. Clear warm in PM.

Tuesday 29. It was a few mosquitos around this evening. The Skipper and Joe visited and did some shopping.

Wednesday 30. We painted the walls & baseboard & wallpapering and will then just have the trim to do.

July 1937

Thursday 1. We straightened the house and today and can move around once more this painting business just turns the house up side down.

Friday 2. We finished the trim on our painting for this year and over and we can get back on the boats once more. The batteries on the radio for a long time out and we cannot even hear Coppermine.

Saturday 3. The ice in the inner harbour broke off by Conneluska and drifted down to the foot of the bay. The balance moved over to this shore. This is about 12 days earlier than last year.

Sunday 4. The ice in the inner harbour broke off the straits and came west about 100 feet. The big ice in the harbour seems to have moved west a bit & has piled up on a reef. I got some old batteries & have the radio O.K. again.

Monday 5. Larry was over but failed to contact Coppermine. The Skipper, Bill & I went out to do some shopping. The batteries are now O.K. and the radio is working.

July

Wednesday 6
Clear, light breeze
warm

Life in the inner harbour is badly broken up
will eventually disappear in another day or two.
A few mangroves are around this evening

Thursday 7
Clear, calm, warm

I have just a small patch of ice in the inner harbour,
between the two ports. There would be plenty of room for
airplane landing. VBR told us that things are opening
up at Coppermine & the Andrey is predicted to get away in
ten days or two weeks. Things are also opening up at
Cambridge Bay with a couple of miles of open water.
Radio on the broadcast band has been coming in
around midnight with good volume considering
the time of year.

Friday 8
Clear, calm, warm

A real summer's day. We should all be out sun-
bathing today as there are not many days like today
in a year. The chilly is preventing the outflow of the
harbour.

Saturday 9
Clear, calm, warm

Coppermine radio told us the Copland was at Tukilek
with two ice in sight & NE breeze.

Sunday 10
Clear, calm, warm

It makes three days of summer at any rate
even if we get no more. It came up cloudy at night. The
Fort James broke loose in the ice & swung around.

Monday 11
Partly cloudy, light
breeze, warm

Harry White rowed in from Ft James, said he followed a
crack till he got on to the open water around the island.
He took my radio short wave set and will carry
it on the boat this morning. I started to rebuild the mast.

Tuesday 12
Partly cloudy, light breeze, warm

The mangroves were here in greater numbers today.
Capt. [Name] & his natives rowed in this evening. We had
a few [Name] [Name]

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Tuesday 13.
Clear, fairly breezy
warm

Chitty has been working down at his schooner the last few days, painting etc - Today he started it on to the water. Plenty of mosquitoes again today (that is by Read Is. standards, not Mc King River) The Tom Cod have been scarce the last few days but Mr Sedgwick caught a flock this evening.

Wednesday 14
Clear light breeze
warm

Another fine summer day. quite a few mosquitoes - The Fox Jones pulled up anchor & disappeared - I think she went in to that harbour about seven miles to east. The Appamine had no news.

Thursday 15
Clear - light breeze. Warm

Kumuktuu and Eelrok left by jolly boat for Avannas place a couple of days ago. There is only a small truck of ice to cross and then they will be over into the water along the shore.

Friday 16
Clear light breeze. Warm

Mr Chitty is still working on his schooner Fox Measure. Mc Isaac & Sedgwick are helping him. Kumuktuu arrived back today. He brought the fuel line from Avannas boat with a couple of its fittings broken. Poor Avanna seems to break something or get it put on back to front ever year when he overhauls his boat. V.D.K. said that they were expecting a couple of planes in about the end of the week - one from each company. The "Audrey B" is expected to leave about Sunday. St Rock is expected to be able to leave in about ten days from Cambridge.

Saturday 17
Clear, light breeze. Warm

All the ice on the roadstead seemed to move last night so that there is open water from as far east as we can see to the house. That old ice was pretty rotten anyway. By night I could see no ice to westward. The ice outboard of course has not moved yet. Larry & Bill Starke's were in with the launch.

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Sunday 18.
Most cloudy

Most of the ice that broke up in the outer harbour and drifted to westward yesterday is back with us today. There are a lot of patches of ice in the outer harbour now. V.B.K. said the "Audrey B" were leaving today for here. A McKenzi plane arrived last night at Coppinsine - She evidently have the new mail contract starting in November.

Monday 19
Mostly cloudy - some
short heavy showers
light N breeze - warm

The Fort James moved back to Read Island again - The crew came ashore in the launch & picked up the fur & goods being shipped. Chitty got his sloop off the beach and brought it around to the inner harbour.

Tuesday 20
Clear & breeze warm

This northerly breeze has cleared all the ice out between here and the mainland and we can see open water along the S. shore of Read island around Igloodik. Capt. Summers left word that if conditions were favourable he would leave tomorrow. A gang of natives arrived from Avramas.

Wednesday 21
N breeze clear

Johnny Norberg & William Kuptana arrived - Johnny was on his way here from Lady Franklin Point but the ice came in and he had to leave his boat a few miles east of here & come in with a kicker & jollyboat. The Fort James left about noon Mr Sidgwick accompanying them. They worked away out in the ice and were back here at anchor again at four P.M. - Avramas & his gang left.

Thursday 22
Clear & breeze, warm

Mr Chitty took Johnny Norberg, William & Taptona to Johnny's boat this evening - Johnny will go back & down to Coppinsine.

Friday 23
Most cloudy - warm

The Fort James left some time between 4 AM & 7 AM. It looks as though they were really on their way this time. Avramas & family visited & departed - We never have any luck. The Fort James returned again this afternoon.

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Saturday 24

Clear light breeze

The Fort James is still anchored down to east near the end of the Island - I visited there this evening when Larry White had a skid with Tuk-tuk but failed to contact them. Bill Starker & Mr. Sedgwick visited ashore this evening. Radio was pretty good tonight heard the whole of C.J.C.A. program.

Sunday 25
Clear NE breeze warm

There is a good stiff breeze blowing and it looks as though it would move the ice. A lot of ice coming into outside harbour so St James had to move farther east. Larry White visited.

Monday 26
NE breeze clear cool

A heavy rain fell during the night. The wind blew steady all day but died out in evening.

Tuesday 27
Clear NW breeze cool.

The Fort James left early this AM but only got out as far as Okalik Islands where she ran in to heavy unbroken ice. The Police boat holed up at Tree River on acct of fog but was expected to arrive at Coppermine tonight. The "Audrey B" which left Coppermine some time ago, arrived back there again after being gone about eight days heavy ice prevented them going very far. The mail plane arrived at Coppermine today.

Wednesday 28
Clear, light S breeze warm

The ice to the south of the island has come right back up tight again. The St Roche & Tindlik arrived at Coppermine late last night - The Fort James was 10 miles west of the Okalik.

Thursday 29
Clear fresh NW breeze cool

The St Roche got to Bernard Harbour - The St James did not move owing to heavy unbroken ice. There is a lot of pretty heavy ice in the outside harbour and the mouth of the inner harbour is blocked with heavy grounded ice.

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Friday 20
Cloudy. High. Warm

The St Roche drifted back to Kneecut. The St James was still over near Berkeley with a damaged rudder & bent propeller. They seem to be moving & getting to the edge of the ice. The "Audrey B" is supposed to have passed on the north side of the ice & to be away out in clear going.

Saturday 31.
East. SW breeze. cool.

The Copenhagen Radio told us today that the St James was off Wase Thompson Point so she should be at Parilla tomorrow. The St Roche had left Kneecut ~~was~~ in heavy ice in the Straits. We can see no ice now from the buildings.

August

Sunday 1
Partly Cloudy - SW
breeze cool

I have missed a day somewhere what I have down for 31. July should be Aug 1st. Mr Chitty Plans on leaving in the morning for Tukluuk.

Monday 2.
Cloudy. High. Warm

That was a false report about position of St James, she is only around Hope Point & the St Roche is right on her tail. Mr Chitty left at 5 PM this evening with John Tukluuk on the Sloop Fox, for Herschel. Beautifully calm tonight - caught Rocks of Tom cod.

Tuesday 3
East light breeze warm

This morning the outer harbour was full of ice that came in from east. By evening it had slackened some.

Wednesday 4
East. 1 breeze. warm

Kenneth & William Kuptana returned from Aranas where they had been visiting & William left again in evening for Roper Point. That other tonight. The blue boat & St James ~~was~~ still over around Berkeley tied up to grounded ice in a flog of water.

August

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Thursday 5
Ocast. dry. High rain

The glass is very low 29.25 and we had a heavy rain storm all morning. Mr Chilly arrived back again evidently the ice has not moved out yet. The NE breeze died out and a gentle breeze from NW sprang up. We are getting very high tides and they are getting a young gale at Coppermine so it looks as though we were in for it too. - At 10.30 tonight I picked up the St Roche radio trying to get in touch with Coppermine they said the St James had been squeezed & was sinking. The crew had been picked up by the St Roche. They were still calling V.B.K. at midnight.

Friday 6
NW wind. Cool.
Rain, snow mist

A real fall storm is raging. V.B.K. mentioned about the St James sinking off Bernard Harbour & the St. Roche was somewhere near Krusenstern. The wind & ice evidently drifting them all the way from Becksley. V.B.K. did not say anything about the fur or mail. My (257) returns were aboard and we had 4 fur - 6 Bales.

Saturday 7
NW breeze. Ocast. cold

The NW storm is still with us but is showing signs of slackening off and the glass is going up to normal. A plane went to Cambridge Bay with Bishop Hemming. The Governor General and party paid a flying visit to Coppermine. Mr Bonnycastle was evidently with the party. The St Roche arrived back at Coppermine this morning after bucking the ice as far as Becksley & then getting pushed all the way back again.

Sunday 8
St. breeze. Ocast. cold

The MS Chinn arrived this forenoon. She went from Bathurst Inlet following the Andrey (from Krusenstern past way) to Nelson Head but could not get to westward account ice. According to Chips Leonard 1/2 the took an awful beating in the ice as the Andrey slipped through a lead which threw up before the Chinn got up to it.

August

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Monday 9
Clear, calm, mild.

A lot of ice blew up tight to the south side of the island yesterday and started to come in to the outside harbour last evening - The Chinook moved in to the inside harbour where she will have repairs made to rudder and prop. The boats left Coppermine this morning for various places - St. Roche, Nigalik, Tualik, Eagle & Sea Wolf.

Tuesday 10
Clear, calm, mild.

The outer harbour is still full of ice and there is ice as far as we can see in all directions. Fog came in tonight and new ice is forming. The outer harbour is completely frozen even along the shore and there is new ice in inner harbour. The St. Roche & the other boats had not reached Krukenstein at noon.

Wednesday 11
Clear, fresh SW breeze
Cool. Fog hung around all day.

The new ice that formed last night all disappeared when the breeze sprang up - The boats that left Coppermine a few days ago are still around dead man's island that is between Krukenstein & Coppermine.

Thursday 12
Cloudy. W. breeze.

The weather is cold & miserable more like a month from now. There was no word about the boats today. The Chinook is still here undergoing repairs to propeller & rudder.

Friday 13
Clear, light SW breeze, mild.

The hard luck dashed out today seemed of no worse variety than usual. The boats were still on the other side of Krukenstein in heavy ice. This afternoon a small schooner was sighted coming from NW. along coast. It was making slow time & we soon lost sight of it, probably behind an island. They did not arrive. We presume it is the ship built in Rob Roy.

August

Saturday 14
 Windy light variable
 breeze from S.W. to N.W.
 Rain at night.

When I got up two masts were seen to south near the shore of the Island I presume it is the boat we sighted yesterday but cannot figure what they are doing there. The people from the boat mentioned above - worked over the island & proved to be Eky Bolt. A. Klengenborg. George Avalona & a couple of women & two children. Late tonight they brought the boat Rob Roy now called "Jane B" around to outer harbour. Received word today that my wife presented me with a bouncing baby boy born yesterday Friday 13th 11:05 PM. Who said that was an unlucky day. Mother and baby are doing well and father is not complaining.

Sunday 15
 Clear N.W. breeze

The boats are still at Kruisenstern & there is no further word of the "Andrey B". The Schooner Arkhant arrived back at Cambridge Bay from Perry River. Capt Leonard of the Schooner Chiswick bought his outfit from here. I would like to point out here the advantage of having a decent well assorted stock on hand between end of May and when the new outfit arrives. There is always fur to be picked up in the summer before arrival of supplies and generally the profit on those sales will much more than pay interest on capital. If my inventory had been down to where District Office always wants it to be, I would not have been able to supply Leonard and he would have taken his fur to Canalska where they always seem to have good stocks on hand.

Monday 16
 Mostly clear
 light W. breeze.

The boats from Kruisenstern left this morning & were making good time with no ice ahead. Johnny Norberg arrived from Cape Minto with our mail. The Canalska also arrived. Three boats are now anchored in the outer harbour as the mouth of inner harbour is blocked with ice.

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Tuesday 17
Clear light breeze

The St Roche was at Keato point last night. The "Audrey B" arrived Cambridge last evening so it looks a bit brighter for an outfit this year.

Wednesday 18
Clear, practically calm

St Roche crossing
Dorsey Bay

The Outer harbour is still full of ice & there is ice out side as far as we can see but it looks as tho there was a good lead so the Fox & Chinook worked their way out of the inner harbour about 4 PM & anchored out with the fleet. At six PM the all decided to move Johnny Norberg with "Eagle" going to Walker Bay. Ike Bolt with "Jane B." for Minto Inlet. Capt Leonard in Chinook going to Coppermine. Mr Chilly in "Fox" going west to Horton River and the Inuit with Angalakib & Mr Mc Isaac going to King William Land. Going out of here Johnny Norberg broke his paddle & was delayed several hours the Chinook & Fox waited & gave him a hand repairing. Several Natives have been in the last few days with jolly boats.

Thursday 19
Clear calm

New ice formed all over the outer harbour & remained till about noon. There was about 1/4 inch of ice on my water barrel. There was no word of the St Roche today but she was expected to arrive Tukluk tomorrow. William Kuptana who has been here for several days returned to Rymer Point with his family.

Friday 20
Overcast W. breeze cool.

The St Roche arrived Tukluk yesterday - The Chinook also arrived at Coppermine. The "Audrey B" is expected at Coppermine this evening.

Saturday 21
Mostly overcast W. breeze
which cleared out at night

The westerly breeze keeps the ice pocketed in here. Sir H. Watkins & party arrive Coppermine this A.M. to start a second overland party for the incoming Resolute plane.

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Sunday 22
Clear - calm all day
but E. breeze at night

The "Sunday B." arrived at Coppermine last evening and left again this AM for Tukluk. Wilkins & his party were preparing to leave this afternoon. We have had ice around here for the last two weeks. It loosened up a little today & we hope this east breeze will continue and take it all out. The St. Roche left Tukluk this AM.

Monday 23.
Partly cloudy SE breeze

Most of the ice is out of the ^{outer} harbour but there appears to be plenty to south and to the westward. I missed V.B.K. today either my clock was wrong or they did not come on.

Tuesday 24
Clear - calm mild

Some ice drifted in to outer harbour from east. The ice to the south appears scattered. Heard V.B.K. today. Sir Hubert Wilkins is evidently using Coppermine as a base in his search for Russian furs now lost about 10 or 11 days.

Wednesday 25
Clear, North Breeze

Johnny Norberg arrived early this morning. He had been up to Walker Bay to bring back some goods for Canalska. He saw no ice except just around here. There was no person at Walker Bay except a couple of natives who had just arrived there. Several bears were seen but no seal. Johnny pulled out again at noon PM for Coppermine. No news from V.B.K. but I judged from what they said that St. Roche must be getting in our vicinity again on her way back from Tukluk.

Thursday 26
Light wind - some rain & a few flakes of snow

I have been building a new mast to take the place of the one that blew down & broke in the Spring. I was going to paint it today but rain put a stop to that so I made a ball of the fur that Leonard traded. The St. Roche was expected at Coppermine tonight.

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Friday 27
Clear light breeze

Auranna & his family arrived. Wm Kuptans & T. also visited & returned to Rymer Point. The St. Roche arrived at Coppermine last night - every one seemed to be enjoying themselves on the broadcast today. The Audrey B. arrived at Tuck. There is still some ice in the outer harbour but is loose & any boat could work through it.

Saturday 28
Clear light breeze
most of day - calm at night.

Auranna & family left for home & Nulvana & Ekootuk paid a short visit. V.B.K. came on the air but he was so busy with keeping in contact with the Wilkins expedition that he only had time to say hello and goodbye. Although today has been mild, the frost was so hard last night that it failed to melt completely on the water barrel.

Sunday 29
W. breeze - rain in morning & evening

The St. Roche left Coppermine for Vancouver - The RC boat "Our Lady of Lourdes" arrived at Coppermine - Wilkins left on another search expedition. Nulvana & Ekootuk visited.

Monday 30
W. & breeze - some rain. The breeze backed around to NE in PM

The Wilkins expedition had been grounded at Fitzpatrick Island on account of bad weather but they topped off today for the pole. The ice has practically all gone from around here now. There is quite a lot of grounded ice left.

Tuesday 31
Clear - var. breezes
mostly N.W. some snow flurries & some rain

The mission boat left Coppermine for Bathurst. The Copland is due to leave for Read Island with Johnny Norberg this evening. He will meet the "Audrey B." here, she having left Tuck last night. They said the St. Roche & the Fox were together but failed to mention their location. Wilkins arrived back at Coppermine last night.

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Wednesday 1
O'cast light sailing
mild

Johnny Norberg arrived about noon with "Sed Eagle" from Coppermine. Accompanying him were Mr Copland & Capt Abraham of Coppermine detachment R.C.M.P. and some natives picked up at Rymur Point.

Thursday 2.
O'cast light NE
breeze.

Mr Chetty arrived back from Horton River with "Sed Fox". The "Audrey B" arrived about same time. Using Johnny's boat, Eagle and Mr Chetty's boat with the assistance of a flock of natives we unloaded everything tonight. I seem to have a very good outfit here and it will be difficult to find a reason if it is not turned in to fur.

Friday 3.
O'cast SW breeze

The "Audrey B" left about noon. Mr Copland accompanying them. The radio informed us that the Sed. Abraham had contacted the SS Vasopie off B straits. This is probably the second time in history that H.B.C. vessels have made contact using the NW passage. The contacting vessels coming from East & West respectively.

Saturday 4
O'cast S.W. breeze
rain in AM. Fog
calm at night

Johnny Norberg with Capt Abraham left in forenoon for Coppermine via Bernard Harbour. I started to shaghten out the stock. In loading the "Audrey B" at Tukluuk, they opened all the sugar & 24's of flour so they could store better - most of the flour sacks are torn & it takes time to patch it up & re sack it. I heard Mrs. Ross speak over C.J.C.A. tonight.

Sunday 5
Rain in AM. fog
S.W. breeze

A boy who came back from school this summer is helping me get the freight in the ware house we have. I also have a receipt for bread and A Klingenberg's goods.

Monday 6
O'cast calm

All the natives went out sealing but none were back. Aironna arrived. I am busy opening goods. The Chetty is anxiously waiting for the Nigalik to be opened.

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Tuesday 7.
N.E. breeze. Clear
all day. Cloudy at night

The landing B. must have brought some cold germs along with the help. I caught a beautiful one and I notice some of the natives coughing & sniffing. I am still opening goods in the store. The Chitty is anxiously waiting for the Nigalik. Some of the natives got tired waiting & went home.

Wednesday 8
Clear in AM. B'cast
believe of day. strong
N.E. breeze

The ice on the water barrel did not thaw today. There is a little grounded ice in the outside harbour, yet from Summer time but is going fast with this breeze. It is not likely the Nigalik will be able to make much headway today.

Thursday 9.
N.E. & N. breeze. Clear

It has been a beautiful day with that snappy Fall feel to the air. Mr Chitty started last evening to build a small house and by this evening the wall and roof rafters were up with roof floor down

Friday 10
Clear light N.E.
breeze. Calm at night.

About nine this AM the mission schooner "Our Lady of Lourdes" arrived (from Coppermine) (I wonder what they want snooping around here) They stayed only a short time. Aivanna & his gang got tired waiting for the Nigalik and left for home.

Saturday 11.
Clear - SE breeze

The glass is falling & it looks like a spell of dirty weather for a change. A plane is leaving Edmonton Monday for Coppermine. Mrs Ross will be returning on it & Mr Copland & Charles Rank will be going out on it. The Radio has been coming in in great style the last 10 days.

Sunday 12.
Partly overcast, S.E. breeze

Coppermine was getting fog & rain. They heard the whistle of the landing B. but could not see her. I have practically finished unpacking & I have all the goods in the store & warehouse.

September

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Monday 13.
O'cast. & drizzle. misty
and rain evening

The Appurmine radio has had very little news lately. Today there was a message for Cap Pasley saying that The Andrey B^o would take Kupana (Angulaluk's wife) along with Mrs Ross to the Okalukos. We are to go out from here to meet them.

Tuesday 14.
O'cast. some rain
in P.M. light NW breeze
hazy or misty.

V.B.K. repeated the message and said the Andrey B^o would probably leave tomorrow. The Chitty is progressing with the house he is building. If the Nigalik does not hurry, he will have it finished before she arrives. That man Pasley, from all accounts should be farming rather than running a boat. He wanders all over the country & it is only by the grace of God that she is still afloat.

Wednesday 15
Mostly clear but
heavy clouds to south
light var. breeze. NW to
SW. all day NE in evening

The Andrey B^o will probably leave tomorrow morning. The Chitty & I will wait for the broadcast & leave for Okalukos immediately after. I packed all the coal that was left on the beach last fall by St James to the house. The weather continues comparatively mild, very little frost at night. All the ice has disappeared & there has been no snow remain on the ground so far this fall.

Thursday 16
Partly O'cast. strong
N.E. breeze swinging
to SE.

About 12° of frost during the night. The coldest night so far. It has been cool all day. The Andrey B^o did not leave Appurmine today. Johnny Norberg said he was going to accompany the Andrey back to Steph-ton Bay then over to Read Island so it may not be necessary for us to go out to meet Andrey at Okalukos.

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Sunday 17
Slippery, mostly
clear. Strong fog
tonight.

V.D.K. was speaking to the Andrey, so she must be enroute to Tukilik. Mr. Chilly & I go out to meet them and we all arrived back here about 7 P.M. Johnny Norberg - the Andrey & ourselves Mr. Ross was on board, having just arrived from Edmonton with the brand new baby. Today has been quite mild for a while, it was more like a Summers day than a fall day.

Saturday 18
Variable breezy.
foggy & drizzly

The Andrey & Johnny Norberg could not get away till evening. They are going to Stappleton Bay from which place the Eagle will return while Andrey continues on to Tukilik for another load. The Tusilik arrived tonight looking for Niglik. Estokona & his wife rowed in from the west. Heard a couple of messages over Edmonton station C.J.C.A.

Sunday 19
O'cast - High NE
wind - some rain
& mist.

We heard (V.D.K.) tonight talking to "Andrey B" she was at Stappleton Bay ready to leave for Tuk in P.M. We are getting very high water for a N.E. wind so it must be N.W. some where not far from here.

Monday 20
O'cast, calm - foggy
& misty. NE breeze
spring up at night some
had.

Andrey left & was at Inman River at noon. Johnny Norberg left Stappleton Bay 7:30 A.M. for here, arriving at midnight in a heavy hail storm & high NE wind. Some natives that arrived a few days left today for their respective camps. We heard today that the Wilkenson Expedition was lost or straggled around Akleivik. Radio stations were not in touch with them.

Tuesday 21
O'cast - strong N to NW
breeze - some snow
flurries.

The Andrey B was at Pines Point. NW blow & snow prevented them from leaving. The Wilkenson expedition was not lost. Finally landed on a lake, waiting for things to clear up at Akleivik.

Wednesday 22
Clear - light breeze

The "Audrey B" pulled out from Base Point this forenoon heading for the north. They have not seen Nigalik. The weather continues comparatively mild. Thousands of the smaller kind of ptarmigan have arrived and the natives are all being dumping off large quantities of them.

Thursday 23
Mostly Clear - calm

Johnny Norberg with a gang went to Rymur Point to move Wm. Kuptana's stuff to Read Island. The Audrey found Rallie Island and reported the Nigalik leaving this last Saturday. Audrey expected to arrive Tukluk this evening.

Friday 24
Clear - calm

The Audrey B started to load at Tukluk 7:30 AM. The Nigalik arrived here about noon & were busy unloading all day.

Saturday 25
Calm - Clear - mild

The Nigalik finished unloading early this forenoon. The weather came up foggy in afternoon & Nigalik did not leave.

Sunday 26
Cloudy - W breeze
Snow flurries.

The Nigalik pulled out this morning for Cambridge Bay. It looked as though she ran for the Ekalluk as she was doing some call rolling. Audrey B prevented from leaving by NW breeze with snow.

Monday 27
Clear W breeze
snow flurries

All the visiting natives left again this morning. Weather having changed to west has stopped the arrival of ptarmigan.

Tuesday 28
Clear - NW breeze
snow flurries

The ground was covered with a very wet snow this morning - a lot of it melted during the day. The Audrey B left Tukluk at noon today. Johnny Norberg did not leave owing to unfavourable weather.

Wednesday 29
Windy. Clear. E. breeze.

John "Nighting on Eagle" left for Coppermine with a stop at Kimmuktoin enroute. It was late when he left and will probably stay at Rymur Point tonight. There are a few ptarmigan around.

Thursday 30
Clear. SE breeze

About 12' of frost - ice on inner harbour this morning - most of it drifted away during the day. Kimmuktoin moved over to Victoria Land today. He will be going up inland to fish as soon as the "Audrey B" gets here.

October

Friday 1
O'cast. SE breeze

No position was given for the Audrey today. We are busy getting things outside straightened away for the winter. The coal oil, gasoline and coal are all piled in their respective places. The coal for this winter's use is piled near the porch. I will throw a tarp over it & will act as a lean-to for keeping the coal box, coal oil & gasoline tins in.

Saturday 2.
O'cast. Southerly breeze.

The temperature only went to 26° during the night. There is very little ice in the inner harbour. Mr Chilly went over to the creek for water he says the ice is about three inches thick over there. "Audrey B" was off Inman River at 1 PM. They expect to go to Stapylton Bay and be here early in AM.

Sunday 3
O'cast light NW breeze

The "Audrey B" arrived at 2 PM. We immediately started unloading with Mr Chilly & his cargo boat assisting. We quit at dark with only one load remaining aboard. Fort Collins' outfit was landed here and will probably be assumed by this post. I will have to erect some kind of an addition to the warehouse to hold it.

Monday 4.
O'cast. H.
 breeze, some light
 snow.

Up bright and early & unloaded coal oil, gas & some lumber. The Audrey gets under way before noon for Coppermine with a stop at Kimmuktoon. We all clubbed in with Mr Chitty and gave him a hand hauling out his boat the fox.

Tuesday 5
Mostly clear, calm
and mild, some
snow flurries at night

We worked on the Fox and got it up to high water mark by dark. The Audrey B arrived Coppermine 11 AM & they were busy unloading with the assistance of the Eagle as a lighter.

Wednesday 6
O'cast - calm - heavy
fall of snow in afternoon

The snow that we had some time ago was practically melted and there was no snow on Victoria Land except back on the hills. We had a couple of hours of heavy snow this afternoon. I shifted the lumber & checked it.

Thursday 7
O'cast, NE breeze, snow
flurries in evening.

We pulled the Canastota Cargo boat out and erected the Chitty radio mast. The Audrey B. has finished unloading & they are set to leave for Stappleton Bay tomorrow. Victoria & Esktook families went inland to fish. They do not expect to be out till Christmas. Kimmuktoon & Esktook plan on leaving for fishing late tomorrow. There is a little new ice on the inner harbour up to Grandview shack, the rest of it is still open.

Friday 8
O'cast - strong NE breeze
changing to NW. - light
breeze at night - some snow

20" of frost late tonight. The fresh stuff & fuzables have been in the porch till now. brought them in the house tonight. Audrey B. & Johnny Norberg left Coppermine this morning. All our goods with the exception of bread is in the warehouse. Store & warehouse are so full now I don't know where to find room for the customers.

Saturday 9. At Appanin & Kusenatun they are getting a N.W. wind. The "Audrey B" is held up at the latter place. I have been working in the warehouse trying to make more room by repacking the saw stuff.

Sunday 10
NW breeze - O'cast
Late last night the wind switched to NW. - The inner harbour froze over during the night. The radio which has been more or less of a wash out for the last week was coming in better & we heard C.I.C.A. last night on their weekly "Hello The North" program.

Monday 11
O'cast - calm - mild
Although the inner harbour has been frozen for two nights, the ice is just about. Quite a few of the large Ptarmigan arrived today. Yesterday was the last day of the daily broadcast from V.I.K. They will be on a two weekly schedule from now till open water next Summer.

Tuesday 12
Clear - light SE breeze - mild.
It has been just freezing in the shade the last couple of days. Ptarmigan around again today. I finished piling Walker Bay coal. My outside work is getting well cleaned up before the daily weather sets in. I do not know where the "Audrey B" is. It was expected she would call in here again on her way back to Coppermine but she has probably taken advantage of the fine weather and gone back to get in to Winter Quarters.

Wednesday 13.
O'cast light SE breeze - mild. Breeze hauls to NE & stiffens late in evening.
Most of the outer harbour was covered with slush in the morning but it kept moving out to west & by evening was almost clear again. The "Audrey" arrived just before dark from Stapeyton Bay. They intend to lay over here tomorrow. The gang were here for a Ptarmigan dinner tonight or was at a beer house.

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Thursday 14
Ocast. N.E. storm
some drifting

The Andrey B. remained at anchor in outer harbor all day - the crew came ashore this afternoon & it was blowing so hard they decided to sleep ashore tonight. Today has been the coldest day 5° above as nearly as we can guess, I had two thermometers ^{one} in this year and with the ~~one~~ I had & Mr Chittys they all register to suit themselves and are all different.

Friday 15
Ocast N.E. storm
some snow falling

The outer harbor was full of new ice this morning. The wind kept it moving and for most of the day it was packed in along our beach while the rest of harbor was open. The crew of Andrey B. got out to the boat this morning they had considerable difficulty getting through the slush with their jolly boat. A group of natives arrived from P.A. Sound today - Amokot is here while Kahok & Punnaduk are at CTC. The breeze slackened off this evening so Andrey B. should be able to get away at daylight.

Saturday 16
Clear - calm - cold

The Andrey B. left this morning we could see her out to the south before nine AM. The outer harbor was all frozen over this AM. The natives who came in yesterday crossed the harbor on foot to bring back their dogs & sleds. The Andrey at 1 PM was off Kruuntern. Had worked in (new) from Read Island to Okalluk and from there on there was open water.

Sunday 17
Ocast. S.E. breeze
milder.

The natives arrived back with their dogs, early this morning and loaded up and departed back to Prince Albert Sound. They reported having killed some Caribou, saw lots of foot tracks & report the land overrun with Lemmings and Ptarmigan. The Andrey B. arrived at Coppermine last night. Heavy snow fall tonight.

Monday 19
Ocast. NE breeze
drift.

The ptarmigan are still around I got none today across the house - should soon have enough for winter use. I was going to put up a tarp at the rear of warehouse to hold some biscuits to make more room in the store but the wind the other day ripped the tarp so I think it would be unsuitable for winter. I have made more room in the store now by repacking so I will not need an annex.

Tuesday 19
Ocast. Strong NE
breeze with drift, cold

Mr Chitty and I had planned on cutting ice today but the high wind spoiled our plans. The ice in the harbour is holding against these winds but it is all open to the south.

Wednesday 20
Ocast - very light
S.E. breeze - mild

Mr. Chitty, Johnnie Inuk (Green) William Kuptana and I cut ice, about 160 cakes of various sizes. The ice is $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick - The temperature is barely freezing. snow tonight

Thursday 21
Ocast. very light SE
breeze

We cut ice again making it just over 300 cakes. No ptarmigan were seen today. Heavy snow fall this evening with slight increase in wind velocity.

Friday 22
light E. breeze - clear
mild

The weather continues mild and the easterly breeze seems to be a disease this year. Some ptarmigan appeared today and were promptly bumped off.

Saturday 23
Ocast E. breeze
drift - some snow
sleet & rain.

We had nearly every thing in the weather line today. This morning it was blowing and the snow was drifting in great form then it started snowing which soon turned to sleet then rain, then it cleared up. The breeze died out. Then breeze sprang up again & fog blew over & we had a mist - Tonight is light E. breeze & quite mild.

Sunday 26
a light but steady
rain in evening
breeze from NE, clear.

The rain yesterday and today has put a glaze on everything. It will make it tough on wild animals. The buildings & everything outside are coated with ice - my sled which was standing on end is already used ready for the next job. At Coppermine the freeze up has not come yet & Edmonton said that the temperature was 75°. The highest in 45 yrs at this time of the year. MR. & BL Districts. Radio 20% off for

Monday 25
O'cast. NW wind

The breeze hurried around to NW late last night and is blowing hard all day. Both harbours are still frozen but open water comes right up to Read Island at East & the West end & the South side.

Tuesday 26
O'cast - NW wind
Snow.

William & Johnny went out to the edge of the ice on South side of island to try & get a seal. There were no seals but they saw the tracks of a bear & her cub. They had been prowling around the east end of the island & all over Igloodik and then went out onto the open water towards Rymer Point. They were evidently frightened away by the dogs howling. These are the first Bear to be so close to Read Island since white men established here.

Wednesday
27
O'cast. NE breeze
snow.

The breeze has changed back to NE increased to a young gale this afternoon & blew hard the rest of the day. The temperature remains mild. Some snow fell & there is plenty of drifting.

Thursday 28
mostly O'cast. light
N.E. breeze

We can see open water to the south, all to east & west appears to be frozen over. We have not seen ptarmigan for three or four days.

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Friday 29
Clear - light breeze

I was unable to erect the new mast built this summer so moved it away from the house where it will not drift over.

Saturday 30
Clear - calm

I made a cover for the coal pile, that is the coal for this winter use. It adjoins the porch & makes an additional porch and keeps the snow from drifting over the coal. I will keep the coal box out there this winter & that will keep the coal dust out of the porch.

Sunday 31
Ocast very foggy
& misty.

I made a door frame & door for the coal shed. shifted the jolly boats away from the usual drifts and put the canvas around the lower half of the house and started to bank up.

November

Monday 1
Ocast - foggy - light breeze, some snow.

November
Every thing outside is covered with frost. A couple of natives arrived. Pooyuk was sailing from Aranes & drifted in for a friendly visit - Louis Toptom & family arrived from Rymer Point. Fishing is poor at Aranes & good at Rymer Point. A bear did some damage to Sheep-house.

Tuesday 2
Clear - calm

The floor under the beds has always sweated in the winter time by way of experiment I built a platform 1/2 inch filled with sawdust and put the bed on it. It remains to be seen whether it works.

Wednesday 3
Clear - calm

VBK said it was -17° today I was only -4° here going down to -9° in evening. Jake Ootwoyuk visited from P.A. Sound and Etokuk & Nulvana came in from their fishing trips.

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Thursday 4
Clear - calm

Arana, Teddy Oshima & Sam drifted in from Arana's they report the sea frozen over as far as they can see so sealing is over for this season. These men all report a lot of Fox tracks on the land and practically none on the coast.

Friday 5
Clear - calm

Kimethum & Eskok & families came in from their Jack camps on a lake two days NE of here. I have put on an extra window on two of the windows and it makes a wonderful difference. Before, they used to freeze up every night and then in the morning the ice would melt and run over everything. There is no frost now on windows.

Saturday 6
Partly cloudy
strong NE breeze

All the market news that we get from outside sources over the radio indicates that fur is down from 10 to 20% but there has been nothing specially noted regarding white Fox and we have had no word from D.O. although Mr Bartleman has been sending frantic messages to River Post.

Sunday 7
Occast - light NE breeze

The natives have been out sealing but saw only one and did not get it now with this wind the ice has broken off just off the island so there should be some more hunting but seal have been scarce all summer & fall.

Monday 8
Occast NE breeze

The natives are busy sealing & taking traps & seal up on the land preparatory to the run to get traps set.

Tuesday 9
Occast NE breeze

A native from Arana's ^{Telly} paid us a visit today. The natives are getting the odd seal. The weather remains mild.

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- Wednesday 10 The natives who came in some time ago from their respective fishing camps are preparing to go back in the morning.
Clear, N.E. breeze
- Thursday 11 Nalutka, E. Kookuk, Kimmukturn & Eelrok left for their fish camp. William Kuptana & Poyluk left to Edlabuk trapping camps. Just heard today that Poyluk's baby just six months old has been getting fed on flour & water because they ran out of milk. They thought they could fool the baby because the food looked like milk. Perhaps I should order some white wash for baby food.
Partly clear, NE breeze
- Friday 12 The place seems deserted around here now with all the natives gone. The Chilly was over for a while today. He is progressing with the new house he is building. practically all the inside work is finished now & he is building cupboards etc.
Partly Cloudy light
N.E. breeze
- Saturday 13 The temperature was up to 20° above. Last night for a while the wind or breeze switched to SE & we had a light fall of snow this AM. The radio has been coming in good. CICA is loud & clear at midnight & they have long code messages for B.C. district.
Clear: calm mild
- Sunday 14 The temperature remains mild, well above zero. There were two long code messages over CICA for Peace River & B.P. Ports but they were based on a tariff later than the one I have here.
Some snow falling.
Foggy & calm
- Monday 15 An other beautiful day, with bright sunshine. a westerly breeze springing up in evening but soon died out. The house is nearly banked but difficultly in finding snow hard enough to cut tracks.
Clear over head with
clouds on horizon - calm

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Monday 16
Weather unchanged

Another beautiful day and I dashed out and planted a few traps. Saw only one fox track, numerous tracks of Arctic Hare & Lemmings, noptarmigan. There was a push up of ice near west end of Igloodik. It appears to be about 20-25 feet high.

Wednesday 17
Same weather

Not a fox in my traps nor any sign of new tracks. The moon is just about full & with the clear sky and no wind, it makes the nights glorious.

Thursday 18
Same weather
though some fog

William Kuptana & Poytub arrived back off their trap line. They report foxes fairly numerous and expect a good year as they do not seem to be migrating out on to the ice.

Friday 19
Clear overhead but
misty on tundra, calm

I finished putting on the storm windows all around. They should make a difference to the house. They now have three window shut on each.

Saturday 20
Foggy - calm

Kimmukturn & Selrok arrived back from inland & left for a visit to Avramna's. They say the fox are not taking bait very readily.

Sunday 21
West breeze - clear
colder

Kimmukturn & his partner came back from Avramna's. They say there are numerous tracks on the land down that way - none on the ice - there are a lot of lemmings moving out on to the ice.

Monday 22
W. breeze Fog. Snow

Poor visibility but the natives are out setting more traps - They seem to be going concerns this year.

Tuesday 23
W. breeze fog

It was very thick early this AM but it cleared up during the day. I am getting the books in order.

- Wednesday 24 I decided out to see the traps and that
 Clear & calm all day ^{was all I got, the wind} ^{saw a group flying about} The natives were right
 W. breeze drift at night when they said there were no tracks on the ice.
- Thursday 25 The island is deserted again with all
 Clear - Calm the natives away to their traps - Just one
 month till Xmas - How time rolls along.
- Friday 26 Quite a strong breeze blew all day with some drifting
 West breeze fog. Foggy with poor visibility. Red mag from Dist Manja 10% drop
- Saturday 27 The radio has been poor the last week but picked up
 Calm very foggy this evening. We received a message of greeting
 from the Fur Trade Commissioner over the C.B.C.
 There was also a message to Mr. Kings River Poets
 15% drop from their last Tariff in all furs.
- Sunday 28 A news item today announced that the Wilkins
 Fogg - calm expedition (searching for the lost Russian fliers)
 which has returned to Aklaik with a new plane
 will make their base at Barlier Island & will
 establish a radio station there.
- Monday 29 We took the two pups out for a work out. This was
 Clear, light SE breeze the second time in harness. They worked better the
 first time. It gets dark early these days, we have to
 light up just before three PM.
- Tuesday 30 The Sun came only partly up on the horizon today.
 Clear, calm Johnny O'Connor returned from his line yesterday catch-
 ing nothing. He says there are not so many tracks
 & the foxes that are around will not take bait. It
 will be tough of the five peters out at this stage
 of the game.

Wednesday 1
Bully clear, calm

Mr Chilly was over for a visit. He found all his last outfit returns in a stationary cupboard. He thought he had sent them out last summer but evidently it was only the Walker Bay returns that went out. This will necessitate their sending a team to Coppermine soon - Fortunately my books are up to date having finished up November last night.

Several local native families came in from their fishing lakes. They report a diminishing amount of tracks & foxes caught. Kimmuktuin & Eelrok caught nothing on their way in.

District Office frequently wish to know what the prospects are. It is so hard to tell. There may be many foxes around now and a week from now they may all be gone and on the other hand many may come over night - there seems to be no scarcity of food so it is quite likely that there will be foxes around for some time yet in which case we should have an average year of from 800 to 1000 foxes but the wish may be father to the thought.

The sun did not show over the horizon today.

Thursday 2
Ocast. light breeze
some snow.

Taptoma returned to Kymer Point. Kimmuktuin & Eelrok are off visiting local lines of traps. Eelrok got nothing. Kimmuktuin went home this morning and not visiting a short trap line.

Friday 3
Clear, calm cool

Pootuk and Eelrok went visiting to Avramoo the former to pick up some seal.

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Saturday 4
Clear - calm

A group of families arrived from Arrana's evidently to make this their headquarters for a time.

Sunday 5
Clear calm

Johnny Quern returned last night from his traps he got skunked that makes the third successive week. He says there are more tracks farther inland than when he was out before but foxes will not take bait. Amos arrived today. He lives with Ole Andersen & traps from Richardson Island to Rymur Point. This is his first visit this season.

Monday 6
Clear & Calm

Amos says there are more foxes than last year but that unless foxes start coming this will not be a bumper year. Johnny Quern is making preparations for a dash to Cappingm on Wednesday. He has only four dogs so he does not expect to break any records.

Tuesday 7
Overcast SW breeze
snowing

It was clear this morning with a beautiful red sky but it soon changed when the breeze got up. The glass has fallen so we may be in for a spell of bad weather. Our mail is all ready in case tomorrow is a fine day & Johnny does get away. There has been no natives in from Prince Albert Sound since trapping started. Some of them must be getting low on supplies and I expect some one in any time now. Even Arrana has not been in. I expect to have 350 to 400 pelts by Christmas if the Prince Albert Sound gang come in at that time. Last year some of them went to Ikups for Christmas and then on up to Hatter Bay to trade after Xmas.

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Wednesday 8
Heavy drizzle

Johnny Tublak was to have gone to Coppermine this AM but weather prevented. Plans are altered to leave now on Friday owing to unsettled condition of weather.

Thursday 9
Clear light drizzle

It was a beautiful clear cold day. Hebet Kipok with Pile Komingak & Joe Kuptana arrived from P.A.S. They report the death of Mark Nummerna an old man of sterling qualities who has traded with the Company for many years. He had some debt on his outfit & his wife or widow is now trapping to pay it off. Trapping in the Sound is good so there should be some good catches made this year.

Friday 10.
Clear, light NE breeze

The long expected mail plane arrived at Coppermine today stayed only a short time and then returned would. Umoo left for his home but Johnny Omeam still remains here.

Saturday 11.
Clear Calm -38°

The three men from P.A.S. returned to their trapping grounds today and Johnny finally left for Coppermine. Radio was poor but we did hear a message from E.P.C. and there was some news in a message to M.R. pertaining to the fact that another drop in fur prices was expected.

Sunday 12.
Clear, light N. breeze -30°

The temperature has been cold for a few days but eased up. 8° F is not so bad now. The radio reception was much better again.

Monday 13
Clear, Calm -30°

I have had some difficulty in getting my S.W. radio hooked up but finally got it connected and apparently in order although I have not tested it yet.

Tuesday 14
Clear, calm -36°

Algiak arrived from Williams Point. He reports no fur down that way. He having caught only nine.

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- Wednesday 15 I could not get my radio working so packed it up for future reference. There are now nine snow houses here all being around Canalaska owing to no snow drifts around here. Kimmikthin & Elok arrived on off their trap lines this evening.
- Thursday 16 The weather holds good with almost a full moon the nights are nearly as light as the days.
- Friday 17 Several new snow houses went up today. The old houses getting very cold.
- Saturday 18 Avronna & family arrived this afternoon. His fur coat does not look as healthy as I had expected so my trade at Christmas will not be so high as I had anticipated. Etorkona's behavior will be below normal as he traps in the same territory.
- Sunday 19 The weather has taken a turn for the worse though it has turned mild.
- Monday 20 The wind hauled around and blew pretty hard but was greatly continues mild. The radio has gone bad again and lately we are getting very few stations and then with little volume. Johnny Onearm has been expected back the last couple of days but no sign of him yet.
- Tuesday 21 Etorkona & Tadhdiak arrived shortly after noon. It looks as though there will be very few visitors in for Xmas compared with last year.

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Tuesday 22
Ocast. calm

Some people arrived from Prince Albert Sound today for Christmas Tommy Gooe also arrived from the other side of PAS enroute to Cuppermine. He reports very few furs to the north of PAS amongst those arriving today were - Amokok - Pumiadluk - Komingood and Klemmerus Widow Sarah.

Thursday 23
NW wind drifting

A strong wind (NW) sprang up late last evening and blew all night but was not too bad today - Johnny Nohberg and Amos arrived Richardson Island Johnny has done the best of all the hunters, having 150 furs to date about 3 times as good as the next best man.

Friday 24
Strong NW breeze
drifting

The weather turned bad again last night and was certainly softing in the evening but is not too bad today again. We heard a message from Mr Opland sending greetings to us all in the north including C.F.E. employees. This has been a busy day and I do not expect to be in a Christmasy mood till after the natives have all gone and we can settle down and have our own Christmas.

Saturday 25
Ocast. strong NW breeze

Christmas Day I think all the natives in the world were in today to shake hands. They danced all last night at Canalaska and there is another powwow on tonight. We gave them a Christmas feed which they took to their snow houses and stored away.

Sunday 26
Ocast. strong NW breeze

The weather has been rotten all the last several days. The natives had a race but we took no part in it. We will put up paper at breakfast when the weather is better.

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Monday 21
Clear calm cold

Akron, Etobina & Tadiliak left for their trapping grounds to the west and Tommy Goose for Coppermine. The rest of our Christmas visitors are planning on getting away in the morning.

Tuesday 22
Clear calm -40°

Some more of our visitors left this morning. Amokok & Pamiashuk went back to P.H.S. Johnny Norberg left for Richardson Is. and some of our local hunters visited short trap lines.

Wednesday 29
Clear calm -40°

I got started on my books again after the visiting horde left. The post inventory was not made out last summer so will have to go out in January mail. With the large stock on hand now including a walker Bay goods there should be few requirements.

Thursday 30
Clear calm

Working on Requisition - no visitors today so made some progress. Our minkets sent up some fresh caribou meat some time ago so we will have a bit of a blow-out tonight.

Friday 31
Overcast, strong NE wind
heavy drift.

Tommy Goose had apparently not arrived at Coppermine up till broadcast time. There was nothing from them except that the father is pecked to leave Sunday for an extended tour of Prince Albert Sound and up as far as Walker Bay. The radio is a wash out tonight. Happy New Year.

Saturday 1
Clear light breeze

Working on the books today. There are several native families camped here. The men will be going to their traps Monday. They are all CTC men.

Sunday 2
Clear, calm -30°

The books all got away to their trap lines. It is very cold but so calm that it is really nice out.

Monday 3
Clear, calm -50°

Another beautiful day. We were working on Inventory and the books.

Tuesday 4
Clear - strong NE wind

Considerable drifting but the temperature has risen. We finished December books & typing Inventory with exception of servants. There was a message to Fort Collins from Winnipeg re forwarding Invoices to us and quoting for station in London. Johnny Duncan returned from his trap line - caught only 1 fox.

Wednesday 5
Clear light NE breeze

Things are very quiet around here as most of the native men are away visiting traps.

Thursday 6
Clear Calm mild

Mr Chitty said he saw the tip of the sun today but I think it must have been reflection as it seems too early to see the old Sol.

Friday 7
Clear calm mild

Rev Father Bulhard accompanied by Tommy Goose arrived from Coppermine. They will remain over a day before leaving for Walker Bay.

Saturday 8
Clear calm mild

Mr Chitty & the Father were over for supper last night. The Father was talking about the wind-mill driven generator for lighting that they have at Coppermine, he says it is the only thing for this country, it gives satisfactory light at minimum cost.

January

- Sunday 9 The butter did not get away because Tommy
Enning's cake was not ready.
- Monday 10 There is about 3" of soft snow on the ground
O'cast some snow The butter got away to a good start - owing to the
soft snow he decided to go along the coast.
- Tuesday 11 The weather continues mild with temperature
No breeze & not running from zero to -10°. The breeze is not strong
but owing to the light snow it is blowing it
around considerably.
- Wednesday 12 Very poor visibility. V.B.K. came on the air and played
O'cast calm Hazy one record and then cut off.
- Thursday 13 Colder today. The haze has cleared up somewhat and
O'cast by 11 E. breeze traveling will be better.
- Friday 14 The temperature was very low. The post thermometers
Clear calm cold are no good. When temperature gets real low the liquid
gets pink and gradually shades in to red. When
it starts to move up it always separates. Although
they are supposed to register to -60° they are not
much use below zero. We saw the sun for the first
time today but owing to a haze we saw only a red
ball. It was up quite high so has been back
several days.
- Saturday 15 Another cold frosty day with just a faint easterly
Clear, calm, cold breeze. The radio was good last night but tonight
we cannot hear a station.
- Sunday 16 Indistinctly arrived from down past Avon's he says
O'cast by 11 E. breeze They are catching a few fowls.

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Monday 17
Huge East

William Kuptana arrives back from his trap line late this evening. He says there are lots of tracks farther inland. They saw three caribou but were unable to get any owing to mishaps with dogs running away and rifle getting filled with snow.

Tuesday 18
O'cast calm mild

The clouds still stay over us but we did see the sun for a short time today.

Wednesday 19
O'cast, calm, mild

Wm Kuptana is all set for a dash to Coppermine to connect with the mail plane. The weather continues O'cast & it looks like snow. The radio has been absolutely dead as far as outside stations are concerned, since last Saturday.

Thursday 20
O'cast, calm, mild

There was a light fall of snow during the night. Wm Kuptana got away to a good early start. I sent my Radio (SW) down to Coppermine for repairs.

Friday 21
O'cast, calm, mild

Two boys arrived in from the seal camp. They are getting a very few seals but sufficient for their immediate needs. V.B.K. had a skid with me (hilly at 830 PM). They told us W. Kuptana had arrived. He made it with one sheep which is good time for this time of the year.

Saturday 22
Some snow. W. breeze

It was thought yesterday that the plane may possibly have made Coppermine today. Quite strong breeze.

Sunday 23
Strong W. breeze - drifting

A terrible day - our east windows are drifted over and it is up level with the roof. Glass is rising so it may not last. Radio still dead and V.B.K. came in with little volume today.

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Monday 24
Coast light
W. breeze

V.A.L. tonight told us the mail plane had arrived and was staying overnight. Mrs Deacon, wife of the op. in charge of Radio station was among the passengers.

Tuesday 25
Clear - calm

It is good to see the old sun again. It is quite high now and the days have lengthened out nicely.

Wednesday 26
N.W. breeze light ground
drifts

The plane left Coppermine yesterday and Wm Kuptana N.W. breeze light ground pulled out this morning but it was blowing and drifting down there and he was the only one to leave.

Thursday 27
N.W. breeze at times
quite strong

The early part of the day was fine but it began to blow in the evening and just whooped it up for the night.

Friday 28
Gusty - strong N.W.
wind at times

The weather was unsettled again today. It was blowing a gale for a while around noon. Wm Kuptana arrived this afternoon with the mail. I had a letter from Mr Gurn who says the foxes are plentiful in there. I hope they move out this year before the season finishes.

Saturday 29
Coast light N.W. breeze

We had a good mail and are still digesting it. Arravia visited today. He has been sealing doing good. Jake Ostoyuk arrived from Prince Albert Sound he was travelling with an old fellow Enowlowok but they became separated in the below and the old fellow has not shown up yet.

Sunday 30
Coast light N.W. breeze

Some natives came in from the seal camp - they are getting a few, early enough for their needs. There is still no sign of the old fellow. The radio is still a wash out. Coppermine being the only station we can hear.

Monday 31

Still no sign of the old fellow. The radio is still a wash out.

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Tuesday 1. All the people are in from the seal camp now and are preparing to visit their trap lines. The radio for outside stations seems good around seven PM some nights and then it goes off again. It is nearly three weeks since we had outside news.

Wednesday 2. The old man Enowelook blew in this forenoon. He has been wandering around on the land between here & P.A.S. for the last eight or nine days. Fortunately he had food so is now the worse for his outing.

Thursday 3. All the natives ^(men) left for a visit to their trap lines this morning. Jaddy Ohotok (a bum that drifted down here from Walker Bay last summer) returned because his primum stone broke. He has caught two foxes so far and did not get any seal. God only knows what he, his wife and two kids live on to say nothing of the dogs. It is surprising that he is so useless being a Barthelemy Island native. He has been at Walker Bay on here for several years now and cannot build a snow-house.

Friday 4. This N.W. breeze has been blowing with varying force for about a month now. The temperature remains low. There has been nothing startling in the way of news from Coppermine though they continue to come in well even though no outside stations on the broadcast band are coming in at all.

Saturday 5. The canary that my wife brought in with her did not sing during the short days but started again yesterday and today. Spring must be on the way.

- Sunday 6 I thank all the ladies & kids on the settlement.
 Clear, NW breeze cold paid us a visit today
- Monday 7 Two of the native hunters returned from their trap
 lines today one caught 10 and the other 16 so
 there are some foxes still around the they
 said there were few tracks. Nukimauk &
 his wife Blubba Jane paid us a social call.
- Tuesday 8 Drifting to beat the band all day. The radio
 still refuses to pick up in as far as outside
 stations are concerned. This is the longest spell
 of ^{radio} dud weather that I have ever experienced.
- Wednesday 9 The RC Bishop's plane arrived at 11:00 am to
 pick up Andy & his wife and a couple of children
 who became lost some time ago in a big blizzard
 and were severely frost bitten. The plane will
 take them to Smith Station.
- Thursday 10 Etrok visited a short trap line today but caught
 only one & saw only one track. With all the
 wind that we have been having, the snow
 is very hard and tracks may not be noticed.
- Friday 11 Our local natives pulled out to their usual
 camp again. Nukimauk shot a bear from
 the Okalluk Islands the other day.
- Saturday 12 A beautiful day the temperature went up to -11° in
 the sun but is down to -50° tonight. The radio
 is still a wash out but seems to be improving
 slightly.

- Sunday 13. Mr Chetty was over for a visit. We have not seen
Natty O'cast calm much of him for some time.
- Monday 14. The radio shows more improvement. We got some news
Clear - calm - mild this morning for the first time in about six weeks.
- Tuesday 15. Quite a strong breeze with considerable drifting
Clear - strong W. breeze but it died out in the evening.
- Wednesday 16. Coppermine Radio informed us that a M. A. S. plane
Clear light W. breeze had been there today with a party of tourists including
the big shot Harry Snider.
- Thursday 17. The radio reception has come back to normal
Clear light W. breeze and we are getting in touch with outside world.
- Friday 18. We had a note from Coppermine Radio saying
Clear calm - cold. The Whalers would be leaving on 21st for Read Is.
- Saturday 19. William Kuptana & Poytuk arrived off their trap
Clear & breeze cold lines yesterday. They say there are more tracks
now than there have been all winter.
- Sunday 20. Poytuk & William went out to the seal camp.
Clear E breeze cold Sam came in from there and says they are getting
just enough seal to keep them going.
- Monday 21. The weather has been bright but cold going down
Clear - SE breeze to -40° at night. The sun is getting well up
so we do not have to light up till 5.30.
- Tuesday 22. It is very quiet these. All the natives are out
Mostly clear SE breeze making and we are getting a good spell
of peace & quietness.

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- Wednesday 23. Some snow fell during the night. V.B.K. said that Mr Webster had left, was going as far as Ikey Bollo camp & he sent word to W.S. advising them to get there must be to Ikey not later than Mar 5th.
- Thursday 24. The glass has fallen rapidly and it looks like we are in for some dirty weather.
- Friday 25. The temperature has turned mild and the wind has increased till it is blowing & drifting to beat the band.
- Saturday 26. Mr Webster came across from the O Kallies yesterday but missed the island in the thick weather. It took him 25 minutes to come in this morning. We learn that the Company is building a new boat in Nova Scotia for Western Arctic Distribution.
- Sunday 27. Very strong wind with drift, all day visibility nil. Mr Webster & Mr Chitty came over for dinner & froze their faces on the way. Mr Webster baptised the baby Raymond Fredrick James.
- Monday 28. The weather cleared up a bit today the sea still NW wind grand drift disagreeable out.

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- Tuesday 1. A beautiful day. Mr Webster got away enroute to Ikey Bollo place and possibly to Walker Bay. I reset my traps but caught nothing fresh had been around the since I was out to them last.

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Wednesday 2
Clear, calm, mild

This is a nice spell of weather after the storm of a few days ago.

Thursday 3.
Clear, calm, mild

The natives arrived some days ago and have gone to reset their traps and not returned yet.

Friday 4
Clear light NW breeze

A strong wind got up last night and drifted considerably but it had died down to a gentle breeze by morning. The radio is working good.

Saturday 5
Clear, calm

The radio has picked up and at times performs to perfection but there is considerable fading especially in news programs. We heard a message tonight from Bishop Ben, saying he would not be in town to witness breakdown.

Sunday 6
Clear calm

Aurora and family, arrived in today and spent the night. He is certainly a grand guy. It is too bad there are not more natives like him.

Monday 7
Clear light NW breeze

Aurora left for home this noon. Rev Father Boudreau arrived from Walker Bay & Prince Albert Sound. He will be leaving in the AM for Cape Mudge. He reports absolutely no fur record of A.S. - Andrew Klengent, a good hunter with a long trap line out had caught absolutely nil. They and other Western natives had very few - The high man had around 15. Kimmaktoin & Edeok returned from their trap lines today and the they did not catch many, they say they are many new traps.

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Thursday 17
Clear, calm

There is plenty of soft snow lying around now to make travelling tough. Mr Chetty came over to borrow our fur press as he is to take his fur to go out on a plane this month.

Friday 18
Partly clear & E breeze - drifting

The plane arrived OK at Coppermine on 16th and left at 11 am aboard. They have about a foot of soft snow down that way.

Saturday 19
Clear, strong E breeze

The soft snow has been flying flying around here in great style the last couple of days.

Sunday 20
Clear & E breeze 6 mph

Weather remains unchanged. There is a great drift around the house - We have been expecting Mr Webster but the bad weather has probably delayed him.

Monday 21
Clear same breeze

Weather about the same - hazy & light ground drift.

Tuesday 22
Clear light E breeze

Weather continues unsettled. The natives are waiting around for Mr Webster's return from P.A.S. They are afraid of missing him if they go to their trap lines.

Wednesday 23
Partly clear & light breeze

I was working around out and digging out a waste to the store and forgot about Coppermine Radio.

Thursday 24
Clear, calm, mild.

There was only local news from V.B.K. yesterday. I finally left with our mail calling at Kugary and enroute.

Friday 25
Clear, calm, mild

A C.A. plane arrives Bear Lake enroute here & Cambridge will be over tomorrow weather permitting.

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Saturday 26
Clear mild

Bad weather at Base Lake kept the plane grounded. We learned that Mr. Bartlett of C.T.C. was a passenger coming in presumably for an inspection of their posts so what.

Sunday 27
Overcast snow flurries
light NE breeze

Weather is dull all over - no planes today. Mr. Webster arrived back from Walker Bay late this evening. He had been delayed by weather.

Monday 28
Overcast - heavy ground
drift - some flurries

Visibility is very limited but seems to be clearing a bit in evening. Mr. Webster is busy with his services and dentistry.

Tuesday 29
Clear - calm

Today broke with a clear sky. Mr. Webster left for Coppermine at eight this morning. The C.A.L. plane arrived at Coppermine this forenoon & broke a tail skid. It is doubtful if it will be able to go any further. At 10 PM we heard V.B.K. in communication with Cambridge Bay. The tail skid has been patched up and if Rudy Hines is sure of a smooth landing then he will take off in the morning.

Wednesday 30
Clear - breeze - no drift

The plane got to Cambridge OK but we did not hear about them getting back. Their trip to Read Island has been cancelled. Frenchy Chartrand arrived late this evening. He brought mail that came in to Coppermine a couple of weeks ago.

Thursday 31
Partly Overcast
Heavy ground drift

We had the Policeman & Mr. Chitty over visiting this afternoon and evening. The glare has been very high but fell rapidly today so we may be in for something in the weather line as usual when the Police patrol is here.

- Friday 1. The morning broke o'cast and calm but it started to snow about noon & the wind got up soon after. Father Boulliard left Coppermine Wednesday for here and Walker Bay - we had expected him here today.
- Saturday 2. Friendly (and Chetrand) left today on his return to Coppermine. Father Boulliard arrived just after noon from Coppermine. Kahk & Nelvana arrived from Pe Sound.
- Sunday 3. The Father left early today on his way to Walker Bay and way points. He intends to spend the summer near Hobman Island.
- Monday 4. Spring burst out in all its glory today. The frost started to fall from the roof of the store.
- Tuesday 5. Some snow fell early this morning. Nerana and his tribe arrived today & will spend Easter here.
- Wednesday 6. A most disagreeable day with the loose snow that fell yesterday, blowing around.
- Thursday 7. The radio reception has picked out again, even the short wave is silent - V.B.K. is the only station on the air.
- Friday 8. The local natives are out nearly every day to visit their seal holes. Seal are very scarce - some days they get one or two but mostly nothing. Toftoma got a young oogiuk today.
- Saturday 9. The days lately have been lovely with very clear & bright mild cold nights.

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- Sunday 10 Ptarmigan are around - not abundant but many
Clear - calm, warm more than there were last year.
- Monday 11 Jalluk arrived from about 25 miles to west. Kuptana Joe
Clear - calm - good arrived from Prince Albert Sound with word that Hikek
at night. Kyrak had died. It is the second of our first string
hunters to pass out. He also left a flock of unpaid
debts. Patuk also arrived from Prince Albert Sound
and Kimmiktu came back from inland where
he has been fishing.
- Tuesday 12 Ice is not coming in as well as I had anticipated
Clear - calm, mild and from the looks of things, I will not make
the figure I had set to reach.
- Wednesday 13 Ptarmigan are fairly plentiful and the natives
Clear, calm, mild are hunting them every day. Sealing also seems
to be improving. Etokema arrived from his camp to
the westward and some people arrived from PHS
Arvokok, Komegoak, Ootungak & Pennaduk.
- Thursday 14 Johnny Moberg arrived this evening from Copper-
Clear - calm, mild mine.
- Friday 15 Plans are being made for an Easter derby amongst
Clear & breeze cooler the natives. They are going to race out to and
around one of the Linton & Sutton Islands. No whips
allowed and the racers can run out if they wish
but must ride back. They are also talking of
holding a shooting match.
- Saturday 16 The natives held a shooting match today.
Clear & breeze drifting Poorly, the shooting was rotten perhaps
due to bad weather.

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Sunday 17.
NE breeze. Wind
drifting

The race was called off on account bad weather so the natives just milled around. Some more natives arrived from Bernard Harbour, Richardson Island and Williams Point. I think they are all here now.

Monday 18
NE breeze hauling
to N.W. Coast some
drift in PM. but fine
at night.

The races got away about noon - 18 sleds with 5 dogs each. 4 of the teams returned dropping out of the race. The race was around the nearest of the Okallukos about 55 miles. William Kuptana first - Arana second & Johnny Norberg third. Mr Chitty is accused of waving his arms at the finish and scaring Arana's dogs other wise Arana would have won.

Tuesday 19
Clear - calm. mild.

The natives held a foot race today & the winners with their dogs to a sled race around one of the islands.

Wednesday 20
NW breeze - drifting

A busy day in the store today. No snow yet. Natives are going to leave in the morning. My radio which has been ailing for some time finally gave up the ghost today - I do not know if I can repair it or not.

Thursday 21
NW breeze - drifting

Ukimaik was the only native to get away today owing to the blow.

Friday 22.
NW breeze drifting
in AM. clear calm Nite

Amokok, Kominook, went back to P.A.S. Johnny Norberg & Amos left for Richardson Island - W. Kuptana & Kaminukitua went to visit at Kugaynak - Etokona & Isdidiak went back to their camp along coast to west. I could not get V.B.K. on radio but Mr Chitty caught a message from P.D. authorizing Spring Creek.

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Saturday 23 Some more natives left today for a visit to Kugaryuk to exchange seal skins for muskrats.
Clear calm

Sunday 24 We had rather expected Mr Webster here today but he was not until informed by V.B.K. that owing to a children's epidemic of colds at Coppermine he had not left yet.
Clear light N.W. breeze

Monday 25 Some natives who were waiting here for Mr Webster, decided to wait no longer & pushed out for their camps Algonk to Williams Point and Kaktok to P.A.S.
Clear light N.W. breeze

Tuesday 26 Algonk and Juddy Carkok are the only men around here now but there are plenty of women and children. There are quite a few Ptarmigan on the island and I see the boys out hunting nearly every day.
Clear N.E. breeze some snow

Wednesday 27 Mr Webster is still at Coppermine. Mr Chetty had a wire from Mr Barlett from K.W.I. Mr B. expected to be back at Cambridge about May 4th.
Clear N.E. breeze

Thursday 28 For several nights now we have gone to bed with out using the lamp. It would be light enough outside to read at midnight.
Clear N.E. breeze drifting

Friday 29 Mr Webster was due to leave Coppermine tomorrow travelling via Kugaryuk & Richardson Islands so that he will not be here for about ten days.
N.E. breeze. Clear in AM. Clear in PM.

Saturday 30 The weather still looks unsettled though the glass is going up nicely. I brought boxes of earth in the house and have started my gardening. Several natives who visited Kugaryuk returned early this morning.
Clear. Hazy calm

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Sunday. 1
Clear but hazy
Calm

We had a heavy fog last night - Most of it had cleared up by morning but it is still rather hazy around the horizon. I saw two snow birds around tonight, the first I have seen. The Mr Chilly said he saw some about a month ago. Heard a message going to Walker Bay advising Mr Rowan & Mr Donovan to proceed west this summer as they were being transferred.

Monday 2
Occast, hazy or fog

Many Happy Returns HBC. There are very few natives around here just now and they are busy making getting just enough to live on.

Tuesday 3
Clear. Hazy - mild
light E. breeze.

The weather continues mild but is changing except a little on the south side of buildings. I returned from Kymur point.

Wednesday 4
NE breeze Occast
ground drift common

The post radio has not been working since last but I had it going for a while today. Heard most of HBC. Arana arrived back from Loppinmire late tonight.

Thursday 5
Clear light NE. mild

Kumtwin arrived from Kuyaypak last night with Arana - Arana's son-in-law accompanied them. He will stay with Arana in the outfit. The son-in-law Katoktuk is an old acquaintance of mine from Bear Lake & Kuyaypak days. It is rather a curious sort of post danger on and over debt who ever he has been but he will not get a chance to over any at Read Island.

Friday 6
Clear in AM. Hazy
Clear in PM. light NE

The natives are getting short of dog feed but keep hanging around waiting for Mr Chilly. Skilledak arrived.

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Saturday 7 yesterday & today are real Spring days. Saw the first of the spring birds - I do not know the name. Etukona arrived this morning. Mr Webster & his nature also pulled in this A.M. I finally got my radio in to operating condition and we got both short & long wave reception CSEA came in good at midnight.

Sunday 8 Mr Webster is staying here but holding services (3 a day) at Canalaska.
Clear light SE breeze

Monday 9 My ice on the ice stage was melting so fast that I had to put it into barrels. Nelvana returned from a Bear hunt. He got three, a mother and two cubs.
Partly clear SE breeze

Tuesday 10 The snow is very soft today and water is appearing on the ice. All the natives had to knock the mud off their sleds. Mr Webster left this evening for Coppermine via Bernard Harbour. Most of our visiting Eskimo also pulled out.
Clear, SE breeze
some rain at night

Wednesday 11 The weather is still balmy and the snow is melting. There are only three native links in town now.
Partly clear some fog

Thursday 12 Annokok, Anowuk Punnaduk & Kahok arrived from Prince Albert Sound. Katooyok (Smetant) also pulled in from up Holman Island way. The Sound natives report the death of Punnuk a man who has been ailing & crippled for years.
Clear, foggy, some
mist & snow at night

Friday 13 The breeze hauled around to N.W. and turns cold 12° every thing tightens up again - Ootwoyuk arrived from PSE & Kuptana returned from Chuk.
Clear, SE breeze
fogging

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Saturday 14
Clear - strong wind
Snow & drift

The natives must be having an uncomfortable time living in tents today. All our natives are in now and the trade is about over except for an odd f1 from a few natives who are expected in from distant places and I do not count on them having many as they will have traded before arriving here.

Sunday 15
Clear - strong wind & breeze

The weather is still freezing and wind is howl and disagreeable. The natives are getting the moving urge & will probably be leaving the day after tomorrow. The radio has been pretty good both long & short wave.

Monday 16
Clear - stiff N breeze

The temperature is still cold. There are plenty of Ptarmigan around & lots of small birds.

Tuesday 17
Clear heavy snow
full most of day N breeze

Iadidiak arrived. I do not know why as he had nothing except a blinak eye which he picked up from the anchor when it jumped out of snow. E. Lok & his mother arrived back late tonight.

Wednesday 18
Partly Clear - calm
just thawing

Iadidiak left again about 200 teams arrived last evening from Walker Bay. Geo Porter & his gang. I understand they will be around here till Geo goes west with Schooner Fox.

Thursday 19
Partly cloudy SE breeze

Kimmuktuin arrived back from a seal & wood gathering hunt over near Berkeley. He got 15 seal. Weather has turned mild again.

Friday 20
Clear light SE breeze
quite mild & balmy

Navigat & a young fellow Etokoria arrived from Krusenstern. Some of our local hunters arrived back from seal hunting.

~~Monday 21~~
~~Cloudy light rain~~
~~some mist in rain~~

The remnants of the PAS natives pulled out today Omyah, Komyah, Kabok & Kuptana. That is the last we will see of them (I hope) till next winter.

Sunday 24
Clear light variable
breeze

Though pulled out for Lady Franklin Point, some of our last natives returned yesterday from sealing and returned out on the ice again. They are doing fair. The natives report many foxes out on the ice hunting young seal. Geo Potter paid a visit this evening.

Monday 23
Clear light breeze mild

It is thawing in the daytime but freezes up light every night. We had expected Mr Chitty to send a team to Coppermine but evidently it has been called off now.

Tuesday 24
Clear NE breeze cooler

On Sunday 22 a son was born to Mrs & Mrs Baker. Matlukuk a western Indian who came down from Walker Bay with Geo Potter.

Wednesday 25
Clear NE breeze cool.

It still thaws in the day time but turns cold at night. The green foxes have all been stretched. I had them all stretched just before Easter and we took in over a hundred frozen foxes during Easter trade. Next year we should start docking natives for skins not stretched.

Thursday 26
Clear NE breeze - cool

The midnight sun has been with us now for several days. Muckmak blew in during the night.

Friday 27
Clear calm warm

The natives are in and out so much these days that I cannot keep track of them. The report having seen ducks, geese, gulls etc. I started painting, firing the ceiling a coat.

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Saturday 28 The days now are quite warm but everything
Clear - calm - warm freezes up solid at night. The natives for some
time now have reported large tide cracks -
It is opening up earlier than it has done for
several years past. Mrs. Chetty received a
message regarding the Canastota Trading
Company being taken over by the Hudson's
Bay Company so we will have to get busy
taking inventory. The natives have not been
told as yet - I wonder what their reaction
will be. Some of the natives have been very
loyal to the CTC but I do not think we will make
much difference to them coming over to the company.

Sunday 29 These sunny nights are grand, I only wish
Clear - calm - Warm we could get more of them. The period of it
on the other day is still not dry enough to suit.

Monday 30 The snow is such a nuisance to Read Island
Weather unchanged today - I had to cut a channel when the side
of the store to let a pool run away - There is
still a lot of snow around the buildings.

Tuesday 31 Another fine day but the breeze kept the water
Clear - breeze warm blue down but water was running every where.
Good night Canastota this is the night you
pass out.