

Skinboats Used to Unload Cargo

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WALES—The community building is in progress. Quite a few carpenters were working on it. It was all covered up but had to be abandoned for lack of material.

Charles Christiansen, our school teacher, was busy working on his skinboat before the school starts. That was his fourth skinboat since he came here. He averaged one skinboat and a motor a year. But he wound up with one skinboat and two motors this time.

The boat is around 28 feet long. And finest one he ever built.

October 18, the supply ship North Star III came. After unloading at Diomed Island.

Three skinboats belonging to Jonah Tokienna, Charles Christiansen and Roland Alexander were used, also four other plywood boats. Clarence Ongtowsruk's, Roland Angnaboogok's, Toby Anangazuk's, and Andrew Seetook's also were working.

Charles Christiansen's boat runned by Roy Okpealuk hauled

213.84 tons of cargo, which was little more than any other boat.

Diomed Island poeple had reported of catching five walrus. And they were catching quite a few spotted seals before that.

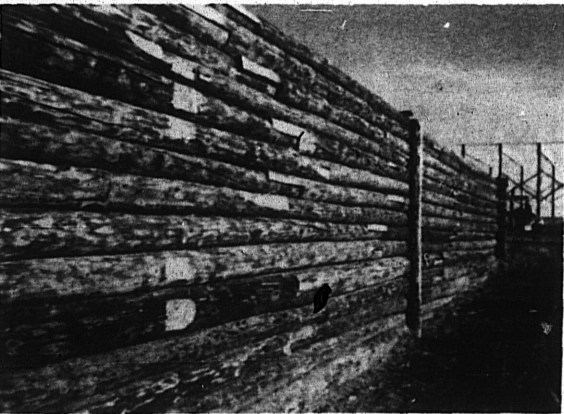
Our teacher Charles Christiansen's boat is the only one that do any hunting. Mr. Christiansen goes out only on Saturdays and the weather is good but let the others use it on school days.

And for their effort, they catch some seals and one large oogruk.

And Olaf Piscoya came from Nome to take inventory of the lumber for tank building with two tanks, also some equipment for the schoolhouse. This all came off from North Star at October. Also the lumber was stored away so they could be dry when it is ready to use.

Olaf Piscoya hired Silas' Komanaseak, Roy Okpealuk, and Pat Ongtowsruk to do all this work.

This building and tanks were to be constructed by next summer.



THE LOG SIDING--The neat structuring of the Ft. Yukon boarding home structure is shown in the picture.