

Our Barrow Correspondent Hears New Village Gets Whale

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FAIRBANKS Yesterday, we heard from the people who have moved east from Barrow village. Few families left Barrow village last spring close to Colville River and will settle there, build houses, even there's store there also.

Mr. Thomas Napageak, Eskimo, was one of them. Thomas took his family with him, also Edward Nukapigak's family, Steve Hopson's family, David Brower's family and others.

I know all these men before, good whalers and good hunters also. Have seen them handling whale weapons, such as whale guns, 40 pound ones, and also darting guns, bombs in each of them.

And yesterday Mr. Max Adams, Eskimo residence of Barrow, said that Thomas Napageak caught a whale. This means that this whale can last them all winter long as the group there in new village are less than 100.

The new village is between Barrow and Kaktukvik (Barter Island Editor).

As we understand, that the area where they lived now is good hunting ground, games all kinds nearby. There are still others who wants to moved there from Barrow village yet.

LAY PREACHERS

Not long ago, Mr. N. Ahvakana, lay preacher of Presbyterian, had shot a polar bear and it was all fat too.

Nelson is one of the other young man, what I mean is these three young men, Nelson, Rex and James, they been drawing good salaries and wanted to become a minister.

They all quit their good jobs and now all of them became an day preacher. I'm proud of them, after all when they chose a right thing. Now James Nageak is down in lower state, Rex Okakok in Fairbanks and Nelson Ahvakana in Barrow.

WHALEERS READY

Whalers in Barrow are getting ready again to go ahead and hunt whales. According to Max Adams, he said the sea is very rough and hold them whalers, and as soon as the sea calms down, they will go out.

He said there is no ice nearby.

COVER, HOW?

A very good question from one of the student appears early this morning.

"Say, Guy, may I ask you a question?"

"Why not," I answered him, "what is it young man?"

He said, "Can you tell me how you people ever put a cover

and what kind of a material you used?"

"Take your time," I said.

"What do you mean mentioning a cover on what?"

"Eskimo drum cover."

"Oh, I see. Here let me explain. We Eskimos uses whale membrane, walrus stomach membrane, and when you don't have any of these two materials, we even used caribou skin, hide."

I even showed him how to put it on.

"Thank you," he said, and left.