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Winter time on St. Lawrence Island

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There are things and ways we must do this time of the year, when temperature drops down to below zero.

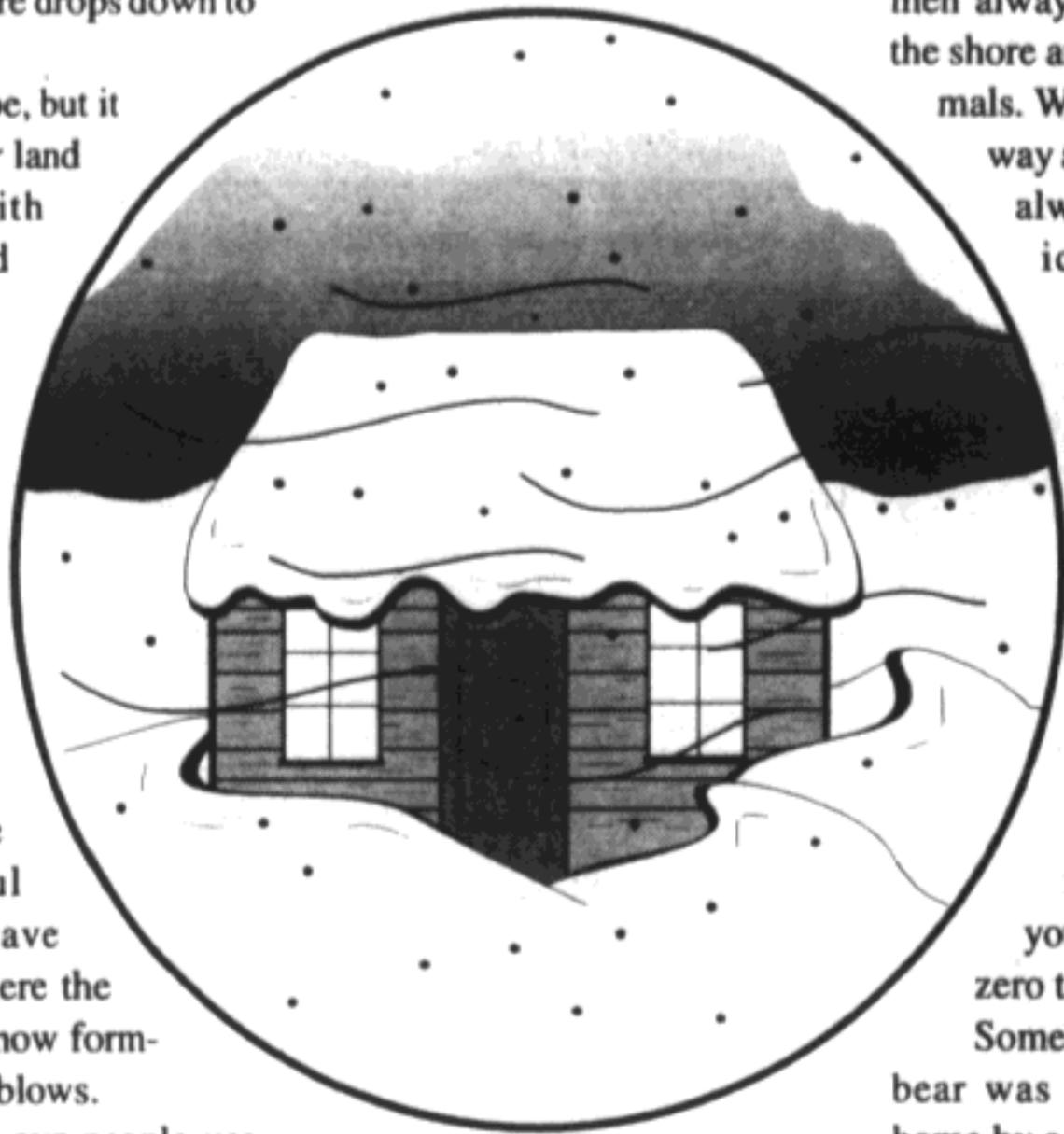
Cold it may be, but it is beautiful. Our land is all white with mounds here and there between houses and other places. Blowing cold powder of snow, forming high walls of whiteness around the houses have very beautiful sights. They have sharp edges where the cold powdery snow forming as the wind blows.

Now a days our people use snow machines and Hondas to go about. They work wonderful.

Years ago, we use to travel by

dog teams a lot.

The ice from the north arrives here for winter and some shore ice float up from the bottom of the sea



when it is below zero temperatures.

When the mass of ice arrives from the north like a great mov-

ing continent, there'll be herds of walrus here and there sometimes and there will be polar bears and of course seals. So our men always go out walking at the shore and watch for sea animals. When the weather and way are favorable the men always get out on the ice, walking and sometimes with their walrus-hide boots. They catch some seals and walruses, too and would come home. We use those for food and skins from the seals usually are good for boots or mukluks with them you don't feel the below zero temperatures.

Some weeks ago, a polar bear was killed and brought home by a guy around here!

The whales are out there, too at the open water places, where the ice moves.