I went in an igloo in Iqaluit; it was made for the spring holiday. It was 20° below zero, but the igloo was warm, even without the traditional seal oil lamp or quillig.

Our next stop was Pangnirtung, a town known as an art center. Inuit art is appreciated and sought after all over the world. We visited a sod house kept like it would have been fifty years ago. The grandmother told us funny stories which we understood after they were translated from the Inuktitut language into English by her daughter. We drank Labrador tea and ate biscuits. Most women make their own beautiful parkas and carry their children in the big hood, which looks cozy.

An igloo is made of snow blocks. After crawling in the snow porch, you will step down into the interior. The blocks are not placed layer upon layer, but in one continuous line like a snail.

Two white spots above a dog’s eyes are takoolik.

A fur jacket with a large hood for carrying a baby is an amauti.

Sled dogs sleep outside; sometimes under the snow.

Skin boots are called kamiks.

A sled is called a komatik.