

SHOOTING MOOSE IN ST. JOHN COUNTY.

Graphic Description of How Two St. John Young Men Each Got a Moose Within Twenty Miles of Town --- Rare Sport Within Easy Reach.

When a man can shoulder his pack and vanish into the wilderness with the certainty of bringing home one of the monarchs of the forest, providing he can shoot fairly well and that the elements are kind, that man is in a magnificent game country and in the hands of a most competent guide. Both these important factors are to be had within 20 miles of our winter port, practically unknown and undisturbed by a White, a Roberts or railway adds.

Having had your kit thrown off at either Musquash or Lepreau and your team and Indian ready, you are prepared for a trip that the average sportsman thinks ceased to exist fifty years ago.

Being unable to take advantage of the drive from Lepreau, accompanied by my brother, we started for Log Falls from Musquash, carrying our blankets Indian fashion on our backs. Joe having made a trip the day before which our grub. We reached the fall about 11.30, and examining our canoe, which by the way is the most trustworthy craft I have ever paddled, we piled in our packs and in the course of a few hours were in camp at Wing Dam. The paddling was slow and cautious, it being the third week in November.

After a hearty supper we swapped yarns over a good pipe, and having filled up the stove and taken a last look at the sky we rolled over in our blankets for the night.

Wednesday was a poor day, as there was hardly a breath of wind, and it was 4 o'clock before we struck a fresh track, following it until dark, when we returned to camp.

Here, if my readers will pardon me, I will try and give the essence of my experience in "still" hunting beside which "calling" is tame. Moose feed always down the wind, never traversing the same ground twice, while feeding and feed to windward, lying down to the lea. Up north many people wait for moose for hours, attributing their success to still hunting, while in reality the outcome is a result of good luck and a knowledge of the country.

Joe hunts them scientifically, and if the hunter can stand the walk he can, by the aid of the winds and his knowledge of nature, take you within gunshot of any moose whose track he crosses, providing it is at least only a few days old. And I'll take off my hat to the man who can surpass him at it, but, until he shows up, I will endeavor to defy Jack Frost.

On our way to camp Joe said that we had been following a cow and a bull, and that they were one day ahead of us, the bull being an old one.

Thursday, the wind had changed, and about a mile further on from where we had left the track the previous evening, we cautiously approached a large hill overlooking a lake, and giving a splendid view of the surrounding country.

"Do you see that Doug?" whispered Joe. "Watch it."

Far away on a distant hill could discern a faint black object. Slowly it began to move, and I caught a glimpse of its antlers. It was a bull moose, feeding. In an instant the tramp of the two previous days was forgotten, and the rain which started to fall was welcomed.

Silently, and with all possible speed we began a lengthy detour, and after half an hour reached the spot, but only a gnawed birch and a huge track was discernible. Joe

immediately began to hunt the greenwoods to the leeward, a task which required an hour. On returning he said it was the cow and bull, but that they had left the greenwoods and were in a clump of bushes about half a mile distant.

This statement seemed miraculous, considering he had not seen them or reached the trees in question, and there were plenty of trees of the same description scattered over the country for several miles.

With great caution, we approached the trees, and suddenly Joe dropped to the ground exclaiming: "My God there they are!"

I have read of crawling through the brush, but the crawling we did for the next few hundred yards was a caution. Thankfully the storm had increased in fury. It was some time before either my brother or myself could see them, and when we did we were well paid for our trouble.

From our final positions, in a hollow, we could plainly see them one hundred and twenty-five yards away. The bull was standing low on his head, it being on a level with his body, the cow to his rear on slightly rising ground, and had I overshot him a few inches I would have owed Mr. Knight a Xmas present.

"Take a fine sight," whispered Joe, and I did, the 30-30 plunging into his shoulder as this was the best shot I could take. He turned quickly to his left and again appeared on a hill fifty yards further on. The cow meanwhile, was doing some unaccountable travelling.

As the moose reached the brow of the hill, Joe called, causing the former to stop and I had the good luck to place a soft nose through his heart, and after a brief run was in at the death of my second moose in my first two years.

The head was rather small, but he would have tipped the scales at over ten hundred.

On the way to camp I noticed Joe was covering too much ground to suit two tired fellows who had had nothing to eat since morning, and it was then nearly three. Well, that was what struck another trail unknown to us, and in a few minutes we could make out a moose as he disappeared into the forest.

Hunger was forgotten, and we did some running that would have done credit to many a harrier. Again we approached a hill, and beheld two young bulls crossing a partly frozen lake. Taking careful aim my brother brought down the nearest, and in an hour we reached camp 3 hungry men, but in excellent spirits, and after a hearty supper discussed our luck until the candles spluttered.

We could have easily killed the cow or the other bull, but we had enough according to the law. Joe only took in four parties this fall, securing them each a moose, himself killing one moose and two deer.

Fred Clinch, of Musquash, also succeeded in getting two splendid deer. Last year the first moose was killed according to the expiring of the law on that side of the St. John river. Joe shot a moose weighing 1600 pounds, without doubt the largest killed in the province in years.

I have had some splendid trout fishing in this vicinity, on Clinch's River, and know of no better place to forget such things as Lawson troubles and doctors' bills.

P. S. This year the finest head was brought to town by Arthur Thorne, the moose weighing 1400 pounds. This beats in size anything killed this season.

MR. BALFOUR IS PRUDENT.

Insists That Colonies Must Not Be Pressed.

GRADUAL UNION.

No Cut or Dried Proposals For an Imperial Conference--Comments of the Press.

On Saturday last, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach headed a deputation to Mr. Balfour, the purpose being to induce the government to include imperial trade reciprocity among the questions for discussion at the proposed colonial conference.

The Premier, in his reply, dwelt on the enormous difficulties facing the proposed colonial conference in the formulation of proposals for the common weal, but emphasized the necessity of the Empire drawing more closely together, saying: "The unhappy change which has occurred in the distribution of armaments throughout the world shows no sign of being less menacing to the safety of the British Empire, in the future. The tendencies are calling for greater watchfulness, and I am afraid I must add, far greater efforts than has ever been the case in the past."

He added that they should not only consider the present circumstances, but future tendencies of the growth of the colonies. They should bear in mind that "our children, for whom in their most helpless years we rightly took upon ourselves the whole burden, have gradually become our equals, and as they grow up they will assist their parents and take a larger share of the common burden. The process must be gradual. We cannot unduly press them."

The Standard makes this favorable comment: "If the States beyond the sea are to contribute, they must be left to submit their own assessments. A demand note, however politely disguised as a draft scheme, would go far to dry the font of patriotic liberty at its source. South Africa is just recovering from the exhaustion of the war. Australia is deep in the toils, solving social problems and evolving political institutions. The financial condition of Canada is unsettled by

the uncertainties as to the future tariff. Above all things, we must consult the extreme sensitiveness of the colonies. If they come in, it must be as equals among equals. We, as a generous mother, will gladly accept such help as our children may be prepared to render, but we must not exact it or suggest it."

The Manchester Guardian says: "The colonies may give sums from time to time as an eleemosynary grant, but a demand as of right would, in their opinion, be an infraction of colonial independence and a withdrawal of the rights we have given them in time past. From this position no amount of coaxing or bluster is likely to induce the colonies to depart."

The Liverpool Post-Mercury says: "Premier Balfour reminded the deputation that the colonies were our children. While Mr. Chamberlain is pursuing his fiscal campaign, we are not likely to be allowed to forget the relationship. We have also to remember that the colonies have a very strong objection to being treated as children, and that they are claiming all the rights of mature states. Why should South Africa and Australia be expected to give voluntary contributions if Canada is to go free, and why should Canada contribute to a defence fund in the expenditure of which she will have no choice?"

Lord Strathcona discussing Mr. Balfour's statement said: "This is a statesmanlike presentation of the case, no precipitate action of any kind is contemplated, and no cut and dried proposals. It is simply a case for unfettered consideration in Canada and the other colonies. In our own interests, as part of the empire, Canadians will note that the new admiralty plans greatly strengthen the fighting efficiency of the fleet if a cause ever arises in Canada or any other waters of the empire."

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To Aid the Poor--Student Demonstration--Status of the Jew.

Kishenev, Dec. 14.--The district Zemstvo has voted \$105,000 to purchase bread and to open warehouses for the sale of flour and grain to the distressed at cost price, as the Jews are buying up all the grain in the villages and reselling it at three times its cost.

Moscow, Dec. 14.--There was another student demonstration here today. The town council has telegraphed to the interior ministry a petition in support of the Zemstvo memorial. The humane society has asked for permission to aid in the relief of the sufferers in Bessarabia.

Elizabethgrad, Russia, Dec. 14.--The town council has rejected a petition in favor of the qualification of Jews to participate in municipal elections.

STEAMERS HAD BAD WEATHER.

New York, Dec. 14.--Coated with ice from stem to stern several trans Atlantic steamers arrived here with reports of unusually heavy weather at sea. The Slavonia from Trieste, had 12 successive days of storm. The Rotterdam, from Rotterdam, had a generally stormy weather throughout her passage. On Sunday she ran into a northeast hurricane with furious squalls of snow and hail.

SHY ON WATER IN COLUMBUS.

Columbus, O., Dec. 14.--Drought has lowered the Scioto river, to a low stage and the river from which Columbus secures its water supply is today frozen nearly solid. The water works officials today issued a warning to the people to hoard their water supply and fill their cisterns while there is an opportunity as the water supply may be cut off.

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