

# THINKS THE MOOSE WILL GO THE WAY OF THE BUFFALO

**Former York County Man, Now a Resident of Nova Scotia Presents His Views on an Interesting Subject---Is a Friend of Birds and Animals---Thinks Such a Splendid Animal as the Moose Should be Well Protected.**

(By Samuel A. McDonald, New Glasgow, N. S.)

Being a New Brunswicker by birth, and after an absence of more than fifty years viewing once more the old familiar scenes of my boyhood days in St. John, my destination was out the Canadian Pacific Railway twenty miles beyond Harvey on the St. Stephen road, where in the past, in the years that have flown, I have spent

many pleasing hours among friends. Many of these have long since departed, some to Colorado, some to the Land of the Leal, over beyond the Silen River. I well remember the drive out by Musquash, Magaguadavis village the falls, and out out beyond towards Fredericton. I wanted once more to see the winding Magaguadavic river, the intervals, the beautiful lay of the hills out beyond, clothed with the finest of forest trees.

I have lived in New Mexico and Colorado for a number of years, taking cognizance of the beauties of the Rockies. I was with a surveying party laying out a new route from Leadville to Salt Lake, through the divide towards Aspen on the Pacific coast. For miles as far as the eye could see was forest primeval, only a trail, trod by the Indians in the past, and by the prospectors since the advent of the whites. The summit was above timber line, 12,000 feet altitude. It was a grand, magnificent sight to look on. On one side was the headwaters of the Missouri, the Arkansas that flows from Leadville out through the Grand Canon of the Arkansas, the momentous work of nature. On the other side was a stream called the Roaring Forks that flowed into the Grand, into

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the Colorado, and into the Gulf of California. There was game a-plenty, elk and deer. My ideas about deer were badly shattered when I saw them playing with a rosy cheeked little girl in the streets of Greeley, Colorado.

### A Fine Animal.

Being a friend of the birds, the deer and the moose, that noble animal of our forest, I cannot help remarking on the wanton destruction of those animals that roam in the woodlands and barrens of our provinces and the extreme methods that are used to shoot and destroy the moose. I wonder if the people ever take time to realize the immense and also the intrinsic and economic value of those animals that roam in the vast solitudes of the forest, and their wide-spreading horns

branching out in some cases sixty inches, or even seventy, in breadth. The moose are valuable and are well worthy of protection from the ruthless hands of those who own, or who by hook or by crook can borrow, a gun. The local government should put a damper on the killing of those animals. So far as my knowledge goes they never in the least destroy the crops or annoy the farmer. By all means give them a fair show, a chance to live. They are a valuable asset and are well worthy of the protection of the powers that be.

This reminds me of the destruction of the wild pigeons some seventy-five years ago. Fifty years ago I have listened to remarks made by people in York county, N. B., about those birds which would go there in certain seasons. They were slaughtered wherever they went until they entirely disappeared, exterminated. People come long distances from the United States the west, the southwest, and even from across the Atlantic to hunt the moose. They place a high and extreme value on a moose head with a fine set of horns for mounting, to take back to their homes to set up in some convenient place, and tell their friends and relatives of their exploits and varied experiences while hunting in the provinces. A set of moose horns and head is worth \$125 mounted and like the necessities of life are still advancing in price.

There is another animal that in time would be valuable—the elk that resembles the deer, but is a larger animal with horns with single prongs. I have seen the horns more than four feet long and one and three-quarters inch through the base. There were lots of elk through the Rockies. I have seen them tamed and harnessed in the streets of Denver. When the storms are severe they come down to the towns and villages looking for food. They are protected and their wants are supplied.

So far as I can see there was nothing but spruce on the mountains there, and cottonwood like our poplar, near the waterplac. It would be money well invested to procure a few elk, whether purchased by the government or local parties, and give them their liberty here like the deer and moose to roam the barren and woodland of our province. There are several kinds of trees and limbs off which they could browse in the winter. There is not the least doubt of their ability to thrive and multiply and withstand the climate of our province. There ought to be a slowing down in hunting and killing the moose. The brake should be put on good and hard; they are too valuable to be hunted and shot for the sake of selling the carcass for a paltry sum of money or for the pleasure of killing them.

### A Buffalo Herd.

As to the real value of the moose; let us consider the buffalo. We have heard of the immense herds estimated at from 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 or more that roamed on the vast plains of the United States back in the sixties. Those vast herds were a grand and impressive sight. When the Union Pacific railway was built across the plains from Kansas to California they were hunted for their hides. I have talked to men in Colorado who witnessed those scenes and who saw buffalo by the thousands stampeding the prairies. Their feeding grounds were from the Missouri river to the foot hills of the Rockies. A Mexican half-breed living in the Flathead country of Montana had in his possession 815 head of buffalo or bison. The Canadian government had at that time some 250 head of these animals in parks. After considerable dicker-ing the government purchased the 815 head at \$250 each, twelve years ago. It took nearly two years to round them up and load them on trains before the last one was delivered in Alberta, a journey of 1,000 miles. They are now domiciled there in large parks, many miles in extent. They are a national asset. Those who planned this built better than they knew. The United States government saw their mistake and wanted to purchase 300 of them from the Dominion, but there was nothing doing; they were too valuable to sell even to our best neighbors. These animals have increased and multiplied and are worth many times over the original price paid for them. The hides are valuable. The mixed breed, cattle and buffalo, are also valuable for their hides and meat.

### Conserve the Moose.

It stands to reason that if buffalo some twelve years ago were worth \$250, the price of a very fine horse, surely that grand and majestic monarch of our forest, the moose and his mates, and to compete, in beauty, in form and in other ways with the value of the buffalo. Our moose are worth far more to our provinces than we give them credit for. By all means conserve that valuable animal. Give them freedom to roam, as the powers that be have given the buffalo. In a few words, if the local governments of our provinces will protect the moose properly, they will have a bonanza. There is no mistake about it. There are vast places in the provinces which it might be well to set aside for park purposes to give those animals a chance to thrive and multiply, so that those who come after us will look with pride on those noble animals, the king of our forest, the per of them all.

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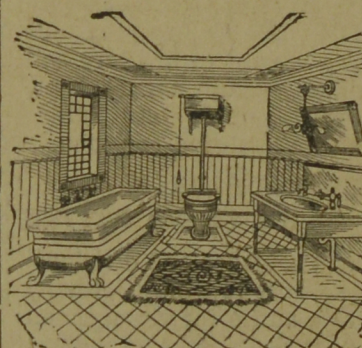
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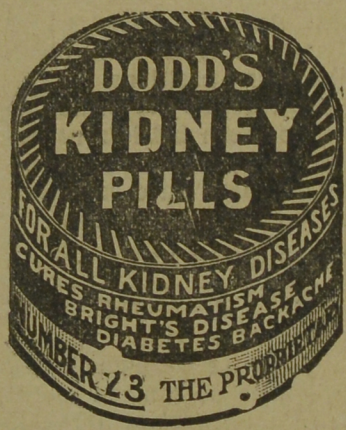
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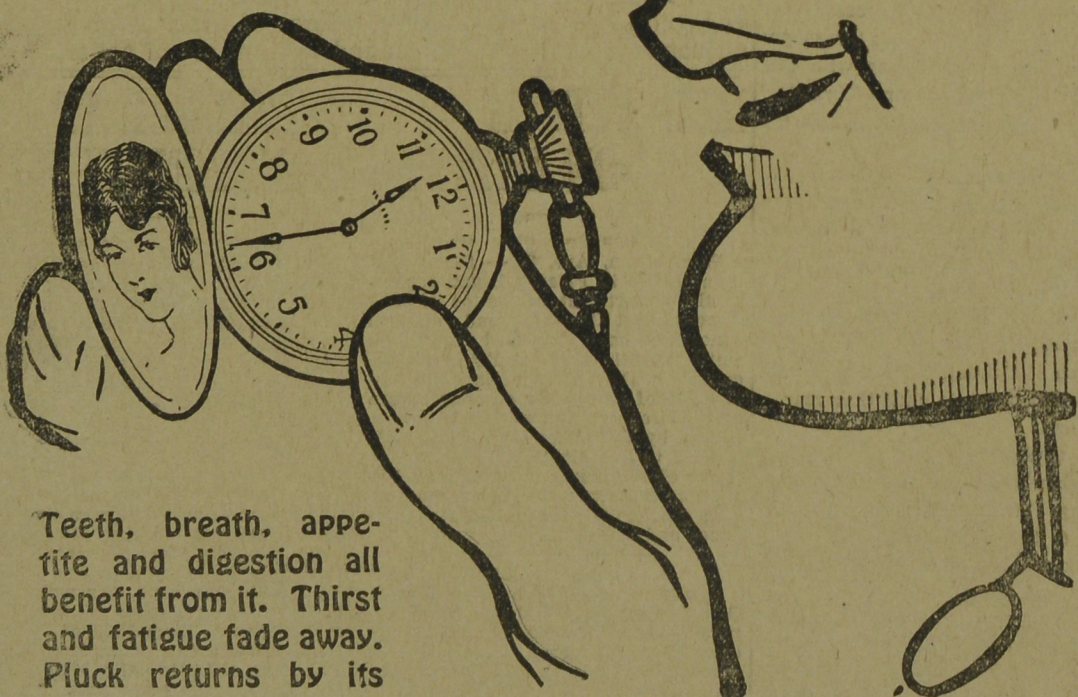
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