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Premier Tweedie Hints at Some Possible Changes.

YORK COUNTY GUIDES GIVE EX-
PRESSION TO THEIR VIEWS

At the Meeting of the North American
Fish and Game Association.

St. John, February 2.—This morning's meeting of the North American Fish and Game Protective Association was opened with an address of welcome by His Worship Mayor White, who cordially greeted the visitors and expressed his sympathy with the aims and objects of the Association.

Premier Tweedie drew attention to the fact that several guides were present. He had always thought it might be advisable to have a close season for big game, say one year in every five or six. It is true that the game of New Brunswick has greatly increased in the past few years. He would like to have the subject discussed. The views expressed would have great weight with the various legislatures of the Dominion and the several states of the Union. There was always a feeling that protection was an interference with individual rights, but of late the idea has become general that it is an advantage to protect the game. There is also difficulty with the wardens. It would be better if the matter could be removed entirely from the arena of politics. Wardens should not be appointed for political reasons. Some wardens are village storekeepers, and

never go out at all. He thought there should be an examination of all seeking to be wardens. He also thought consideration should be given to the question of hunting moose by call. It might be better to do away with hunting in the fall season, but he was not absolutely clear in his own mind on that question. Deer are much injured by lynx, but there is difficulty in dealing with the question of bounties. There was a bounty on the lynx, and Charlotte county seemed to be overrun with them, and it was finally decided that there was a reciprocity between Maine and New Brunswick hunters, who were swapping skins. It was necessary to stop the bounty.

Mr. Chambers stated that it was known that Indians in Maine had manufactured seal snouts so as to get the bounties.

Mr. Chambers read the report of the auditors showing the accounts are correct; also letters of regret from Messrs. W. S. Henderson and J. S. Richards, Massachusetts representatives of the Association, expressing regret at their inability to attend.

Hon. A. T. Dunn introduced Mr. Adam Moore, guide. Mr. Moore said a close season is not needed in New Brunswick. Only a few years ago there were few moose on the west side of the St. John river; now there are lots of them. Mr. Moore thought a higher local license was advisable. The day may come when New Brunswick will need a close season, but that will not be for a long time. Mr. Moore said the wild cat is more destructive to game than the lynx. New Brunswick has good game laws, and they only need to be enforced. Mr. Moore thought not as many moose are shot by calling as supposed. To Dr. Finnie Mr. Moore said in his view cow moose have one calf the first year and two after that. He hunted bears and found that they killed young moose. He knew the moose were increasing in his section.

Hon. A. T. Dunn said a close season might be made by closing a section of the province, instead of making a close season over the whole province. There had been a close season in Albert county for two years, and the deer had greatly multiplied.

Henry Allen, of Penniac, guide, said moose calling began at the first part of the open season. He had called a moose as early as Sept. 17 and as late as Nov. 4. He favored a higher resident license. A family of three could kill twelve animals for \$6. Non-resident sportsmen are willing to pay the tax, and would not object to an even higher tax. Eight years ago he only saw three moose in his territory in Sunbury county, but this year he saw seventeen. Two sportsmen who visited the province saw 30 and 16 moose respectively. Another sportsman in four days killed one moose, 1 caribou, 1 deer and 1 fox, and saw 60 caribou, and, he said, the tracks of hundreds of moose. Last year he caught 11 wildcats and he had noticed the trail of foxes following the larger game. He had found a deer killed by a wild cat. He agreed with Mr. Moore that bears kill young moose. In 1900 he saw a place where a bear and full grown moose had fought. He felt confident that game in his county had doubled in the last three years. We have not as many deer as in Maine, or the Adirondacks, and if they were not protected from the wild cat and lynx they will become less numerous.

Dr. Finnie said this information from Mr. Moore and Mr. Allen was very instructive.

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