

BIG GAME GUIDES.

Annual Meeting of New Brunswick Guides' Association.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Some Proposed Amendments to the Game Law.

AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS A GREAT FIELD FOR ITS LABORS.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides association was held at the Barker House yesterday afternoon and evening. Adam Moore, president of the association, presided, and the others present were Henry Braithwaite, and Secretary-Treasurer Slipp of this city; Thomas Pringle, Arthur Pringle and John Sanson of Stanley, George E. Armstrong of Perth Centre, Charles Cremin of Scotch Lake, and W. H. Allen of Peniac.

A very satisfactory report, covering the operations of the association during the year, was submitted by the secretary-treasurer and adopted. The financial report showed a substantial balance on hand.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Major J E Sanson, Stanley.
Vice-president—George E Armstrong, Perth Centre.

Secretary-Treasurer—A R Slipp, Fredericton.

Executive—Henry Braithwaite, W H Allen, Charles Cremins, with the president and secretary.

Membership Committee—Henry Braithwaite, Adam Moore.

It was agreed to have a delegation from the association wait upon Surveyor General Dunn, and recommend that the game law be amended so to have the open season for big game commence on September 1st, instead of the 15th, as at present. The members of the association are firmly convinced that such a change would be in the interests of the province, and they would not object to having the season shortened by cutting off the last two weeks in December, providing they are allowed the first fortnight in September. A strong argument in favor of the proposed change is that a great majority of American sportsmen prefer to do their hunting during the mild weather of September, and if they cannot make arrangements for that month they are not likely to come at all. Then again the large colleges of the United States open on October 1st, and the professors and students, among whom there are a great many sportsmen, scarcely have time as the law stands at present to have a moose hunt during their vacation period. It is felt that if the season opened on September 1st, there would be an additional hunting party for every big game guide in the province.

A set of bye laws, for the governing of the association drafted by the secretary treasurer, were submitted to the meeting and approved of.

It was unanimously decided to hold a meeting at Perth Centre at a later date in the season, and endeavor to interest the guides of the Tobique in the work of the Association.

The question of issuing licenses to non-resident guides was discussed at some length, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that steps should be taken by the government to prevent this class of people from pursuing their vocation in New Brunswick. It was very properly pointed out that the non-resident guide has no particular interest in preserving the game of our province, and is not overly particular whether he commits a violation of the law or not. In addition to that the money he earns as a guide is not expended within the province, and he confers no benefits upon the community.

The New Brunswick Guides' Association was organized one year ago with the object of promoting the interests of those who make a business of guiding sportsmen to our forests in search of game, and it is felt by those connected with it, that the organization is more than accomplishing its purpose. The only drawback is that a number of experienced guides in different parts of the province have not as yet seen fit to identify themselves with the association, and thus encourage and assist a movement to prove of great benefit to them. The association has done considerable advertising during the past season, and has no doubt been instrumental in directing the attention of many sportsmen to

the splendid game resources of this province. The same policy will be pursued during the ensuing year, and the organization has a right to expect the co-operation of all those likely to be benefited by its labors. A large membership is wanted to make the work more effective, and it is the duty of all guides to enroll themselves beneath the banner of the association.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK WILDS.

Wonderful Game Exhibit of Past Years to be Duplicated at Coming Sportsmen's Show.

(Boston Globe.)

Ever alert, and, when opportunity arises, quick to exploit their bird covers, their big game haunts and their famous salmon waters, prominent New Brunswick sportsmen no sooner heard that Feb. 22 was the date of opening the third biennial exhibition of the Massachusetts Sports men's association than a movement was made to have New Brunswick represented at the show.

In past years the exhibit from the land of wide-spreading moose heads has been especially interesting, and now that the people of Maine are seriously considering the imposition of a license tax for big game hunting on non-resident sportsmen, there appears to be a strong and growing interest in New Brunswick. From remarks dropped here and there by sportsmen since the mass meeting at Bangor, where the subject of licensing non-residents was thoroughly threshed and received hearty support, it is quite safe to assume that if a license fee is to be paid there are hundreds who would prefer crossing the border line into New Brunswick and paying it there.

And why not? New Brunswick has moose in abundance, and moose antlers taken there average wider in spread and palmation than in Maine, where constant hunting for many years has well nigh exterminated the big antlered animals. While not a migratory animal, the moose will give way to the approach of civilization and old sportsmen who have hunted this splendid big member of the deer family with every kind of gun from the old single shot muzzle loader to the latest high powdered small bore, are of opinion that Maine is becoming too much of a vacation resort to suit the hermit-like characteristics of the moose.

Visitors to the sportsmen's show will be somewhat anxious to learn more about New Brunswick and its more than 17,000,000 acres of untamed forests, much of which has never been penetrated save by some hardy hunter, who aims to go where the sound of another's gun will not reach his ears, or by some native trapper in quest of furs for the London market.

Either moose or caribou are found in all but two of the twelve counties, the best moose country being to the north and east of the St. John River, to the north of Kings county, and extending to the northern boundary line. Here is a vast game garden, 150 miles one way by 100 the other. Deer are not so abundant as in Maine, but there are so many moose and caribou that hunters going in for a two or three weeks' trip are so sure of success that animals are practically inspected before being shot. If the antlers are inferior the trigger remains unpulled, so that an unlovely head may go unmolested.

The government officials of the province have entered heartily into the spirit of previous Mechanic's building exhibitions, and have succeeded by means of their splendid fish and game specimens in turning a considerable contingent to their moose haunts and caribou barrens, to the abundant waters of the Restigouche and Miramichi, to their wild fowl resorts and their woodcock and partridge covers.

Advice From Way Up.

"Understand me," said the balloon to the parachute, "I wouldn't for the world encourage drinking habits in the young and innocent, but at the same time I don't think a drop would hurt you in the least."

Whereupon the parachute dropped.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Keeping at It.

There is a very old but very good story about a boy who was engaged one winter day in putting a ton of coal into a cellar. His only implement was a small fire shovel. Noticing this, a benevolent old gentleman expressed surprise and commiseration.

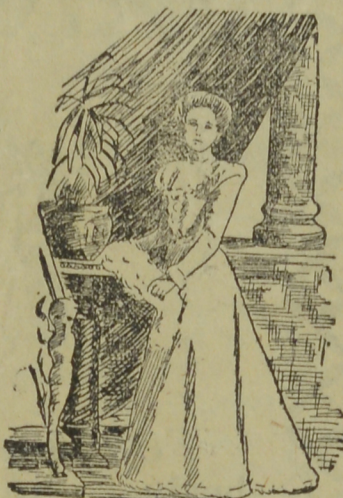
"My son," said the gentleman, "you surely do not expect to put in all that coal with that little shovel?"

"Oh, yes, I do," replied the boy cheerfully. "All I have to do is to keep at it."

There is a lesson in this story for young and old, and it is exemplified in the lives of the great men of the world. It is a mistake to suppose that the best work of the world is done by people of great strength and many opportunities. "Keeping at it" is the secret of success. —Exchange.

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