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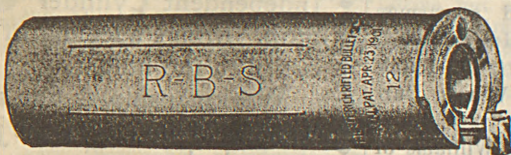
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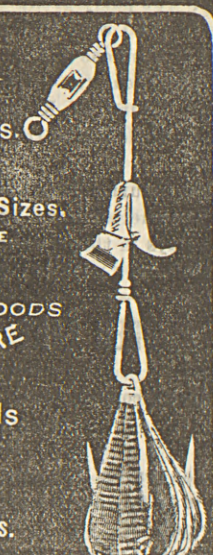
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DEER SHIPMENTS.

It is interesting to note how rapidly the sport of deer and moose hunting has gained in popularity within the last few years. In 1902 there were 5289 deer and 191 moose shipped into Bangor from the Aroostook region. The number taken from the Dead River region cannot be correctly estimated, as a large amount of the game taken from that section does not go by rail but from Dead River station on the line of the Phillips & Rangeley railroad 62 deer, 3 bears and 1 moose were shipped. From Rangeley station on the line of the same road, 66 deer and 3 bears were sent out, and from Phillips, the junction of the Phillips & Rangeley and Sandy River railroads, 35 deer and 2 bears were shipped, making a total of 163 deer, 8 bears and 1 moose over this road.

The game shipments over the Portland & Rumford Falls railway amounted to 265 deer of which 36 were shipped from Oquossoc station, 18 from South Rangeley, 22 from Bemis, 65 from Houghton, 35 from Byron, 14 from Frye 10 from Rumford Falls, 27 from Dixfield, 6 from Peru, 1 from East Peru, 4 from Gilbertville, 4 from Meadowview, 10 from Chisholm, 1 from Canton, 7 from East Sumner and 5 from Poland.

From Bigelow, Carrabassett, Kingfield and Salem on the line of the Franklin & Megantic railroad 310 deer beside several bears were shipped, making a total of 733 deer, which we have a record of having been shipped from the Rangeley Lakes and Dead River region. The above figures make a total of 6,027

deer or over 66 shipped a day from these two great game regions alone. This does not in any way include the vast numbers that are shot by local hunters or by sportsmen and consumed in camps, and deals with but two sections of Maine's vast hunting ground. More sportsmen come to Maine each year to hunt game, and more game is shipped from the state each successive year which is a conclusive proof that the game is increasing.

BEARS AND DEER.

Habits of Each Different This Year Than Usual.

A veteran hunter informs MAINE Woods that the big bucks this year are back on the ridges. Last year they were out in the clearing and in the water and were frequently seen by him in the early part of October. This year the does and small deer are as much in evidence from the highways as usual but the big bucks seem more timid than they are generally.

Bears are out in the clearings and seem very hungry. They have visited sweet apple trees that are not located too near a dwelling and in some cases they have gone within a few feet of an occupied house. They are killing sheep at a great rate and they are at sour apples as well as sweet. It is a very unusual thing for them to eat sour apples. It is evident that Bruin must hunt for his food this year. Those that have been killed thus far have been very thin.

Fish and Game Oddities.

Another Prize Competition.

For the best contribution to our column of Game and Fish Oddities received before November 15, 1903, MAINE WOODS will pay \$3.00; for the story deemed second best, \$2.00; for the third best, \$1.00.
J. W. BRACKETT.
Phillips, Me., Sept. 15, 1903.

PRIZE STORY NO. 1.

Rode on Antlers.

On October 1st a gentleman returning from the post office heard what he thought were hedgehogs feeding near the road. It was dark, too dark in fact to see among the trees or the sights on the gun he carried. But upon hearing a slight noise several deer bounded along. He stopped, listened, and when the feet of one struck the ground near him he fired in the direction of the sound, not seeing the deer. He heard a kicking, and upon investigating found a fine large buck with his backbone broken. But the deer was very much alive. Striking a match he found a piece of wood which he threw across the antlers. Then he jumped on. The deer just pumped him up and down until tired out. The weight was 212 pounds with five-pointed antlers. Pretty good for a chance shot the first day of open season. GUIDE'S WIFE.

PRIZE STORY NO. 2.

An Accommodating Bass.

It was late on August that we were fishing in East pond that I hooked this remarkable fish. There were two of us in the boat. I had hooked him and was reeling him in after playing him a few minutes when suddenly as he neared the boat he made a plunge under it and broke the leader—so unexpectedly was the rush. But he was so nearly under the boat when it parted that he broke water just the other side and came free and clear into the boat. I was standing up looking at the broken leader hanging from the end of my rod and quoting Scripture when my companion called my attention to him. He weighed almost 2 pounds.

Although this may sound fishy, my friend, Fred H. Soper, and myself will swear under oath that it is positively true. G. S. EDMONDS.

P. S. I read with interest the story of R. B. Burnes in the issue of Oct. 2 of MAINE WOODS. I think if more of the readers send in account of their outings with illustrations it would be a great benefit to the paper. G. S. E.

PRIZE STORY NO. 3.

A Voracious Pickerel.

One day a few years ago, my father and a Mr. Swenson went trolling for pickerel on a lake not far from home. Having gone around the lake several times and having had fair luck, they turned in toward land and Mr. Swenson began to pull up the line. The line felt slack and what was his surprise when he got the line nearly all in to see a pickerel on the hook with another and larger one hanging with a firm grip to the first one's tail!

Without trouble both were pulled into the boat and then Pickerel No. 2 let loose of his smaller brother and began to make great efforts to get out of the boat. This did not prevent him, however, from falling to the same fate as his fellow fish. This is a true story as I am ready to vouch for.

CLARENCE V. LUNDSTEN.
Waconia, Minn.

BEARS AROUND FARMINGTON.


[Special correspondence to Maine Woods.]

FARMINGTON, Oct. 10, 1903.

At a late hour Tuesday night, Oct. 8, Fred Stanley, who lives about a mile north of Fairbanks, on the river road, saw something that he says was a bear. Mr. Stanley was returning from Farmington and when a short distance from his house met a large black "something" by the roadside that immediately ambled off to one side and disappeared over the fence. Fred says the bear, if such it was, was larger than his dog, Pont, and also that Pont absolutely refused to have anything to do with the animal. Bear signs are said to be very plenty this fall on Day Mountain in South Strong and possibly this was a visitor from that locality.

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BEAR WEIGHED 467 POUNDS.

G. D. Nickerson of Phillips shot a bear in Salem last Friday morning. Mr. Nickerson was out deer hunting in an old pasture just at the break of day and the old bear appeared. Mr. Nickerson pulled his 44-40 on him and missed. The bear began to run and Mr. N. ran after him. He fired four shots on the run and these took effect. The bear weighed 467 pounds. He was an old bear and very fat, which is rather unusual as reports come to us that nearly all that have been killed this year were poor.

E. B. Davenport of Phillips recently trapped a bear.

James O. Dunham of Madrid is one

of the lucky trappers who caught a bear recently.

George Hennings of Phillips and George Harnden of Madrid got a bear at Madrid a few days ago.

Herman Sargent and George Heath are other local hunters who have secured their bear.

PARTRIDGE HUNTING.

An old hunter says the best time to get the birds is when they are budding just at nightfall in an old orchard. The better plan is to enter the orchard, say at three p. m., and wait patiently for the birds to come. When they put in an appearance shoot straight and promptly gather in the game.

LOCAL HUNTERS.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
FARMINGTON, Oct. 13, 1903.
One day last week two mighty nimrods from this place went to the neighboring town of Temple for a deer hunt. These two hunters faithfully hunted all day with the resulting luck of getting no game. When night approached they put up their rifles, hitched up their horse and started for home. On the way home they met a friend who was carrying a small caliber rifle and who had also been hunting. As the trio were comparing notes on the events of the day a large deer was seen by them to enter a small clearing by the roadside. The man of the small rifle hastily sighted and fired. The deer fell but at once got up and disappeared. Immediately another deer put in an appearance in the place vacated by No. 1 and was shot at by small caliber with ditto results. Two other deer followed in the same order and were likewise shot at, but never a one secured. Then, as nothing more seemed to be doing, the trio disbanded and returned to their homes.
Messrs. Gene Hecock and Roy Lambkin of Knowlton's Corner were lucky hunters in the Dead River region last week, securing four good sized deer.
Last week the bird hunters in town did not meet with unusually good success as the weather was rather unfavorable for hunting.

STRONG, Oct. 13, 1903.
Last Monday morning Eugene Dickey and Bert Dickey shot a good sized doe near the Dickey homestead. Both gentlemen fired at the same instant and both bullets entered the deer, one a 30-30, traversing almost its entire length and the other, a 38-55, going completely through the body. Mr. Bert Dickey went to Madrid Monday for a short hunting trip.
A couple of men hailing from Livermore Falls passed through this place Monday en route for their homes with three deer, two does and a buck, in their possession. These deer were shot in Eustis near Chase pond.
An albino deer, shot near Kingfield Friday by Oscar Hersey of Woodford, was shipped through this place Monday. The deer was almost a complete white and would weigh about 150 pounds.
Mr. Percy W. Mason and Mr. Winthrop Guild went out partridge hunting recently and made good bags. Mr. Guild secured seven birds and Mr. Mason, one.
One of those animals that sometimes perfumes the midnight air is reported on Depot street. It's now up to some crack shot to rid the neighborhood of its visitor. A skunk (we have let it out of the bag!) was shot on this street at this time last year.

CARRABASSETT FARM.

[Special correspondence to Maine Woods.
CARRABASSETT, Oct. 12, 1903.
Among the prominent arrivals at Spring Farm for the past week were F. F. Caswell, East New Portland; J. E. Gray, M. D., Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Strong; Mr. and Mrs. T. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Sawyer, Skowhegan; Ernest Mayer, Kingfield; A. M. W. Kusick, Amesbury, Mass.; G. M. Foog, Veazie; G. W. Williams, East New Portland; Oscar H. Hersey.
Mr. Hersey is a sure shot and only takes the most valuable game. He shot probably the most valuable deer in Maine. It was a white doe and weighed about 150 pounds. It had white feet, black spots and ears. He has taken it to Portland to have it mounted.

HUNTING AROUND STRATTON.

Harrie McBride of Boston, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, returned to his home October 10 after a two weeks' visit at Camp Mount Bigelow. He shot a buck deer to take home. He saw eight deer while there. He shot a number of partridges and saw many more. He was very much pleased with the place and says he shall come next year.
Dr. T. W. Brimigton shot a fine deer last week.
Harry Hinds started October 10 to come home from camp and saw six deer and shot one, a buck.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

A shooting accident occurred at Flagstaff pond Monday. John Wentworth and Westley Moody, young men of Anson Valley, were out duck shooting. Wentworth was using a rifle and Moody a revolver, which somehow got pointed at his companion and was discharged. Wentworth cried: "You have shot me through the breast; take me to Flagstaff as quick as you can!" He died just before reaching the landing.

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MOOSE IN MAINE.
Last year the moose killed in Maine were greater in number than in any previous year since records have been kept and yet it is reported that there are a large number of the animals this year.
Along this line Mr. George M. Houghton, traffic manager of the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, a gentleman who spends weeks in the woods every year and who is not given to exaggeration, says:
"In all the sporting camps east and north from Bangor the story told is that small moose—2-years and 3-years-old animals—are as common as usual and are ranging wider, while the deer are everywhere.
"We have very many moose in Maine I do not claim that the big bulls are as plentiful as they were 25 years ago, but unless I am greatly mistaken in my estimates, there are more young bulls—2 years and 3 years of age—in Maine today than there have been at any season for the past five years. I say this after having made a careful canvass of the situation all over eastern and northern Maine. Moose have been seen this year in places where no traces of moose have been found before for more than a quarter of a century. Our train hands report seeing moose on the tracks of the road nearly every day. Several moose have been killed by our engines, and it is not an infrequent occurrence for our engineers to slacken speed in order to allow moose time to escape."

SOME LUCKY HUNTERS.
Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
SALEM, Oct. 13, 1903.
Levi Reed and William Childs trapped a large bear this week.
Archie Childs, a lad of 13 years, was at Long pond Oct. 10, and shot a nice buck deer.
WELD HUNTING NOTES.
Joe Harnden shot a doe Oct. 4.
Towards night on Wednesday of last week Geo. Neil killed a large bear not far from his house. The bear weighed about 250 pounds. It was shipped to Boston.
SHOT TWO BUCKS.
Mr. J. A. Baird of Philadelphia has been on a short hunting trip to the Dead River region. Mr. Baird was one of the fortunate hunters, taking to his home with him two deer's heads as trophies of the trip.
DEER AT SANDY RIVER POND.
Messrs. E. H. Shepard of Phillips, and Sumner Austin of Farmington, shot three deer in the vicinity of Sandy River pond last Tuesday.
DEER ON EUSTIS RAILROAD.
Cecil Smith of Phillips shot a nice fat 2-point buck on the line of the Eustis railroad last Tuesday. Mr. Smith reports the game very plenty in this section.
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LADY SHOTS HEDGEHOG.
A few days ago Mrs. Harvey Wing, of Reed's Mill thinking she saw an animal at a considerable distance from the house and thinking it was a bear took her rifle and went after it. When she reached the game she found it was not a little bear as she had thought but a big hedgehog instead so she shot the hedgehog and is now waiting for a chance to shoot a bear of which there are a great many around Reed's Mill.
Her husband used the hedgehog for bear bait and he informs MAINE WOODS that there is nothing better to tempt Bruin than a savory hedgehog, especially when they are after apples.
BEAVER INCREASING.
In a recent interview with a sportsman who is familiar with the Dead River and King and Bartlett sections, we are informed that the beaver are increasing in that region very rapidly and that their work may be seen along the Kibby and Dead river to a surprising extent.
The present law on beaver makes them so unapproachable that they have come to be regarded as a curiosity rather than an injury to the lumber districts. Our informant says that there is more than a million of lumber in these two sections alone that has been rendered almost useless by the work of these animals.
YORK'S CAMPS.
Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
RANGELEY, Oct. 13, 1903.
While there are only a few hunters in camp, the past week has afforded the best sport of the season, eleven deer having been shot during the week. The bare trees and rain made excellent still-hunting.
Bert Royal, Farmington, got a fine buck in the burnt district this morning, near Greeley pond.
Mr. York is building an ice house and new refrigerator.
WILDCAT CAPTURED.
George Wilcox, while in the employ of Edwin P. Bliss last week shot a small wildcat. This was not a lynx nor a bobcat, but a genuine wildcat and the first of its species known to have been found in this region, though one was killed at Spring Lake last winter by Ansel Eames of Flagstaff.
Warden Estey reports having sold fifteen nonresident hunting licenses the middle of last week.
SHOT A DEER.
Ernest Rowe of Madrid shot a deer a few days ago.

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SHOOTING AT KINGFIELD.
Special correspondence to Maine Woods.
KINGFIELD, Oct. 13, 1903.
O. H. Hersey, of the firm of Foster & Hersey, attorneys, Portland, secured a rare prize this week. It is almost a full albino doe, weighing better than 100 pounds. It was shot at Carrabassett. A more beautiful specimen could hardly be imagined. All except the flank, and a small portion of the shoulders is white. Those parts are streaked a reddish gray. Mr. Hersey will have the specimen mounted. He was accompanied by E. Mayer of this place.
The following Kingfield sportsmen got deer the past week: Ira Sedgely, L. C. Lanning, Chas. Swett, 2, Frank Collins, Robert Saunders, Warren Curtis Ed Parsons.
F. F. Caswell and Geo. Williams of East New Portland accompanied by Dr. John E. Gray of Freeport were a party of hunters at Carrabassett this week. The Doctor took home a 250-pound buck as a trophy of a two days' hunt.
H. M. Dingley and P. R. Waite of Lewiston, who have been hunting in the vicinity of Bingham, were here late last week. They were en route for Rangeley with a Stanley auto.
Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy and their daughter, Isabel, Mrs. L. E. Nuchon and Clarence Fisher, all of Providence, R. I., stopped at the Kingfield House Tuesday. The party occupied a five seat touring car and were bound for Eustis.
A cow moose and calf were seen north of town, near the railroad track, Friday.
Mr. Young of Kingfield shot a nice deer a little out of the village last Tuesday.
Mr. Maurice Goodwin and Mr. Savage of Skowhegan have been hunting for a few days in this section and returned to their homes with two deer each.

DEER LAKE CAMPS.
[Special correspondence to Maine Woods.]
DEER LAKE CAMPS, }
Oct. 13, 1903. }
The season has opened up in grand style as far as the large game is concerned.
I have had two New York gentlemen here the last week. They returned yesterday with all of the deer the law allows, one fine buck. They were satisfied that they got the value of their hunters' license. I mean to give every sportsman that comes all the game the law allows them as I think as they have to pay out for a hunters' license, every guide and camp proprietor should make every string pull this fall and by so doing one may be able to have a few come back next year.
This year my old parties refuse to come on account of the hunters' tax and this being the case I should be pleased to hear from every resident or nonresident that would like to shoot deer and partridges, as the woods are full of them and nobody to shoot them.
I can accommodate 25 hunters and their guides and as I have not got anyone booked, one and all will be sure of accommodations and plenty of elbow room.
A. B. DOUGLASS.

WELL KNOWN SPORTSMAN.
Edmond J. Shattuck, member of the firm of George H. Morrill & Co., printing ink manufacturers of Boston, who died Sunday, was well known in Maine, where he always spent part of the autumn enjoying the hunting. A widow and four daughters and a son survive. He was born in Northfield, Vt., in 1852. Mr. Shattuck will be remembered as a friend of C. P. Stevens and has frequently been at Mr. Stevens's cottage on Richardson lake.
BOY'S GREAT SHOT.
Georgie Harrison, formerly of Phillips, who now lives at Bemis, is credited with shooting a blue heron with his little rifle at a distance exceeding 300 yards.

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NOTES FROM SHIN POND.
Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.
CAMP FAIRVIEW, }
SHIN POND, Oct. 13, 1903. }
In every copy which we receive of the MAINE WOODS, we find accounts of bears being seen. Camp Fairview is not lacking in this kind of game. Chas. A. Wren, on returning from Davis pond, Oct. 14, saw two in a raspberry patch only a short distance from camp and on returning from the Sebols river last week saw another large one.
Deer are very plenty. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fowler, with Chas. Wren as guide, made a trip beyond the Sebols river last week and saw 23 deer, a good record for one day.
Partridges are also very plenty in this section. The above party on a trip to Jerry pond saw 27. As they were shooting them with the kodak instead of a gun, they did not have a very full bag to bring to camp, but two days later they went out about a mile, saw seven and brought home six.
Mr. Barney Fuller of Monmouth arrived in camp last Tuesday. Partridges drop readily under his fire.
Mr. Frank Fuller, a licensed hunter from Boston, came to camp, Saturday, Oct. 10.
Mr. Edwin Fowler of Upton, Mass., was the first to buy a license in Patten.
Two large moose were seen by lumbermen not two miles from camp, Oct. 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Exeter are the latest arrivals.
E. F. F.

SALMON FOR RANGELEY.
One hundred cans of salmon fry were received by Mr. Lewis Bowley, Mr. Amos Ellis and Mr. W. Tibbetts at Oquossoc recently. These fish were from the U. S. hatchery at Greenville and were procured through the influence of Senator Wm. P. Fry, who has a camp on Mooselookmeguntic lake. The consignment was divided, some being placed in Mooselookmeguntic lake, some in Rangeley lake, some in Kennebec stream and some in Rangeley outlet below the dam.

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OUTING AT LONG POND.

The following Phillips ladies were guests of Mrs. C. E. Parker at Camp Winona, Long pond, last week from Tuesday until Thursday: Mrs. C. E. Chandler, Mrs. A. S. Beedy, Mrs. H. W. True, Mrs. W. A. D. Cragin, Mrs. J. W. Brackett.

The trip was very enjoyable. Tuesday was an ideal day for a drive, which the party thoroughly appreciated as they took about 4 1/2 hours to drive in. The afternoon was spent on the lawn playing croquet, etc.

Lots were drawn to see who should get the meals and the work was very evenly divided, although some of the meals were served in "a little better style" than others. The menu was varied and lacked nothing in quality or quantity and the party could have tarried for some days longer and not suffered from lack of food. Several partridges and a rabbit were seen near the camp, the rabbit especially being very tame. He leisurely hopped across the yard while the ladies were playing croquet. No game was captured by the ladies, however, with the exception of a wee mouse.

Thursday on the return trip Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Beedy were driving ahead a little distance from the other

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teams when just beyond the Mark Gray farm a deer bounded across the road so that they got a good sight at him. They said it caused palpitation.

The party reached home safe and happy at about 5 o'clock p. m., not having as good a day as Tuesday for the drive, but nevertheless enjoying it and voting Mrs. Parker a fine entertainer and Camp Winona a fine place to be entertained at.

DEER BY THE DOZEN.

Verne Cunliff of Norridgewock shot a 500-pound bear at Lexington last week. The bear was about to climb a tree for apples, ten rods away, when one shot killed him. Cunliff shipped his prize to Boston for sale.

The LaFontaine, Ind., party, numbering 14, secured 13 deer during their short stay at Spring Lake Camps. Bert Horton was guide. They will return another season and are confident of a much larger party.

MOOSE SEEN.

A very pretty sight was witnessed Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, in that part of Strong known as Taylor Hill, by Elwyn Voter, the 13-years-old son of O. S. Voter.

He had started out at 4 o'clock in the morning, with his rifle, to look for deer. When going quietly along an old stone wall in the orchard on the old Libby place (now owned by H. Crosby) he saw three moose leisurely walking along, an old bull, a cow and a calf moose. They were evidently crossing from one patch of woods to those surrounding Taylor Hill pond. He watched them out of sight and later heard them blowing and snorting at or near the pond. In the early morning light the old bull looked as large to him as a good sized horse.

BRUIN WASN'T MOLESTED.

A Phillips young man reports that he was leading a cow along the Rangeley Lakes road the other day when he met a bear. He didn't kill the bear, he simply sat down beside the road and held to the cow while Bruin passed by.

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THE MAINE LICENSE.

Boston, Oct. 2, 1903.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

Some months since in an article I wrote you on the then proposed license for nonresidents, I said the state would probably realize the amount desired by putting the law in force, but I said it would be at the expense of guides, camp owners and transportation companies, who would lose considerable business.

I have had letters from guides, and good guides, too, and give quotations to you for your readers' consideration if you choose to publish this. It will be seen I think who will pay the license. One guide writes: "I have been building some new camps but the outlook is not very good for sportsmen this fall."

Another says: "I have built three new camps since you were here last but the license law is going to hurt my fall trade a lot and I will have very little work for my guides."

Here are two straws which show the direction of the wind, the first being taken from Forest and Stream:

"A. B. F. Kinney of Worcester, Mass., has partially planned a short hunting trip to Newfoundland for the last of the month. Mr. Kinney is going in quest of caribou and moose in preference to deer, of which he has already killed a large number upon his previous numerous trips into the great game regions."

"Mr. Kinney voices the sentiments of practically all the Worcester sportsmen when he says that a comparatively small portion of New England hunters outside of Maine men will hunt the Maine woods the coming season. 'In an average year,' said Mr. Kinney to a Worcester Telegram reporter yesterday afternoon, 'about \$3,000,000 is carried into Maine and left there by visiting sportsmen. About \$1,000,000 of that amount comes from the fishermen, and the rest from those who are in quest of deer and moose. I venture the assertion that less than three-quarters of a million will be left there this fall and winter by the hunters of big game. The greater part of this loss falls directly upon the guides and the stores where supplies and hunters' articles are sold."

"I hear the same story on all sides. Sportsmen are going to give Maine a wide berth this fall and hunt in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the Provinces instead. I have usually gone into Maine, but have no thought of troubling them there this year. I wouldn't be willing to 'baby' them enough to pay the license fee, which the state legislature there saw fit to adopt at its last session in the very teeth of all kinds of opposition, not only from sportsmen outside of the state, but from guides and keepers of supplies who were themselves citizens of Maine. Think of the number of Worcester county men that spend a week or two, and in some cases a longer time, every fall in the Maine woods, spending their money and having a good time. From what people tell me, not more than one man in four of the old guard is going to hunt Maine, preferring to keep on to the Provinces."

Here is also another from a Boston paper:

"One of Maine's best known and ablest guides was in Bangor recently from Moosehead region, and when asked about the license law, how it would work and how it was regarded by the guides, he said: 'Well, the license law may be all

right and do good, but we guides can't see it that way.'

"Do you think it will keep many people away?" he was asked him.

"Yes, I do," he replied. 'I know that it will, and a number of guides have told me that it would take one out of every three of his parties away this fall.'

"One bad effect—and it is a mighty bad one, too," he continued, 'of this license law has been felt already. There is a certain class of sportsmen who come into Maine, clerks in stores, for instance, who have been coming to Maine in October and getting deer, taking, perhaps, ten days' vacation. This year they find that they have to have a license and they say to themselves: The deuce with the license! I will take my vacation in August, take my rifle along for target practice and get my deer that way. It has been done, too.'

A BOSTON SPORTSMAN.

[We submit that it is entirely too early to judge what the effect of the hunters' license will be. MAINE WOODS has published several letters similar in sentiment to the above. We have also published several from sportsmen residing outside of Maine who favored the hunters' license and expressed the belief that ultimately all would be well. We know of camp owners who have lost business because their prospective customers were dissatisfied on account of the action of the late Maine legislature in imposing the license. We have also heard from camp owners and guides who favor the proposition and think they will be better off in the end than they would have been without it. Time alone will tell what the result will be.—Ed.]

SANDY RIVER POND HUNTERS.

Miss Elma Byron and Mr. Don Harden were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hinkley of Sandy River Plantation a few days this week. Mr. Harden did some hunting, shooting a 150 pound doe and a few partridges.

Mrs. Angell and Mrs. Tillinghurst of Providence, R. I., are spending three weeks at Sid Harden's log camps on Long pond. These ladies are enthusiastic sportswomen and are going to take out a hunters' license at once that they may take home with them a trophy of their outing. Mr. Harden is their guide

EASY MARKS.

Although the open season for shooting guides in Maine has now been in force since Oct. 1, we have not so far heard of any being bagged. The probable reason for this is that guides are not as plentiful in Maine as they used to be, having been killed off from year to year until it is predicted by some that unless shooting them is forbidden by the state legislature for a term of years they will soon become extinct. Moreover, the few who remain are very shy and it is difficult to get within range of them—at \$2.00 per day.—Boston Post.

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A Credit to Maine.

THE idea of having a real up-to-date state of Maine log cabin to represent the Pine Tree state at the St. Louis Exposition is daily gaining favor and receiving commendation from the press and people at large.

One's first impression of a log cabin is such a building as can be found in the Maine woods by the thousands, such as are used by lumbermen and hunting and fishing parties, but this is by no means the type of structure at St. Louis.

Maine's building at the fair is to be one that will turn the nonresident green with envy. It is to be a colossal affair 100x50 feet on the ground. It has a wonderfully ornamental appearance as one approaches, made so by the numerous gables with which the front is broken up, but not to such an extent that it robs the building of the log cabin effect. The outside will be of state of Maine logs which will be shipped to St. Louis with the bark on so that when peeled and erected the logs will be clean, and when varnished will give a fresh inviting appearance.

The interior will be divided into a reception room, ladies' room, smoking room, bath rooms and rooms for the use of the custodian.

This building will be at the disposal of Maine people at the exposition, and here they will find a refuge when tired or ill that will make their hearts swell with pride for the good old state of Maine.

The cabin will be elaborately furnished and pictures setting forth the beauties of Maine's mountains, lake and shore scenery will be hung in profusion about the walls.

Moose and Deer.

THE guides and camp owners say there are more moose and deer in the woods of the state this year than ever before and that the man who goes to the northern woods this fall after deer will be very sure to get all the law allows and to secure his quota easily and without putting out a large sum of money.

The Bangor News says a man cannot expect to go out and shoot deer the way he could cattle in a pasture. True, but with very little effort he can gain good shots and with average luck he should be able to shoot a deer every day. This assertion is not only made by guides and owners of sporting camps who naturally wish to encourage the hunters to patronize them, but it is related in good faith by tourists and lumbermen, who have been in the woods for longer or shorter periods and who are enabled to speak from what they know. They are intelligent men and persons who know the inside history of what is going on in the woods.

Some claim that there will be plenty of sportsmen this year, although some people think that a good many nonresidents will be kept away by the license law, which imposes upon them a fee of \$15 for the privilege of shooting. Others think that any sportsman whose presence is at all desirable will not be deterred from coming to Maine by any such trifle as \$15, any more than a Maine man would give up his pleasure trip to New York City because of an advance in hack fares or in the hotel or theatre rates.

"DEER WAS FOOLISH."

On one of the very last days of September, before it became lawful to shoot deer in Maine, a deer was seen by travelers on the carriage road between Middle Dam, Richardson Lake and Umbagog Lake. The deer was near the team and seemed absolutely fearless. Somebody tried to shoo her but she didn't let that worry her at all. She was foolish.

Hunters in West Peru are not under the necessity of going into the woods for game. At least, this is the experience of Mrs. Emerson Oldham, who shot a deer from her window the latter part of last week.

SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

MINGO HILL,
RANGELEY, Oct. 12, 1903.

"I wud not die in ortum,
With the peachet fit for eatin'
When the wavy corn is gettin' ripe,
An' the candidates are treatin';
When sassidge-meat is phryin',
& hick'ry nuts is thick—
Ow! who wud think of dyin',
Or evin gettin sick?"

This rhapsody, by an unknown son of the west, is in the true Lowell strain, and has the swing of the Bigelow Papers, while it comes to us now with renewed force when the autumn foliage is painted in its most gorgeous colors, and the hunter has taken down his gun and called his trusty dog to heel and bled him to the coyses where the thunderous grouse and wary quail await his coming.

The frosty nights have brought many of the maple leaves tumbling to the ground and the still hunter is longing for the first light fall of snow to help him track the watchful deer.

The ever recurring question as to the best calibre for a hunting rifle is no nearer being conclusively answered than it was a year ago; the advocates of the extremely high power weapons, taking the latest smokeless cartridges, being balanced by those who still cling to their old-fashioned 45 70 black powder repeaters, with vicious kick and mighty roar.

Our old friend the Major, who has tested more different kinds of rifles, at the target and on game than perhaps any other man, has all along maintained that there was nothing powerful enough

variation existing between these methods of even expert shots, to cause them to miss deer if using a rifle sighted for another.

It seems to us appropriate to again refer to the advisability of adding a single shot pistol to one's outfit when going to the woods for large game. In the Sportsman's show number this year we went into the subject quite fully, so will only reiterate here that one will be found both useful in picking off partridges for the table, and entering when used at the targets. The 22 long rifle cartridge is the best to use; it will not tear the birds, makes little noise, is extremely accurate, is inexpensive and last but not least, is not bulky so that a good supply can be included in the camp duff without materially increasing its bulk or weight.

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READING FOR SPORTSMEN.

The first two additions to be made this fall to The American Sportsman's library are Guns, Ammunition and Tackle and Bison, Musk-Ox, Sheep and Goat Family. In the former, which will appear at once, Captain A. W. Money undertakes to tell the sportsman all he wants to know about the shotgun; Mr. W. E. Carlin, who has made a special study of the art of shooting and gunning in general, undertakes to elucidate the rifle; Mr. A. L. A. Himmel-

LICENSE THE CAT.

Sportsmen in the neighborhood of Hammon, N. J., are preparing to have the cat outlawed by an act of the legislature. Cats that run wild in the woods have become such a menace to the small game that old woodsmen say that, when permitted to run at night, they kill more rabbits and quail than all the dogs, hawks and minks. It is therefore proposed to have enacted a law which shall permit anyone who finds a cat at large in the woods to shoot it.

That the cat should be licensed as much as the dog is the opinion of Mr. Frank M. Chapman, curator of the bird collections at the National Museum of Natural History and editor of "Bird Lore."

In an interview on the question, Mr. Chapman expressed himself very plainly on the question of licensing the cat and expressed the belief that the time was not far distant when New York state would follow the example of Massachusetts and impose a cat license, and gives two reasons for the enactment of such a law. First, for the protection of the wild birds of the county and second, for the protection of the cat herself. He says:

"No one knows exactly how many cats there are in the United States, but in my opinion there are not less than 25,000,000, and there may be more than double that number. There are 20,000,000 families in this country and they will average more than one cat to a family. Numerous as cats are in the city, in proportion to the people, they are more so in country places, where condi-

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made for the largest game; saying that when he found himself face to face with a moose he felt that a cannon would be none too large for the occasion.

The killing power of a rifle is not, however, the only consideration of moment, in the selection of a rifle, as a deafening report and bruising recoil of the large bore black powder guns, will cause the ordinary person to flinch so badly that accurate shooting is impossible, while the wicked flip and vile smell from the discharge of the extremely high power rifles is not much less disconcerting to those not hardened by its use.

It is hardly worth while to devote space to emphasizing the importance of shooting true in order to bring down the game, as the least experienced must see that no gun, however powerful it may be, will stop an animal unless the bullet is landed in the proper place.

Where one deer escapes, badly wounded, but not stopped because the bullet did not have power enough, hundreds go scot free because of poor marksmanship.

Undoubtedly more deer have been killed by the old original 44 40 rifle, with its light ball and small powder charge, than with any of the modern rifles; but the users of them realized that the game must be carefully stocked until within a reasonable distance, so that the bullet could be surely placed in a vital spot. It follows, therefore, that a rifle should be selected by all who wish success on their hunting trips, which can be handled easily and shot with precision.

Of equal importance is the becoming familiar with your rifle and the seeing that the sights are properly adjusted before going into the woods.

Each person has his own peculiarities of seeing and holding, which must be allowed for in fitting the sights, enough

weight discusses the use of the revolver and pistol, and Mr. J. Harrington Keene has a chapter devoted to artificial flies and other fishing tackle. The book includes practical instructions on handling, loading, firing and taking care of sportsmen's arms, and on the questions of powder, caliber, position and training. It will be illustrated with diagrams and other pictures. In the other volume, Mr. George Bird Grinnell has written the sad but picturesque story of the bison, while Mr. Owen Wister contributes the portion dealing with the sheep and goat family, and Mr. Caspar Whitney describes the most inaccessible game in all the world—the musk-ox—which he has followed on snowshoes north from Canadian outposts to its haunts in the Arctic regions.

The MAINE WOODS has recently received an attractive volume from the press of the National Sportsman entitled In the Glow of the Camp Fire, written by Dr. A. K. P. Harvey of Somersworth, N. H., and illustrated by W. Herbert Dunton. It has to do with the adventures of a party of professional men who spent their vacation in the Pine Tree state lumbering and fishing.

The book is written in charming form and well illustrated by Mr. Dunton, and with half tone cuts from photographs.

Dr. Harvey is well known in this section, he having spent several seasons at his camp at Long Pond.

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TRAPS AND TRAPPERS.

A Few Timely Suggestions.

While some animals hold their fur much later than others in spring, there is not as much difference in the time of their getting prime in the fall. Every season the market is flooded with unprime specimens, which are a disappointment to the seller and a source of dissatisfaction to the buyer. Many a good lot of good fur has become suspicious, and graded much more carefully than it would have been had the trapper not tried to smuggle in some poor pelts with the good ones. All the methods to conceal their condition by whitening the skin with salt or chemicals, or turning them fur side out, only makes bad matters worse, as an expert can tell them at a glance, and they will be graded for about what they are worth.

The best way is to not begin trapping till the fur is in prime condition. This season is in no way governed by the past or the present weather, but strange as it may seem, by what the future weather will be. Trappers many times have been puzzled to know why animals were prime some years so much later or earlier than at others. I have seen sable skins in poor condition on October 28th, while the weather had all appearances of winter, and on other occasions have found them nearly all prime as soon as the law was off, which is on October 15th in Maine. But the facts remain the same. By examining a few specimens of early caught fur you can tell pretty correctly of what time the winter proper will start in, as much about its severity.

It never pays to catch unprimed fur. Most fur caught as soon as the law is off is not worth in market more than one half the price it would have been if caught a month later. There are, however, two things that prompt a trapper to begin operations early. One is the fact that traps can be set and kept in order so much easier in warm weather before things get to freezing too hard, and the fear that the other fellow will get the game first. But there is a limit to the number of animals to be caught in any locality, and if a trapper is much good and attends to the business he ought to be able to get about everything going in three or four weeks. This would not apply to such migratory animals as otter, but to such as muskrats, mink, foxes, sable, etc.

A very good rule is to get all ready and go around and fix each place early, where it is proposed to set a trap. Mink ways can be built in midsummer, and springs can be cleared and made ready for fox traps. The signs then made will become old and the probability of catching something will be greatly increased.

A row of stones piled together along the shore near the water forming a sort of dark tunnel and covered with moss or turf to make it dark, will be an object of interest to every mink that comes along. Often a hollow log answers the purpose, and as mink are very curious animals they will be sure to run through this passage if they see it.

There is probably an art about setting a trap and having everything about it look as if it was all natural. With some animals the more disturbance there is and the more conspicuous things are the more likely you are to catch them. But this is by no means the usual case. One should avoid the use of an ax or knife as far as possible in setting traps.

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and if there are any new chips or ends of sticks they should be removed or covered. It is usually possible to build about everything necessary from old rubbish that may be found lying about near by.

In setting a trap it is all wrong to try to compel an animal to step into it. Anything like making the trap the only possible way to go will arouse the suspicion of many of the unwary kind. But everything should look inviting and natural. Have the trap set in the most convenient place to step and lay down a little stick with sharp knots on it just the right distance from the pan to come midway between two strides. Or, if such a stick is not at hand, two small ones planted crosswise in the ground at such an angle as not to afford a firm foothold will answer equally as well. There is absolutely no excuse for missing anything that comes to a trap unless the trap is frozen, or the animal has been made shy by experience with trape badly set.

In trapping, the first thing necessary

to avoid all this difficulty care should be taken to first hitch the chain as high as possible if there are trees or stumps handy and to clear away all the small twigs and branches so there will be nothing around which the chain can be twisted. All trap chains have a swivel near the trap and this must render smoothly, otherwise trouble will usually follow.

A supply of copper wire is very convenient to have on hand and with this one can often lengthen the chain and thus hitch to the top of a sapling and by so doing swing the animal away into the water or into a clear place where it will find few objects to be entangled with. Careful attention to this matter will prevent the most of the difficulty of footing and I have caught the American fisher, which it is considered must always be taken by the spring pole method which raises it at once clear of the ground by only two toes by having the trap fastened to a tree so that only its hind feet could reach the ground and having everything cleared away about it.

D. E. HEYWOOD.

exclamations of delight over this beautiful scenery and we were never tired of walking over the hilltop that we might again take in this magnificent view.

Mr. Gray took Mrs. Gray and our party over to Sweet's pond where there were several summer cottages and another day carried us to the other side of the same pond, where we hired a boat and leaving the ladies on an island in the pond to prepare dinner, Mr. Gray, Montell (his youngest son) and I went fishing. We caught a few small pickerel and perch, then returned to the island for dinner which we all much enjoyed.

Mr. Gray's place is especially good for summer boarders, not only for its fine views, but also for its invigorating mountain air, pleasant woods and fine walks. There is a large orchard on his farm with quite a variety of the best apples besides a few pear and plum trees. Blackberries and raspberries grow by the roadside and by the stone walls, but best of all his large garden was filled with green peas, string beans, green corn and cucumbers, only green corn this year got a black eye and was too late for us.

They have about fourteen hives of bees and the writer was assured that they would not sting, but he will never take their word for it again, for climbing a tree over one of the hives to gather

six boys and three girls, all of whom are away from home save the youngest son, Mr. Gray is farmer, hunter, licensed guide and both he and his wife are ready to do all they can to make their guests have an enjoyable time.

Before leaving Strong we visited the camp meeting which was held in a beautiful grove near the village, but it being the first day not many people were present.

We left Strong with many regrets and decided it was the best two weeks' vacation we ever had.

JOHN H. GRAY.

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VACATION IN STRONG.

MALDEN, MASS., Oct. 10, 1903.

To the Editor of Maine Woods:

This year I spent a two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gray of Strong. Having never been in this part of Strong we were surprised at the grand scenery which surrounded us, for Mr. Gray's farm being near the summit of a high hill, gives one a charming view of the near by mountains. To the extreme left one sees Mt. New Vineyard, some four or five miles away; then across a deep valley, south and in front of the house, not more than one and a half miles distant, rises Mt. Guild, Mt. Hartwell and Mt. McLeary. The first two look so much alike as to be called twins. To the right of Mt. McLeary, running southwest, lies a beautiful valley covered with a dark green forest, stretching for miles before us, that taken with the mountains, the lower parts of which are dotted with farms and woods, whilst their tops are covered with extensive forests, makes a most inspiring picture. But casting your eyes to the west, you are again at a loss to express the sight in words, for across the Sandy River valley and not more than two miles distant, rises Mt. Day, almost perpendicular from its base, with gigantic trees clinging to its rocky sides like a mighty army of giants charging up its steep incline.

Strange enough near the summit of this mountain is a pond some 12 or 13 acres in area and filled with large fish. It being so high up and in a forest, it was not known till a few years ago that it abounded in trout and since that time many a one has been taken from its waters that would seem like a fish story if the weights were given.

From this pond runs a brook down the mountain's steep side, which in the spring becomes a torrent and is in full view from Mr. Gray's house. Over the top of this mountain one can see just the apex of Mt. Blue.

Taking a short walk from the house to the summit of the hill, going north and toward Strong village, another beautiful sight broke upon us, but going a little farther over the hill to a cross road, a view can be had which would be worth going many miles to see. In sight of this place Saddleback, Abram, Bigelow and many other mountains rear their lofty heads. Here also one gets a splendid view of Sandy River valley and a stretch of Sandy river itself, looking in the sunlight like a stream of silver winding its way between the mountains through the greenest of foliage.

At the foot of the hill and way below this spot lies Strong village, with its cozy cottages and the smoke curling lazily from its chimneys, making it look like a dream of peace. Many were our

apples he came down a sadder and wiser man with a red hot mad bee after him which not only stung, but left his stinger in to bind the bargain.

No one need ever go hungry at this place for they always keep their table well supplied. I will relate an instance to show what an amount they expect one to eat. One day my friend and I went fishing in a brook a half a mile below the house and took our dinner with us, and this is what Mrs. Gray put up for us. Five biscuits, four boiled eggs, four pieces of cake, two doughnuts, two pieces of pie, two cucumbers, a pint of milk and half a pound of butter and four apples besides pepper, salt, etc.

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DOE DEER IN CAMP.

Animal Stands In Door to Greet Hunters as They Arrive.

Freed by the Gunner Who Was Looking For a Buck.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

EUSTIS, Oct. 14, 1903.

The Nyack party have just returned to their homes from three weeks' outing at Kibby Camps, Dead River. The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Voorhis of Nyack, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marshall of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Vauvelt, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Conrad and William Page of Nyack and Dr. and Mrs. Beerwith of New York City.

The party is composed entirely of enthusiastic sportsmen and sportswomen, who come to Kibby Camps each year and very often twice a year. They were here during the latter part of the fishing season and made some excellent catches among which were some big ones.

The game in this section was so plenty that when one of the party saw a deer, he let it go by thinking that he would wait for a bigger and better one as they were sure they could easily get their quota when the right time came.

Only four deer were shot by the party as the time was mostly spent in partridge shooting and as nearly all of the gentlemen will return later in the season to get their deer. W. M. Marshall and Dr. Beerwith, both of New York City, shot two apiece, both in each case being good sized bucks.

Mr. Marshall had an experience one day while visiting an old camp some distance in the woods from the main camps, that he will not soon forget. He started out one morning with his guide and some time later, coming upon the above mentioned camp, they found a very large doe standing in the doorway of the camp, its sole occupant. The animal did not seem at all timid, and stood her ground as if defying the newcomers to dispute her right of way. Mr. Marshall and his guide went up to the camp door, driving the doe inside, where they had a little sport with the animal, who then realized that she was cornered and fought bravely. Although she was a good sized animal, Mr. Marshall scorned to kill a doe in a land where big bucks were plenty and they soon let her free, but Mr. Marshall claims the barrels of the trip as having been nearer to, and having had a different experience with deer than any other member of the party.

During the stay in camp, Dr. Beerwith and Mr. Marshall were amply competent to furnish the entire company with a sufficient number of partridges, the two having shot about sixty since the opening of the season.

They all report the game in this section more plenty than ever before, and that the partridges are thicker this season is the verdict of every sportsman and guide who has been into the woods.

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CHESUNCOOK SPORT.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

CHESUNCOOK, Oct. 15, 1903.

Wm. Doty and S. B. Bolcom of New York and two guides registered at the Chesuncook House Thursday on their way up to Caumgomoc where they will camp for a few days, while hunting for "big" game.

L. L. Smith shot a nice large buck in the field back of his house last week. Judging from appearances, it dressed nearly 200 pounds and had a good set of horns.

Game is plentiful here now, as is shown by the way they are destroying the potato crop in some places. The owners of the destroyed property certainly ought to be allowed to shoot all the deer they can find in their fields if they persist in eating the crops.

Eddie Auto shot a large fox Saturday while on his way to the post office.

Moose do not seem to take warning of the fate of the deer, for they are becoming quite bold and venture around in daylight. Sunday morning two large bull moose were seen strolling around near the schoolhouse in a manner that seemed to say, "I defy the hunters, they dare not shoot me now and when the time comes that they can, I will give them a long hunt before they capture me."

During the past week very few deer have been shot. Partridges, too, seem to have hidden away. Now and then one is fortunate enough to shoot one or two.

Hon. J. Manchester Haynes, Hon. Orville D. Baker, Albert W. Brooks and Charles H. White are among the sportsmen from Augusta, who are enjoying a hunting trip in this region.

More woodcock have been seen around here (between here and the Northeast Carry) than have been seen here for years, although they are not very plentiful.

Horace Kates and Arthur Davenport of Portland have returned home, after camping at Rocky Rips for several weeks.

H. C. Rowley of Springfield, Mass., and C. W. Merriam of Cohasset, Mass., are on a hunting trip in Mud Pond region.

Fred W. Drake of Madison registered at the Chesuncook House last week. He is on a two weeks' hunting trip.

From the tracks discovered, bears seem to be in good numbers here. Some people have seen old Bruin investigating their premises, evidently planning on getting some plunder. None have been captured as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Whilden, Dr. I. P. Strittmatter, Thos. Strittmatter, John J. Horn and Thos. Walstenholme, all of Philadelphia, with six guides, reached here Saturday on their return from Round pond. Each person in the party obtained the full quota of deer allowed by law and quite a few partridges.

V. M. and H. W. Theriault of Fort Kent are on a three weeks' trip up the Allegash and back to their homes. V. M. Theriault is a prominent lawyer at Fort Kent.

A PERSISTENT SKUNK.

The Wellman family of Cowan Hill, Farmington, were awakened early last Sunday morning by the loud squawking of a hen. They got up and went out to investigate and discovered a skunk trying to drag off a hen by the head, but the hen being rather a heavy load for his skunkship to drag, as he had to go backward, he made slow progress. Mrs. Wellman thinking only of the peril of the hen, ran and grabbed her by the legs supposing that Mr. Skunk would retreat, but not he; hunger lent him courage so that he held his grip and pulled for all he was worth, until the poor hen's neck was stretched beyond breathing point, and it was not until he had been pounded and bombarded with stove wood that he gave up his hard-earned breakfast.

Chas. Roberts and son, George, went by with a deer recently.

Chad Whittemore, John Carville and Will Streeter have each brought in some feathered game.

CAMP AND HOTEL PRINTING.

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MAINE WOODS, Phillips, Me.

STATE SHOOT.

Following is the announcement sent out from Portland in regard to the meet: To the Riflemen of Maine, Greeting:

The second annual rifle meeting will be held on the city of Portland rifle range on Saturday, Oct. 24, 1903, at which time the following competitions will take place:

The Governor Hill Trophy match—Open to teams of five from any headquarters, company, corps or division of the National Guard of the state of Maine, or any rifle club or shooting organization of the state; distance, 200 and 500 yards; rounds, seven at each distance; rifle, U. S. magazine, caliber 30; ammunition, service; entrance fee, \$5 per team, post entry, \$10 per team; targets, "A" elliptical at 200 yards and "B" elliptical at 500 yards. Prizes: Entrance money to be divided into three prizes for teams making highest aggregate score; to the National Guard team making the highest aggregate score the Gov. Hill trophy, presented by the Hon. John F. Hill of Augusta, to be shot for annually and to be held during the year by the team winning it.

Suitable prizes will also be given for second and at different distances.

Individual matches at 600 yards—Open to state; seven shots at 600 yards, with one sighting; rifle and ammunition as prescribed in Gov. Hill trophy match; target, "B" elliptical; entry, 50 cents, post entry, \$1. Prizes: Money to be divided in three prizes. Additional first prize of 200 rounds of 30 caliber ammunition, presented by the Peters Cartridge company of New York.

Second, third and fourth prizes will also be awarded.

Individual Revolver match—Open to any commissioned officer, N. G. S. M.; distance, 30, 50 and 75 yards; one string of six shots at each distance, slow fire; revolver, as prescribed in state regulations and orders; ammunition, service, as issued; target, "A," elliptical at all ranges; entry, 50 cents, post entry, \$1. Prizes: Money to be divided in three prizes for best aggregate score and additional prizes given.

Conditions—The several competitions will be conducted under the rules and regulations recently adopted for the National Guard of this state, except as the same may be herein modified. Entries, giving the names of members of teams competing for the Gov. Hill trophy match, inspector of rifle practice. First Infantry, Portland, not later than five days prior to the match, in order to enter under the \$5 fee clause. Post entries will be permitted, but the entrance fee in such cases will be \$10 per team. In the individual matches, entries made not less than three days prior to the meeting will be accepted at the fee named in the statement of matches, but post entries in each case will be \$1. Commanding officers of military companies and the president or secretary of any rifle club or shooting organizations will certify that the members of the team representing them have been members of such company, club or organization for not less than 30 days prior to the day of meeting. In matches calling for the use of the national military arm, ammunition will be supplied gratis by the state to teams representing National Guard organizations.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

Capt. and Asst. Surgeon J. Frederick Hill of Waterville has evinced his interest in rifle shooting by offering a loving cup to be offered as a prize in the Gov. Hill trophy match, to be shot on the Portland rifle range, Oct. 24.

The cup offered by Capt. Hill will go to the National Guard company from Kennebec county, making the highest score, said cup to become the property of any team winning it three times.

The match will be competed the same as others.

THE COL. KENDALL TROPHY.

Col. L. H. Kendall, commanding First Regiment Infantry, N. G. S. M., has offered a loving cup to be offered as a prize in the Gov. Hill trophy match.

The cup offered by Col. Kendall will go to the National Guard company in the First Regiment making the highest aggregate score, said cup to become the property of any team winning it three times.

The match will be competed for in the same way.

THE HON. F. E. BOOTHBY TROPHY.

Hon. F. E. Boothby, mayor of Portland, has offered a loving cup to be offered as a prize in the Gov. Hill trophy match.

The cup offered by Mayor Boothby will go to the National Guard company, of Portland, making the highest aggregate score, said cup to become the property of any team winning three times.

Match to be competed for add entries made in some way.

OFFICERS OF THE MEET.

The officers of the meet will be as follows: Executive officer, Col. L. H. Kendall, Biddeford, Comdg. 1st Inf., N. G. S. M. Statistical officer, Col. Elliot C. Dill, Augusta, Insp. Gen. Rifle Prac.

In order to encourage rifle practice in the capital city, the Hon. Byron Boyd of Augusta, has given a handsome loving cup to be competed for in the Gov. Hill trophy match that is to be shot at Portland, Saturday, October 24. The cup will go to the member of C. M. Second Infantry, N. G. S. M., who makes the highest aggregate score in the match. It will become the property of any member of the team winning it three times, not necessarily consecutively.

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FROM COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

The Kennebec Journal, Augusta prints the following:

The office of the fish and game commission is the liveliest place in the building, lately. Big hunting stories, illegal killing of deer, moose and partridge and notices of arrests come in almost every day. Word has just been received at the office that warrants have been issued by the Farmington Municipal court for the arrest of Frederick White of Brooklyn, N. Y., for hunting and trapping fur animals without a license. This same party was arrested a short time ago for camping and kindling fires on wild land near Eustis without being accompanied by a guide. A warrant has also been issued for the arrest of Dr. C. B. Parker, also of Brooklyn, for camping and building fire on wild land without a guide, and for killing deer in close time.

Deputy Game Warden W. H. Hanson reports that on a trip on the Passadumkeag, last week, he found a place near Upper Taylor brook where three deer had been killed, but found only two of the deer. In order to apprehend the law-breakers, he watched the deer until two men named Oldenburgh and McKinney came to get them. He then arrested them and took the deer. Oldenburgh said the deer were all his, and settled for the three, paying the fine of \$120. The deer were sold to hotels, and the money realized from them, together with the fines, will be turned into the State treasurer's office, for the benefit of the department.

Game Warden Phillips of Stratton reports that he has brought Frank Hight of Rangeley before Trial Justice Gross for shooting two partridges, and he paid \$10 and costs.

Word has been received of the killing of a moose in the vicinity of Island Falls, and investigations are being made in the matter.

Inquiries have come into the office as to whether lumbermen and others from across the border are allowed to kill game without a license, and the following notice has been issued by the department, written in both English and French, and will be sent out to be posted in conspicuous places in the woods, all over the state:

"Workmen working in the woods in lumber camps, or elsewhere, whose homes are not in Maine, cannot hunt or kill any deer or moose unless they have a license to hunt issued by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game.

"The penalty is not less than \$25 or more than \$100 and costs for each offense.

"Such licenses may be procured by sending \$15 to the commissioners at Augusta, Me.

Augusta, Me., Oct. 1, 1903.

L. T. CARLETON,
HENRY O. STANLEY,
EDGAR E. RING,
Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game."

WHITE HOUSE AND BIRCHES.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

GRAND LAKE STREAM, Oct. 12, 1903.

Grand lake has not been so beautifully decorated for many years. The frost came so gradual that the coloring of the maples and birches has been perfect. Wherever one stands—all about is a blaze of color.

Many of the hunters are waiting for the leaves to fall to begin hunting for deer, although a few have already bagged their first.

Charlie White and James Bacon each brought in a buck on the first day of lawful hunting.

John Brown brought home a fine buck last Wednesday which he brought down without a rifle. He was sent up lake with a message to one of the camps and when a few miles from town saw two deer swimming in the lake. Hurrying up he overtook them and with a paddle succeeded in killing the large buck, pulled it ashore and cut his throat. The horns were very odd. The left one was broad but with only four points, while the right horn had six large points and numerous smaller ones. One large point was broken off in the killing and two paddles were broken in the operation.

The young doe, Janice, of the White House deer pack, gained an afternoon's outing last week by breaking through the wire fence into Grandma Brown's orchard, and after a quiet feast on clover and sweet apples, went gingerly back through her self-made gate, which was quickly mended.

Mr. W. S. Corey and son, Arthur, of Portland arrived Saturday for a hunting trip on the lake. The first morning out Arthur returned with a nice young doe of which the lad was very proud, as well he might—it being his first experience. The party is occupying one of the White House log camps.

HUNTING AT SKINNER.

[Special correspondence to Maine Woods.]

SKINNER, Oct. 13, 1903.

Guide Wentworth has taken the cake this fall in hunting. Oct. 1 before six o'clock in the morning he got a fine doe within 20 minutes after he left his house and Oct. 8 he got another early in the morning, besides getting 26 partridges since the season has opened. Wentworth says he must have one of those bull moose that are traveling around here as soon as the season opens.

It seems strange that people will evade the game laws as they do and try to shield those that are guilty. On Sept. 30 two game wardens, making a tour among the logging camps on the south branch and the Kibby, met a certain man from the Kibby Camps about half-way between here and a certain camp on the South branch. When he came by the camp they were just dressing off a deer. After meeting the game wardens he made a double quick trip here and telephoned back to the camp to look out for the wardens. When the wardens arrived at the camp a few minutes after, everything was in apple pie order and no deer to be seen.

Your correspondent is improving the fishing here. Prick pond is being raised about two and one-half feet. Bishop dam at Bishop's camp will be repaired, trails will be open to other points where there is good fishing. Big Indian pond will be stocked with salmon.

With our fine mountain and forest scenery, brooks and ponds teeming with the speckled beauties, and deer and moose roaming our forests, easy of access on the Canadian Pacific railway, with telephone connections to several camps, we intend to make this the sportsmen's Paradise.

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DEER SHOT.

Two sleek little does and a handsome buck were expressed out from the Rangeley region. The buck, which carried a fine set of horns, and one doe were shot by Arthur Craig of Portland. H. H. Haskell, Boston, was the name on the tag on the second doe.

A fine buck and a small doe, shot by A. F. Casey of Mexico, came by express on Saturday's train from Sherman station.

W. H. Draper of Railroad street, Rumford Falls, was out about three hours Saturday morning and brought in a fine 2-years-old doe, which he shot near the Swain road, a mile and a half from town. The carcass was observed by many at Mr. Draper's home.

STODDARD HOUSE ARRIVALS.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

FARMINGTON, ME., Oct. 12, 1903.

Among the prominent arrivals at the Stoddard House the past week were:

A. Simmons, Esq., North Anson; O. C. Calkins, Chicago; C. A. Horn, Indianapolis; W. B. Hall, Raleigh, N. C.; A. J. Blethen, wife and daughter, Seattle; A. P. Bigelow, Springfield, Ohio; W. T. Daggett, Waterville; S. O. Southward, Cleveland, Ohio; A. W. Bond, Worcester, Mass.; Daniel Whitehouse, E. H. Jackson, Augusta; H. E. Smith, Rumford Falls; A. M. McKusie, Amesbury, Mass.; E. C. Hyde, Freeport; Prof. Carl Jean Tolman, Lewiston; Geo. M. Fogg, Bangor; H. B. Bulford, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; B. Emery Pratt, Livermore Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Gould A. Porter, North Anson; Royal Blanchard, Swanton, Vt.; Howard Wiley, S. J. Lee, C. M. Johnson, F. M. Foley, J. C. Brown, J. H. Lincoln, C. C. Edmonds, H. A. Garrard, G. W. Height, Frank P. Merrill, G. H. Locke, A. Benjamin, Geo. E. Stevens, A. R. Parlin, C. B. Kinsley, Boston; A. T. Wilder, Geo. Burnham, Jr., W. T. Thompson, H. I. Bingham, Seth F. Clark, J. W. Stone, D. A. Buxton, W. H. Littlefield, A. M. Palmer, B. W. Emerson, J. A. Jackson, Portland.

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GAME NOTES ALL AROUND.

An ox made the mistake of getting into an East Stoneham bear trap the other day, and made the journey to the slaughter house some weeks before the scheduled time. How the fat Oxford bears might have laughed in their dens at the incident.

Late reports from Moosehead, Lake Onawa and Sebago lake state that the close of the fishing season was marked by big catches and lots of sport. Deer, moose and partridges are reported very numerous in this section.

It will be very interesting to know at the end of the season just how many nonresident hunters (if any) remained at home or went elsewhere to do their hunting on account of the hunters' license law. The editorial writers of the Boston papers are working over time these days writing editorials on this new law both for and against it. First one will appear scoring Maine legislators for their actions and saying lots of complimentary things about Mr. Carleton, then one appears in a rival paper patting Maine and Mr. Carleton on the back, expressing the opinion that Maine is all right with the hunters' license law and that the hunters are coming just the same. Time alone will tell.

Aroostook reports a dull opening of the game season but hopes for something better the latter part of the month.

A writer in the Bangor News in an essay on "The Blue Jay," after scoring this bird frightfully and branding him as "a sneak and a thief and a coward," ends up with the following:

But the blue jay is by all odds the most beautiful bird of the Maine woods. He is graceful and neat and his clothes are of fine color and fit him nicely. Like the girl whom we all know, he is fair and false. Though he breaks our hearts and wastes the substance of our pocketbook, we cannot help admiring him, and at times we really love him. We know he is treacherous and not to be relied upon. We can learn of his cowardice any day by watching the way he treats the smaller birds. But their nice clothing and that jaunty air! Surely we should pay tribute to beauty.

The chief game warden of Ohio and one deputy, with four other parties from the Buckeye state, are in Maine enjoying the excellent hunting. Maine must be pretty good to draw game wardens 2,000 miles to enjoy our hunting.

Mrs. A. Hathaway and Mrs. L. H. Wheeler, both of Bangor, are among the first ladies reported having secured big game. Both ladies secured two deer Saturday, Oct. 3.

Last week's reports from all sections of the game country state that the big game was very plentiful and hunters scarce. This week's reports show a decrease in the former and an increase in the latter, which is as it should be.

The following is from the Bangor News: Any person who thinks the game laws are a benefit to nonresidents only ought to take a trip through the northern part of the state at this time. On the morning of October 2, almost every settler had a deer, and Forest Commissioner Ring, who had just returned from that section, says that he never saw game of all kinds so plenty as it is now in the Maine woods. Partridges, in particular, are fairly swarming, and the oldest inhabitants say they never saw anything like it. Those who are fortunate enough to live up that way will not lack for game of any description, this fall, and they will get tired of venison and partridges, according to all reports.

The Maine Central employees at the Union station report a dropping off in out of the state hunters, which usually arrive in big numbers ere this time of the season. They are loyal to the hunter's tax law and express the belief that the nonresidents will, after seeing the working of the law for one season, return to their old haunts in the wilds of Maine.

In reviewing the Maine Game laws the Boston Herald estimates that there are 100,000 deer in the state today and that in previous years from 15,000 to 20,000 have been killed. It scores the state for imposing the hunter's tax and accuses the Maine guides of being monarchs of the woods, that cannot very well be dispensed with.

The "down easter" are getting a good start on the story tellers. Here's a sample of the stories told to date.

One "sportsman" comes home with the story that a large woodcock, becoming confused, of its own free will had flown into the game bag of the gunner and had been captured alive. From Machias comes the report of five birds

secured at one shot, a good record for the first of the season. Ellis M. Smith, one of the best known duck shooters in the state and a famous shot, went out duck hunting on Friday afternoon and had proceeded but a short distance when he discovered five black ducks sitting on a rock. While his young companion was watching him through the glass, this veteran sportsman crept around to a good position and killed them all at a single shot.

The following is from Warden E. M. Blanding who is on duty at Bangor, watching the trains during the game season.

"There are a large number of sportsmen in the woods at the present time and more are going on every train. Of course it would be all guess work to figure on the probable game shipments for this season, but I think that it will be fully as large if not larger than last year. I don't expect to see the shipment ruined any by the new license law.

"I shall cover all principal trains for the present as the shipments will not amount to much for quite a while, but as soon as it gets larger there will be more wardens on duty here. We shall be on every train to look for illegal transportation."

Great care should be taken to avoid shooting accidents and hunters should be certain of their game before pulling the trigger. The penalty for carelessly shooting a fellow being is not over ten years in the state prison or a fine of \$1,000. No traps, jacks, dogs or any method except the usual one of shooting with gun or rifle, is permitted in the pursuit and taking of wild game. Sunday is always close time on all game. Beaver, caribou and cow or calf moose must not be killed.

There has been considerable talk up Moosehead way of forming a Guides' Union and boosting the price of a guide to \$4 per. Here's one man's opinion on the matter.

"If a union should be formed and fix a regulation price, say \$4 a day, all of these lumbermen who go on the drives and know the river down which they have come for years would turn to guiding. They would get a license, join the union and demand \$4 a day. Nothing could be said as they would be union guides.

"Now you might go into the woods, say with a friend, and one would get a good guide and the other one of these lumbermen. The lumberman couldn't cook, couldn't shoot, couldn't do anything and wouldn't be worth his salt. That's what a union which would fix the price of guides in Maine would do and it would be a bad thing."

DEER WEREN'T SHOT.

Wm. Thompson of Farmington says his luck on shooting deer is badly hoodooed and tells the story of his hard luck to prove his theory. He says the first day the law was off deer he started for Avon, where deer are suffered to abide in large numbers. Mr. Thompson arrived at his stopping place late that night and the next morning was up bright and early, ready for anything. Mr. Thompson had been out but a very few minutes before, in an old orchard, he jumped three as, handsome deer as it is often the pleasure of anyone to see. Mr. Thompson selected a large, fat doe in the crowd as his victim, and taking careful aim, fired. No result attended the shot, as the two others that followed before the deer disappeared in the bushes. Mr. Thompson then said a few things and started home. On the way he saw a large deer by the roadside and taking careful aim he fired. The deer gradually faded away and soon disappeared in the dense underbrush, accompanied by leaden bullets.

Will made a few more remarks and started his horse homeward. Just then another deer put in an appearance in the place of the deer first seen. This deer was allowed to pass on without being saluted with the rifle. Mr. Thompson arrived home in safety.

FREEMAN NOTES.

Leonard King and Frank Walker who went up to Dead River one week ago on a hunting trip, stopped with Charles Huff last Sunday night on their way home to Livermore Falls. They were two happy hunters for they took home three fine deer.

Albert Huff shot a fox last week. Luther Turner shot a deer last Saturday, and Bert Soper shot one last Monday.

Raymond Pinkham and Chas. Copp shot a deer last week.

Fred Harmon saw three fine deer while driving Sunday.

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PLEASANT ISLAND CAMPS.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

PLEASANT ISLAND CAMPS,
HAINES LANDING, ME.,
Oct. 15, 1903.

The Fish and the Fisher.

"A little fish will grow,
If life be spared, a great.
But then, to let him go
And for his growing wait,
May not be very wise,
As 'tis not sure your bait
Will catch him when of size."

Our log fires are all burning. Ice has recently formed and the temperature is keenly cool and bracing. The maples are beginning to show their autumnal tints and many beautiful leaves of green and yellow and garnet have been used for decorating the cabin. The purple of the mountains and the gorgeous colors in the sky still attract visitors to the Campsite.

Among the parties that enjoyed the early October hunting here, were: Capt. J. W. Nash, Norway; Hon. Frank A. McLean, Cambridge, Mass.; Senator William H. Ward, New York City; Maj. Chas. T. Cutler, Malden, Mass. Senator Ward carried out two buck deer.

CHASED MOOSE ON HORSEBACK.

KINEO LAKE, Oct. 10, 1903.
Ernest G. Judkins, bookkeeper for the Kineo company, had a remarkable experience with a bull moose on the carriage road to Deer Head Farm, two miles from here, early in the week.

Mr. Judkins was taking a morning ride, galloping along a level stretch, when the horse came to a sudden standstill with a jolt and a snort. Looking ahead Mr. Judkins saw a bull moose, feeding on the tender sprouts of the bushes growing by the roadside, not 60 yards away. The animal apparently, was totally oblivious to the presence of the horse and rider, although, of course,

TRANSPORTATION

TIME - TABLE.

SANDY RIVER R. R.

Monday, Oct. 12, 1903.

North.			
	Tr'n 1 A. M.	Tr'n 3 A. M.	Tr'n 5 P. M.
Farmington,.....lv	11 00	12 10	4 40
So. Strong,.....			
Strong,.....{ ar	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Phillips,.....ar	12 30	1 00	5 30
South.			
	Tr'n 2 A. M.	Tr'n 4 A. M.	Tr'n 6 P. M.
Phillips,.....lv	7 30	8 30	1 30
Strong,.....{ ar	7 50	9 10	1 48
So. Strong,.....			
Farmington,.....ar	8 20	10 00	2 17

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TIME-TABLE.

In Effect Oct. 12, 1903.

SOUTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Bigelow, lv	11 00	2 00	6 55
Carrabassett, ar	11 20	2 25	7 02
Kingfield, lv	11 45	3 00	7 27
*N. Freeman, lv	7 00	7 05	12 50
*Mt. Abram Jet., lv	7 05	7 10	12 55
Salem, ar	7 20	7 45	1 10
*Summit, lv	7 22	8 35	1 12
*W. Freeman, lv	7 35	1 25	
Strong, ar	7 45	9 05	1 35
NORTH.			
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Strong, lv	8 15	10 00	5 12
*W. Freeman, lv	8 25	10 05	5 17
*Summit, lv	8 35	10 30	5 27
Salem, ar	8 40	10 35	5 35
*Mt. Abram Jet., lv	8 45	10 40	
*No. Freeman, lv	8 50	11 30	5 45
Kingfield, ar	9 00	11 30	5 52
Carrabassett, lv	9 15	12 00	5 55
Bigelow, ar	9 45	12 35	6 18
Flag stations, Trains stop on notice to conductor. Mixed trains.			
Close connection is made at Strong with trains to and from Phillips, Farmington, Portland and Boston.			
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he must have heard them approach.

Mr. Judkins's first impulse was to ride the moose down, but he thought better of this and hooted to attract the animal's attention, and possibly to frighten him from the road so that he could proceed, but the moose fed calmly on. At the end of a few minutes the beast moved down the road in search of more food, and Mr. Judkins followed at a respectful distance, hooting until his throat was hoarse, but he might just as well have whistled as far as the moose was concerned. This proceeding was repeated over half a mile of road.

At the end of that distance the moose faced about and began feeding towards the horse and rider, casting an unconcerned look in their direction every now and then, and Mr. Judkins's horse did the back-sit for a few rods. This was a little too much for the horseman and becoming impatient, he gave a tremendous yell to attract the attention of the moose, which was successful, plunged spurs into the horse, and made for the impudent highwayman pell mell.

With the first leap of the horse the indifference of the moose changed to concern, and turning abruptly about, he started down the road at a great, clumsy trot. The put a new and interesting phase to the situation and urging on his horse Mr. Judkins proceeded to have his turn at the sport, only hoping that the moose would keep to the road. The moose obliged in this particular and the horse was a good one and entered into the spirit of the chase, but try as he could the distance between him and the fleeing animal did not lessen materially.

"I never saw anything like it," said Mr. Judkins to the correspondent. "That great, ungainly animal trotted on as calmly as a razor back runs, and maintaining his lead with apparently no effort whatever, while my horse was legging it for all that was in him. I had heard that moose had speed, but when I started after that bull I would have laid ten to one odds that I could overtake him in less than 200 yards—that I could have ridden all around him."

After a hot race covering fully half a mile, the moose turned into the forest and disappeared. From the 15th on Mr. Judkins will carry a carbine when he rides!

TRANSPORTATION

Time-Table.

PHILLIPS & RANGELEY R. R.

The only all-rail route to Rangeley Lake. The quickest and easiest route to the Dead River Region via Dead River Station. Stage connection with every through train to Stratton, Eastis and all points inland.

On and after Oct. 12, 1903, trains on the Phillips & Rangeley railroad will run as follows until further notice:

EAST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Phillips, Lv	7 00		1 30
*Madrid, ar	7 20		5 45
*Madrid Junction, ar	7 42		5 47
*Reed's Mill, ar	7 50		5 55
*Sanders' Mill, ar	8 00		6 05
Redington Mills, ar	8 30		6 30
Eustis Jet., ar	9 00		6 45
Dead River, ar	9 10		6 50
Rangeley, ar	9 30		7 05
WEST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Rangeley, Lv	11 30		1 00
Dead River, ar	11 42		1 20
Redington Mills, ar	12 05		2 00
*Sanders' Mill, ar	12 23		2 30
*Reed's Mill, ar	12 30		2 45
*Madrid Junction, ar	12 35		2 55
*Madrid, ar	12 37		3 10
Phillips, ar	12 50		3 30
*Trains stop on signal or notice to conductor.			
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Portland & Rumford Falls Ry.

DIRECT LINE TO RANGELEY LAKES.

Through Time-Table, in Effect Oct. 12, 1903.

GOING SOUTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Oquossoc, lv	7 30		
South Rangeley, ar	7 35		
Bemis, lv	7 55		
Rumford Falls, ar	9 10	2 40	
Livermore Falls, ar	A. M.	9 00	
Mechanic Falls, ar	6 55	10 41	4 07
Lewiston, ar	7 40	11 25	4 50
Portland, Union Sta., ar	8 35	12 20	5 45
Boston, (W. Div.) ar	P. M.	12 45	4 10
Boston, (E. Div.) ar	12 35	4 00	9 15
GOING NORTH.			
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Boston, (E. Div.) lv	9 00	12 30	
Boston, (W. Div.) lv	8 30	1 15	
Portland, Union Sta., lv	A. M.	8 30	5 15
Lewiston, lv	P. M.	9 20	1 55
Mechanic Falls, ar	10 06	2 41	6 45
Livermore Falls, ar	10 10	11 40	4 15
Rumford Falls, ar	11 35	4 40	
Bemis, ar	5 20		
*South Rangeley, ar	5 35		
Oquossoc, ar	5 40		

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BANGOR & AROOSTOOK R. R.

Arrangement of Trains.

IN EFFECT MONDAY, OCT. 12, 1903.

PULLMAN CAR SERVICE.

Pullman Buffet Parlor Cars between Caribou and Bangor on train leaving Caribou at 6.00 a.m. and Bangor at 3.15 p.m. Sleeping Car on train leaving Caribou 4.15 p.m. and Bangor 3.55 a.m.

3.55 A. M.—For and arriving at Millinocket, 6.43 a.m., Houlton, 8.55 a.m., Presque Isle, 10.37 a.m., Fort Fairfield, 11.00 a.m., Caribou, 11.05 a.m. Van Buren 2.25 p.m.

7.10 A. M.—For and arriving at Brownville, 9.13 a.m., Katahdin Iron Works 10.05 a.m., Millinocket 10.30 a.m., Patten 11.50 a.m., Island Falls 11.50 a.m., Ashland 2.30 p.m., Fort Kent 4.35 p.m., Houlton 12.55 p.m., Presque Isle 2.45 p.m., Caribou 3.15 p.m., Van Buren 4.50 p.m., Fort Fairfield 3.05 p.m., Limestone 4.10 p.m., Dover 9.32 a.m., Guilford 9.18 a.m., Monson 10.37 a.m., Greenville 11.30 a.m.

3.15 P. M.—For and arriving at Brownville 4.45 p.m., Millinocket 6.53 p.m., Sherman 6.54 p.m., Ashland 9.00 p.m., Patten 7.20 p.m., Houlton 8.15 p.m., Mars Hill and Blaine 9.25 p.m., Presque Isle 9.57 p.m., Caribou 10.25 p.m., Fort Fairfield 10.15 p.m.

4.50 P. M.—For and arriving at Lagrange 6.10 p.m., Milo 6.35 p.m., Brownville 6.45 p.m., Dover and Foxcroft 7.03 p.m., Guilford 7.28 p.m., Greenville 8.40 p.m., Quebec 1.30 p.m., Montreal 8.35 a.m.

9.30 A. M. Leaving Montreal 7.25 p.m., Quebec 2.40 p.m., Greenville 5.25 a.m., Guilford 6.47 a.m., Dover 7.05 a.m., Brownville 7.25 a.m., Milo 7.45 a.m.

1.05 P. M. Leave Caribou 6.00 a.m., Presque Isle 6.28 a.m., Fort Fairfield 6.05 a.m., Houlton 8.10 a.m., Ashland 6.45 a.m., Patten 8.55 a.m., Millinocket 10.23 a.m., Brownville 11.30 a.m., Milo 11.38 a.m.

THE BARBECUE.

Rangeley Guides Enjoy Unique Entertainment.

The barbecue as advertised by Mr. Edwin P. Bliss last week was postponed on Friday, on account of bad weather, but on Saturday it was pulled off without losing a bit of its intended interest.

Mr. Bliss had made previous arrangements with the livery for a four-horse team, driven by P. Richardson, and on this about 25 guides started for the scene of action at 9 o'clock. Others went in their own teams and in all there were about 50 from the village who attended, besides those who lived near by and went on foot. The crowd was photographed on their arrival by Mrs. Bliss and after a general introduction to the guests at camp, the crowd was invited to a rifle range for target practice.

As few of the boys knew what was on the program there were only a few rifles and guns in the crowd. The shooters were usually shooting strange rifles, consequently there was no very fine marksmanship displayed.

When the ammunition began to run low, refreshments of hot coffee, doughnuts, crackers and cheese were served. Some of the doughnuts were remarkably large and fat and some of the hungry visitors selected these and presently had trouble on their hands, for the inside was filled with cotton. This caused great amusement among the more fortunate ones.

The next was a song and dance by Mr. Seabury, a guest at the Bliss farm. The singer was blackened to represent a negro and played a banjo accompaniment. Philbrick Gile was the violinist. The song was gotten up for this special occasion and contained many local and amusing hits, a portion of which was as follows:

Among the friends who now are here to help us celebrate,
There's one whose fame we hardly can too highly estimate.

For him it is not easy, as you all know very well,
Between an apple and an egg the difference to tell.

In spite of that you may be sure we love and prize him still,
And the name you hear the oft'nest is the good old name of Bill.

For of all the famous woodsmen that this woody land contains,
Perhaps the one we know the best is Mr. William Haines.

And have you ever heard, he is so very bright,
It makes no difference to him, whether it's day or night!

Before the sun gets up, his chores they all are done,
And then he's more than ready for any kind of fun.

He can make a fresh trout chowder from salt cod fish,
And his corn dodgers make of all the nicest dish.

And if the food gives out I'll tell you what you'll see
He can pick any number of hens' eggs off of an apple tree.

Next came a clay pigeon shoot. Chas. Harnden had 275 shells on the grounds, alone, and other gunners had a supply. There was also a 20 gauge gun at the cottage belonging to Mr. Kimball, which he generously turned over to the crowd to use. Each gunner had 20 pigeons each. There were a few excellent shots present, including Kimball, who proved himself an expert, but on the whole there were so many shooting, facing the trap for the first time, that no scores were kept.

From the moment the first cotton doughnut was discovered there was nothing but the best of good feeling throughout the crowd.

In the middle of the shoot dinner was declared in order and the crowd was led to where the roast was in progress. There was a deer and goat being roasted whole in a stone fireplace built in the ground. An iron rod was run through each with a crank at the end, by which the animal was at times rolled over to allow it to cook evenly on all sides. At 2 o'clock the feast was served. Everyone had his choice of cuts, either rare or done. The crowd was lined up along two tables. Beside the deer and goat, there were geese, chickens, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, bread, butter and three kinds of pie. Pipes and tobacco were distributed free throughout the crowd by those in attendance. Then the pigeon shoot was finished.

The next and really most amusing feature of the day was the practice at a dummy deer that was made of paper and concealed behind a blind which at the will of the operator would spring out in view and as quickly disappear again.

The range was some over a hundred yards and as each rifleman fired he would call out, "did I hit him?" "No," would come back the answer. "He went down over the hill" or "I think so, I saw him kick," or "no, he stands right behind that bunch of bushes." These remarks were particularly amusing to the crowd because at times

the thing acted like most anything but a live deer.

Mr. Kimball gave some very good exhibitions of rifle and pistol shooting at objects thrown in the air. He proved himself capable of hitting bricks and tin cans at nearly every shot. Later he performed some remarkable tricks with cards, as well as sleight of hand work with coins and apples.

Mr. Bliss took his guests to the site of a new log camp now under construction on the point of a knoll which overlooks a most magnificent view on all sides. Wm. Haines is Mr. Bliss's right-hand man and is the camp architect. He is constantly employed by Mr. Bliss and most of the work about the premises has been done either by him or under his supervision.

The crowd were treated in a royal manner by not only Mr. and Mrs. Bliss but also Miss Mary Bliss, Mrs. Bliss's mother, Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Kimball and Mr. Joseph Cobury.

At the close Rev. Prescott, at the request of the crowd, made a few fitting remarks expressing the thanks and gratitude of those who had been so well entertained.

At 4 o'clock the crowd remounted the big wagon and giving three rousing cheers for the hosts and hostesses returned to the village.

The event has been the only subject of conversation since its occurrence by those who were fortunate enough to be in it. The clumsy shooting intermixed with some that was excellent, the vanishing deer that was hit six times out of the 45 shots fired at it, the cotton doughnuts and roasted animals that were so delicious, will long be remembered by the Rangeley guides.

Following are the names of those who attended, only a few of which were not guides:

G. L. Ross, Geo. Oakes, Wm. Wilcox, Peter Nicola, E. I. Herriek, J. F. Tibbetts, J. E. Haley, E. B. Herriek, W. H. Haines, Royal Bean, Elmer Snowman, James Mathieson, Ben Gile, Isaiah Taylor, F. C. Porter, C. L. Harnden, R. W. Wilbur, G. H. Thrasher, W. E. Twombly, Geo. Wilcox, Frank Gile, Alton Tibbetts, J. H. Tibbetts, J. A. Stewart, H. L. Oakes, A. S. Armburg, E. H. Cobb, Wm. Huntton, Harry Quimby, G. H. Hinkley, J. E. Lamb, Rev. E. H. Prescott, A. H. Sprague, Alec McDonald, Herman Huntton, Donald Mathieson, Philbrick Gile, W. S. Albee, J. F. Tibbetts, Clyde Wilcox, Leaman Wilcox, G. B. McCord, J. Lewis York, J. D. Huntton, Phineas Richardson, C. W. Barrett, Dr. F. B. Peabody, E. H. Whitney, H. A. Look, Titus Philbrick.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

THE Fish That Was Unselfish

"What a wonderful piece of good fortune it was that that fisherman dropped his bait box overboard!" said Mr. Sunfish to Mr. Minnow.

"Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Minnow. "I always did relish nice fresh bread crumbs and crusts, and I understand that this box was filled with both."

"And so it was," said Mr. Sunfish. "I have made all arrangements to have it carried over to my house."

"But it doesn't belong to you!" exclaimed Mr. Minnow, half angrily. "It is mine."

Mr. Sunfish bit his lips thoughtfully.



MR. SUNFISH AND MR. MINNOW.

"Very well," he said finally; "you may have it. I shall not be selfish."

"I guess you are jealous of me now, aren't you?" inquired the minnow, with a broad smile.

"No, indeed," answered the sunfish cheerily.

"Well, why aren't you?" asked the minnow.

"Simply because I have already got out of the box all the best that it contained."

Mr. Minnow's countenance fell, and he hurried off to inspect the box. Sure enough, the very best that had been in it was gone, and the sunfish had taken it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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WITH THE HUNTERS.

What Farmington and Strong Hunters Are Doing.

Special correspondence to MAINE WOODS.

FARMINGTON, Oct. 12, 1903.

Everyone in town, almost, seems to be a hunter this fall. For several years the supply of partridge, woodcock, etc., has been somewhat limited, but this year the supply seems to be unlimited. Probably this is the reason why so many Farmingtonites and others are hunting this fall. Fred Allen, with Knowlton & McLeary Co., has been a lucky hunter so far, having got six birds.

Joseph Matthieu, the barber, has bagged seven and is looking for more. Chabourne Whittemore of Fairbanks has two biddies on his score card.

John Daniels and a party of sportsmen from Boston have been out after woodcock and have been fortunate to the extent of twenty-two.

Honors are even with S. O. Tarbox, Jr., and his partner, Bert Hardy, as they stand pat with four birds each. "Ollie" is a dead shot, while Bert's aim is also very deadly.

Victor Huat has secured four ruffed grouse.

Geo. Stevens got two partridges last week, also J. Clinton Metcalf, who secured his at Varnum pond.

Maurice Roderic was a winner, with two birds for his bag.

Geo. Wheeler has probably made the most remarkable shot of the season as he secured four birds with three shots in one day, killing two at the first fire.

The first deer story of the season in this section comes from Temple, a famous place for deer. James Colby was the fortunate man, the shooting occurring shortly after the shades of night had lowered, Oct. 1, on the farm of D. W. Chandler. The deer was a doe, weighing an even 150 pounds, and in prime condition for eating. Mr. Colby was about eleven rods from the deer which was killed with a charge of buckshot properly placed.

That there are plenty of deer near this village is proven by people who have seen them on the outskirts of the town. A week ago Saturday the section hands on the Sandy River road saw a large buck deer near Herman Corbett's, a short distance above the box shop.

John Carville of Fairbanks has seen two deer near his shop recently.

Bert Spinney, the machinist on Broadway, has also seen a large buck deer. It is well to remember that all these deer were seen while protected by the law, or possibly it would have been otherwise with them. *Quien sabe?*

To get down to really big game it is well to mention the big bull moose recently seen by Mr. Brown, who drives the New Sharon stage. Mr. Brown encountered his mooseship near Farmington Falls. Mr. Moose gave one comprehensive glance at the stage, etc., and then, stepping lightly over a fence four feet high, bounded merrily away to the woods.

E. C. Winslow has also seen a big bull moose which was feeding in one of his fields near the barn. Mr. Winslow lives a short distance below this village on the Falls road. He says the old bull looked to be larger than a good sized horse.

T. H. Adams has also been hunting a little this fall and has, furthermore, secured some game. Mr. Adams's trophy was a good sized odoriferous skunk that quickly gave up his life to the deadly aim of Mr. Adams's gun.

The boys in Strong are getting in line for a deer and up to date have met with the best of success. Last week Wm. and Gerald Luce each got a deer. William shot his in New Portland, Friday.

Then came the downfall of a deer, shot by Mr. E. Voter of the Dyer Hill neighborhood.

Monday night, just at sunset, Chas. Dickey got a good sized deer in the Allen clearing, so called, and Hammond Richardson fired at one in the same place but failed to kill his game.

The bird question? Oh, yes, lots of them are being shot. Mr. Hartshorn Welch heads the list with 31 birds. Hammond Richardson has secured twelve; Ben Jones, seven; Geo. Pratt, one and P. W. Mason, one. These last named gentlemen are in the field for more, however.

TRADE NOTES.

Recent tournaments in Pennsylvania have demonstrated the shooting qualities of Peters shotgun ammunition in the hands of amateurs. At Ligonier, Pa., Mr. L. B. Fleming won high amateur average with 96 per cent, and Mr. Fred Coleman of Hedges, Pa., won the amateur averages at Hilton, Scranton (interstate tournament), and at the three days shoot of the Florist Gun Club, Philadelphia, Pa.