

FIN, FUR, AND FEATHER.

although I have called and killed them later, and I would strongly favor the closing of September at least, making the open season from the 1st of October to the 31st of January. Apart from more important reasons September weather is too warm to admit of getting meat out of the woods and make use of it a sound condition. The opening of September and closing of January is decidedly in the interests of sportsmen, while it is unfair to settlers and Indians, who prefer hunting later in the season, when meat can be kept fresh and the best use made of it. Any law giving to sportsmen a preference in these matters would be difficult to enforce. Nor can a law prohibiting the killing of cows, while bucks are allowed to be killed, ever be carried out, for even those who might be disposed to comply with the law could not, many being shot before seeing their heads. Calves of one summer have no horns and they are often killed by being taken for larger moose, while but few bucks have horns in January. This being the case I ask how men hunting moose are to select the buck from the cows? Our moose law before the recent amendments was fairly good, while the change has made it a collection of inconsistencies, and the sooner it is repealed the better for all concerned and instead make the open season for killing moose and caribou from the 1st of October to the 31st of January, both days included; meat killed during October to be brought out of the woods within the first five days after being killed; allowing ten days for that purpose during the remainder of the sea-

son, and five days in February for any that may have been killed in the latter part of January, leaving the fines for dogging, snaring, killing out of season, etc., as at present, without attempting to define what kind of moose or caribou may or may not be killed, that being positively beyond control. And when a close season for moose and caribou of one, two or three years appears to be necessary, our people will cheerfully submit as they have done in the past.

We publish the above as it is the most sound and convincing argument against the game laws (moose and caribou) as they now stand, that we have heard, and the letter contains no little information. That friend Archibald is a thorough sportsman, and possesses good judgment coupled with a long hunting experience, we have little doubt.

Improvement?

We come out this month with an enlargement of four pages, and trust subscribers will find other improvements. Designs have been received by us for a cut for cover, but have proved unsatisfactory, and we adopt present one. We will hereafter make this paper of more general interest to Maritime sportsmen, and they should help us along in the good work.

The greatest snow-storm this winter was on April 9th.