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N. S. Game Laws.

In a letter to the Halifax Chronicle of April 5th D. W. Archibald of Sheet Harbor N. S., says:

I notice a very necessary and commendable law passed, at the last session of our local legislature, for the protection of deer, elk and birds imported into this province. No law could be too stringent in this particular, nor the punishment too severe for any violation thereof. I also notice some important changes in the law relating to moose and caribou, opening the whole of the month of September for the slaughter of buck moose only, closing the last half of January, and prohibiting the killing of cow moose for an indefinite

period. The carrying out of the later clause, while the killing of bucks is permitted, would be an impossibility, as the heads of half the moose that are shot are not seen before being killed, and if they were seen how very easy to leave the heads in the woods and call them all bucks. All heads except those with extra large horns are left in the woods, the muzzles and tongues only being brought out. This being the case who is to swear positively to the difference between the muffle, tongue and meat of a buck moose and those of a cow. I could not, and I am no novice in these matters. I am safe in saying that there are in this district three cow moose to one buck, and believe this to be generally the case throughout the province, and if it were possible to protect one portion more than another, it should be the bucks. The cause of their scarcity may be attributed to their having been hunted and killed during the calling season, specially for their heads, while the cows at this season generally get clear. Apart from this bucks are much more easily crept upon than cows. No animal is more on the alert for danger than a cow moose with calves, and they are generally found together until smaller calves appear upon the scene, when the yearlings strike out for themselves. The hunting, slaughter and separation of these animals during their mating season does much to retard the propagation of the species, and should be abolished. The mating season of moose and caribou commences about the tenth of September, and is well past by the tenth of October,