

the canoe should be trim. Where there are two canoes in a party, after the division and arrangement of luggage has been once established, the operation of loading becomes mechanical.

On the morning in question, owing to many delays, it was nine o'clock and after when we left Lobster Lake, and found ourselves sailing down the outflowing stream before a brisk southeast wind. Suddenly, on turning a bend, we saw a caribou (*Rangifer caribou*) approaching on the opposite bank. Our sense of sight was scarcely quicker than his sense of smell, for although two hundred and fifty yards away he made two or three sniffing movements of the head towards either side, and, turning into the alder-bushes, disappeared before we could recover from our surprise. "That caribou must have his cane with him, he leave the country so quick," exclaimed Joe, whose regret at the absence of fresh steak from our table manifested itself for several days afterward.

This incident created quite an excitement in the Captain's mind, and although we cautioned him that several days must elapse before we could lawfully take game, he solemnly drew forth the sole weapon he possessed, a small thirty-two calibre revolver, impressively laid it before him on the bottom of his canoe, and vowed that no moose or caribou should come near him, law or no law, — not near enough to "bite" him, anyhow.

The average sportsman in this part of the world, especially when in a canoe, is apt to be somewhat careless in not having his gun within reach, and disengaged from everything which might prevent its immediate use. Noth-