

to a skeleton and his bruises full of maggots. Seeing the state he was in he put him out of his agony. The owner of the snare is well known, but positive proof is wanting.

Mr. ARCHIBALD states that two red deer were seen at Sheet Harbor this fall and that shot by Mr. Gladwin was no doubt one of them. He does not give Mr. Gladwin the credit for ignorance. Moose are fast increasing in his district. He only knows of twenty having been killed the past season. As to their being all bulls, that is best known to those who shot them. He considers the law, with regard to cows, simply a farce, the carrying out of which is next to impossible. He estimates there are five cows to one bull in his district. Caribou are slowly multiplying, he only knows of two having been killed.

Partridges are more numerous than for many years at Sheet Harbor. They never have any lack of rabbits. He knows of seven bears having been killed. Otters, minks, wild cats and martens are fairly numerous, the latter until a few years past had become almost extinct. Mr. Archibald thinks that otters are well able to take care of themselves.

AGENT DANIEL SMITH, Smithfield, Guysboro, reports moose and caribou plentiful; he also says numbers of young moose in his district are destroyed by bears; a neighbor of his in one day's tramp saw where nine calves had been killed by bears, he having found their skins. He does not know of any having been unlawfully taken. He sent the Society fourteen rope snares; he also found several chain snares which he buried, they being too heavy to carry. He does not say how many were killed in his section.

MR. W. B. HARLOW, Agent, Caledonia, Queen's County, has pleasure in stating that the Game Laws are beginning to show their good effects in his part of the Province and that large game are steadily increasing. He found but few snares this fall. He sold two licenses for large, and two for feathered game. He says that those who have taken licenses from him do not object to the fee, as it keeps out a certain class that would overrun the country and be no benefit to it. He is glad to be able to say that the people generally are most law abiding, but complain bitterly with regard to the law prohibiting the killing of cow moose. He has not heard of any person having seen the red deer that were put down to the westward of his section; he thinks Indian Gardens would be a perfect spot for a few red deer and they would be protected by all classes, and that Commissioner Crooker would look after them.

MR. HARLOW finds partridges scarce owing to the quantity of skunks which destroy the eggs and chicks. He thinks that beaver and otter will fast add to their numbers during their three years close season.

MR. W. S. CROOKER, Commissioner, Brookfield, Queens, states that he has been engaged in the lumber land business in different parts of his county, and has a good opportunity of knowing what is going on; and was the greater part of his time in the woods up to the 15th March, and found moose in abundance and no appearance of their