

They have abundance of game in the woods. The mouse-deer is also in great plenty; they are very large, some of them weighing eighty stone; their flesh is much like that of an English ox, and is very good eating. They have also rein-deer, which they call carraboes, and numbers of bears, both of which they reckon good eating; the latter are very ravenous, and frequently kill sheep, calves, and swine, wherever they fall in their way. In the township of Granville, one of these animals killed thirty sheep in a night, eleven of which were together in a barn, and the property of one man. Those bears are usually as large as a calf of a year old, and have a head like that of a mastiff, with legs as thick and strong as a horse. Notwithstanding their ferocity, they will not attack the human species.

The beaver, which is about the size of a small Guinea-pig, is reckoned good eating; their furs are very valuable, and sell for six shillings a pound; they live upon fish, the bark of trees, and large roots that grow in the fens: They have a wonderful manner of making conveniences for themselves; they cut down large trees with their teeth, which they build houses with three stories high, by the side of lakes, for the convenience both of securing themselves and catching fish: If the water rises, they go into the second or third story, and when it falls they come lower; as they always sit with their tails in the water. They breed only once a year from two to five at a litter.

The porcupine, of which they have great numbers in this country, is shaped like an hedge-hog, but near five times as large; they are used for food, and the Indians ornament their boxes with their quills.

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