

them to all outside places to be posted up. The small cards containing the Abstract of Game Laws I handed to all persons in outlying sections, who were known to me as sportsmen, and also to as many others as possible. The effect has just been what I anticipated when I wrote you about this matter last spring. Each man is now watching to see that his neighbor gets no advantage over him in the matter of game. In only one instance have we reason to suspect that moose have been illegally killed. In regard to this case we cannot as yet get information sufficiently definite but hope to. The party is an old transgressor and very careful to cover his tracks. We suspect it to be a case of snaring, not a new offence by this party. The usual amount of meat openly exposed in market here has been wanting this season as the result of our movement. Only in the one instance referred to was moose meat reported to be in market out of season, and then the matter was kept so quiet by those who bought, that it was a long while before any report of it became public. These parties were fined \$5 each for shooting snipe out of season. With these exceptions not a single case of infraction of the law in regard to game has come to our notice. In previous years partridges were offered for sale here during the entire winter. As to the quantity of game in this vicinity, I may say that moose were never known to be so plentiful. Nearly every party of hunters were successful in getting one. Partridge and hare have been decreasing for several years past. Trout have been less plentiful in some of our best lakes in recent years than formerly, owing to fact that large quantities have been taken through the ice every winter. We hope to put a stop to this. All known offenders will be duly notified that an infraction of the law in this particular will lead to trouble. No applications for licenses were made to me last season, and it is just as well because no blanks ever came to hand in answer to my applications therefor. I trust you will forward me some in due time this season.

CHAS. CLARKE, Agent, Lake Jolly, Digby County, reports as follows: There have been 25 moose killed in his section, the greater number of them by *still* hunting. He notices that there are a great many young moose. Snaring in his district has been most effectually stopped by keeping a sharp watch; but the Game Laws are openly violated by persons living back of Weymouth, and numbers of snares are set each year in the vicinity of Uniacke and Lower Wallace Lakes. He sent men in the woods twice this season and secured 20 snares. He learns from parties who have been in the woods back of New Tusket that snaring is carried on there to an alarming extent, and he thinks more thorough measures should be taken to stamp out this nefarious practice in that locality. He also thinks that the change made last year confining the killing of bulls only a mistake, as it is next to impossible when still hunting to see enough of the animal to tell its sex, and the shooting of so many males will leave a great many barren cows. He recommends a close season of three years, strictly enforced, thereby the