

only two, the first out of season (September 1); the offender was convicted in two counts and two more are awaiting him. It was a cow moose,—snared,—out of season,—and having in possession out of season; 4 counts in all. The second cow was, I believe, a cow snared by an Indian. This case has not yet been pushed by the Society. We are gathering evidence in several other cases of suspected breaking of the law, notably one for dogging a wounded moose in a cruel manner. This case will soon be on. It is much to be regretted that the law does not allow a fine or a long term of imprisonment at the option of the court. In the case above mentioned the man was worth nothing and the whole number of days in jail would not amount to forty. The State of Maine is now following our example and a law is to be passed prohibiting the killing of cow moose (see St. John "Sun," Jan. 2, '95). What the Society wants is more money, as the rewards must be paid and most of the offenders are too poor to pay the fines. We have secured three convictions for the year and will convict, I am sure, in the dogging case mentioned. I have had 8 snares taken set, and a number of others were destroyed and 5 removed by the owners at one place upon their hearing of the approach of the Society men. The past season was most favorable for snaring on account of the scarcity of water. The calling season was very favorable for the moose, being windy nearly all the time in this County. Very few moose have been killed so far. There has been no snow until the past four days. Of course cows have been killed in the county; but the new law has undoubtedly saved the lives of many at the hands of sportsmen. The owners of dogs used for illegal hunting are well known, and they are being watched by those they little suspect. These men are all well to do and will enrich the Society if we can catch them. It is all a question of money in this County at least. Given enough money, the moose can be almost absolutely protected.

A little monthly publication, *Fin, Fur and Feather*, of Amherst has done much to inform every one interested, of the Game Laws, and to aid the Society in many ways.

Grouse were plentiful and large numbers were killed. Hares are unusually numerous and have had a warm time of it with their white fur and no snow on the ground to protect them. The protection of the blue winged duck and teal will prove the means of greatly improving sport. Snipe were conspicuous by their absence, the past season being too dry for successful boring operations. Woodcock we have none worth speaking of, except in the vicinity of Pugwash.

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J. R. RUGGLES, Lockport, reports as follows,—The move made here in regard to protection of Game, by the formation of a Branch Society in June last, has done much to prohibit illicit killing. I placed the large posters in every store and public office here and sent