

mile below camp. We thought he would be attracted by the meat on our drying rack, but he did not pay us a visit, so we never saw him.

On the 15th we set a net in an eddy of the river and caught ten grayling and a pale colored brook trout of about two pounds weight. We caught grayling almost every day afterwards, also a few herring, but no more trout.

On the 17th the river channel was all open, the side streams were throwing water, and ice began running. Robins and various other small birds were singing overtime, in defiance of the unions, and our neighbourhood became absolutely noisy.

On the 18th we found the first spring flower, *anemone parviflora*, on the river bank. The heaviest run of ice occurred on the 20th of May, when the river practically opened. The water which was only a mere brook on our arrival now filled the whole channel from bank to bank, a width of about 200 feet, with a middle depth of five feet. The whole process of ushering in spring was a gentle and gradual one, the snow disappearing by evaporation. We finished and

launched our moose-skin boat about this time, and held a trial run, which proved satisfactory. The framework of the boat was made by Mr. Christie, out of small spruce trees, his tools being an axe and a geologist's hammer. The mooseskins were sewn together with sinew, the overlap was about one and a half inches, the joint being smeared with a mixture of spruce gum and tallow. This craft when finished resembled an Acme folding canvas boat, not quite so smooth perhaps, but a serviceable boat for going down stream.

On the 22nd the snow was gone sufficiently from the mountain sides to begin climbing, and I set out in the morning for the range north of our camp. I could not reach the point selected, however, as the snow was still too deep on the highest ridges.

On the 26, while making a micro-meter survey along the banks of a large creek, which entered the river above our camp, we saw a cow moose accompanied by two calves. This was unusually early for moose calves, and they appeared to be about a week old.

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