

of burthen. In the summer season, they carry loads upon their backs; and in the winter when there is snow, they draw them upon sledges. These sledges are made of two thin boards, turned up at the fore end, and joined closely together, so that this vehicle is twelve or fourteen inches broad, and seven or eight feet in length. The collar, by which the dogs draw, is much like that with which a horse is usually harnessed, in the civilized parts of the country. Their weight is, generally, from sixty, to one hundred pounds.

The cat or lynx, in its shape and nature resembles the domestic cat; but it is much larger. it has long legs, and a long body; but a very short tail. Its hair is exceedingly fine, considerably long, and of a lively and beautiful, silver grey colour. When full grown, the cat will weigh thirty five or forty pounds; and when fat they are excellent food. They generally live on mice, the dead fish which they find along the rivers and lakes, and partridges and hares. In taking their prey, they manifest all the adroitness and activity of the domestic cat. In some years, these animals are very numerous; and, frequently, the following year, very few can be found.

There are two species of the deer. One of these, denominated the jumping deer, is like those which are found in the northern parts of the United States; and none of them are found farther