

Our guide assured us that he had captured, when practically full grown, the splendid bull-moose which we had the privilege of seeing, and had brought it from the wild Quebec country, north of the Lower St. Lawrence to New Brunswick on a rudely constructed raft—a marvellous instance of a hunter's skill, perseverance and success.

Taking a stout maple branch in his right hand he walked up to his colossal pet, holding out a piece of turnip as a dainty bribe, and uttering his cry "Coom." "Coom." The cow moose rose and readily took the piece offered, but the bull was more reserved and only after much persuasion condescended to accept a fragment of the turnip, leisurely stretching out his head and seizing the piece with his elastic lips after the manner of a horse.

Our guide patted the creature familiarly, and seemed to take no such precautions as would be necessary for a stranger to take. It is true he was cautious in approaching the bull at first: but the animal was clearly semi-domesticated. When the cow rose, the absence of horns and of the bell, and the meagre character of the upright mane took away from her appearance. Her size too is rather smaller, and the ears appear, if anything, larger and more prominent: but the absence of horns may account for that. She lacks the impressive grandeur of the bull. Soon a small calf moose, about as large as a 12-hands pony, appeared in response to repeated calls. It was about a year old and appeared quite tame, pushing its huge nose under the armpits of its master, and exhibiting signs of affection. The lips are far less pendulous and mobile in the calf. A further walk of a quarter of a mile enabled us to see another cow, whose ears were crumpled and shorn at the tip. This animal when newly captured, and tied about the neck, head and ears with ropes, had been frost-bitten, and had lost the tips of the last-named organs. Finally a fifth moose was seen, a calf born in captivity, and so tame as to jump over a fence at the command of its master. It was a surprise to see a heavy, uncouth, almost unwieldy, animal such as this, take a fence four or five feet high with greater lightness and ease than a hunter. Our guide not being pleased with his juvenile pet's performance, administered one or two blows with his cudgel, whereupon the creature cried in a sharp, ill-natured manner.