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*Harry Markham, of Newmarket, Ontario with his bull moose shot in Newfoundland. Story inside. Harry is a well known tackle manufacturer in Ontario and has tried for several years for a trophy like this one.*

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## Come Along With Me —by Harry Markham.

"Let's go Paunch it," the speaker was Bill Gill, Woods foreman for the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, and the place was near Millertown, Newfoundland. The time was 9 a.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 15th. I had finally broken the jinx. After eight years of bad luck, I had once again had the thrill of sinking an arrow into something bigger than a rabbit or partridge. But I am getting ahead of my story, so I had better start at the beginning.

The idea for this hunt was actually born back about 1953. Craig Loveys was a medical student then, attending University in Toronto. I had the pleasure of introducing him to Archery. He was an apt and enthusiastic pupil and we had many good times together. At the time he was on his way back to his native Province to set up in practice we made a tentative date for me to hunt moose with him "When he got settled". It was one of those dreams that I never expected to materialize. After all, 2000 miles is a long way for a hunting trip. Craig never forgot! The years slipped by with only casual correspondence between us, until last year, when he called long distance to order a new bow and insist that I come hunting, unfortunately I already had made plans for an Ontario moose hunt.

Two months later I received a glowing report about Craig seeing 30 moose in three days and downing a nice cow on the fourth day. From that time on my every thought on bowhunting was centred on Newfoundland. "That was the place for me this year . . ."

Accompanied by my wife Pat, I drove the 2000 miles to Millertown, where we joined up with the rest of the hunting party. We spent the night there and early the next day took off for the abandoned lumber camp, which had been previously selected as being a good spot for a headquarters. After stowing our food and gear and getting a hot meal under our belts we were all anxious to be on the move.

Ed Ralph, Assistant Woods Superintendent for A.N.D., was unofficial head of the group. He is such a keen Bowhunter and so anxious to see the sport spread in Newfoundland, that despite the fact he spends most of his working time in this bush, elected to take his holidays at this time in order to help us have a good hunt.

Besides Ed, the party consisted of Stuart Peters, Harold and Cathy Peet, Dr. Craig and Mabel Loveys, and Bob Ellis, all residents of Newfoundland and three "Mainlanders" which term included Wayne Trimm from Albany, New York, myself and wife Pat from Newmarket, Ontario.

Wayne Trimm, Public Relations Officer of the New York Conservation Committee and well known around the State for his promotion of Archery and Bowhunting, started things off with a bang, by downing a nice Bull moose, within hours of our arrival, using a 53-lb. Kodiak bow. He made a head-on shot from 40 yards. The arrow cut heart and lungs to bring the animal down within 17 yards. Ed Ralph, who was acting as guide, said it was one of the cleanest kills he had ever seen.

While Wayne was having his moment of glory, Pat and I were out in the company of Stuart Peters; Stu is Chief Biologist with the Newfoundland Department of Mines and Resources and he undertook the job of introducing us to the wonders of this great Island. We were able to spot three moose, two of which I was able to stalk and draw on, but Stu insisted that these were inferior specimens and I would have lots more chances. So I never loosed an arrow, an act I was to regret very often during the next ten days.

Next morning Ed and Hal Peet went out together, and again Ed was instrumental in bringing the hunter and the hunted together. Hal made a one arrow, liver shot on a big bull moose from 35 yards using a 51-lb. Tillmark Gamemaster bow. Penetration was complete. The animal went about 100 yards and dropped dead.

I hunted with Bob Ellis and between us we saw seven moose, but couldn't get close enough for a shot.

That afternoon, Ed Ralph did it again! He guided Craig Loveys up to the Barrrens for a try at Caribou. Craig made a beautiful heart shot from 57 yds. with a 50-lb. Tillmark Gamemaster. That made three out of seven with the tags filled in two days. But that wasn't all, Bob Ellis, a forester on loan to the Newfoundland Government from the Federal Government, hunting on his own, got himself a real nice Caribou. Another heart shot with one arrow, a 55-lb. Tillmark Glassmaster. Score, four out of seven in the first two days. My turn with Ed came next morning, but I put the jinx on him. Never even got a shot for two days. Friday the gang broke up, Stu, Wayne and Bob were heading for St. Johns, Hal and Cathy Peet had

to leave to meet some friends and Ed Ralph had to get home attend to things. This left Craig, Mabel, Pat and myself.

The situation was sort of desperate now. Craig had promised me a moose and we were determined to make his promise come true. We hunted from dawn till dusk and my luck began to turn. I had a couple of fair shots but my old curse, buck-fever, put my s close, not close enough. Sunday, Craig and Mabel had to leave duty called and there were a couple of new arrivals the Doctor due to deliver. Now there were just two of us. My faithful, e lovin' wife and her moose-missing husband.

The next two days I hunted my heart out, got some shots, didn't connect, until the Wednesday morning, "going-home-day". Our last day of hunting—positively the last! I had decided home and business couldn't wait any longer. We had been her the woods camp for ten days and on this, the last morning, it necessary for me to borrow gas from the lumber camp to drive 60 miles to the nearest gas station. I had been driving slowly, trying to spot a moose on the hillside, when suddenly there were two of them, right on the road ahead. Before I could stop the car, I had taken off. This was nothing new, I had been spooking in all week, I didn't dare to pass up an opportunity, I parked the car and took off into the bush. Had only gone a short way when I spotted the rack of a nice bull poking out from behind a birch. The animal didn't seem to be aware of me. I crouched and waited for a few seconds, until he moved, just enough to make a reasonable target. The shot looked good, but it was screened by hazel but the moose didn't jump, falter or shrug; I figured I must have missed again! The second shot was impossible until I moved off to the side where I got a shot at 60 yards, which was a miss. The Old didn't seem in any hurry, so I took off up a side trail to try to head him off. About five minutes later I saw two moose about 100 yards away. I was sure it was the same ones, but the cow looked like the best shot. As I drew back for the shot the bull came into the open and I spotted the feathers of my arrow in his hair. It Had Been A Hit! It looked good but a little far back and would be on my side. Backtracking to the road I drove into the lumber camp for my gas. As soon as Bill Gill knew what had happened he wanted to go with me to find and clean out the moose. I took some persuasion and two cups of tea to slow Bill down to half hour I insisted on—finally we took off, Bill in the pickup truck and me in the wagon.

I had blazed the spot well and we had no trouble getting the trail. We lost it a couple of times during the 150 yards moose travelled, but soon there it was, down and very dead. I examined the eyes and pronounced the verdict, but when he threw my back was turned, he clouted it with the back of the axe. I'm sure natives really have respect for these animals. I didn't talk to a person that hadn't had a bad experience, some time or another. The work of cleaning out was soon accomplished and I took for credit Pat and the camera. After pictures I had the help of three lumber men to quarter and carry out the animal. I was lucky!

I had been a good hunt. We had a wonderful time and we were going back again. After all, where else could one person actually kill a Forty Moose in Ten Days.

Coming along?

## Financial Note:

To those who have been kind enough to send in Donations for this paper of ours alive, my deepest thanks — a complete list will be in the April issue. I had hoped to make this a big page again this month but "caution is the better part of valour" they say. We can sure use your contributions—so what say?

To illustrate our need for funds—let me show you what it would cost to put out our December, 1959 issue which had only four pages:—We had 1400 copies printed which cost us \$233.99 and the mailing costs were \$23.00 which makes a total of \$256.99. We received from advertising and subscriptions a sum of \$115.50—leaves us lacking for funds to the tune of \$141.49. Now, you know why we need a bit of financial assistance. And, believe me, we will use every money saving possibility,—our club members even the paper and make it ready for mailing themselves.

Will we be hearing from you?

—The Editor.

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## Karen Scott's Message

Another month already, and time for another bulletin, so here

I'm sure you'll all be glad to hear that we have received concurrence from two newly formed archery clubs in Ontario. One is "East Kent Bowmen", at Ridgetown. The other club, another London, CA NU PA Bowhunting and Indian Lore Fellowship (a mouthful!) to be known as CA NU PA. Full details of this will be found in "Archery in Canada". Good luck to both these clubs.

Hope you are all doing your best to promote our moneymaking me. For those members of the H. & F.A.O. not closely connected with the executive, a statement of our receipts and expenses for this year is being published, so everyone will know just "Where the money goes", so to speak.

I have had a few clubs reply to my request for club representatives, secretaries, chairmen, etc., but still have a few to hear from, so you are a guilty secretary, please let me hear from you.

The Indoor Mail Matches are going along real well, and I think I'll all agree Val Breitenstein is doing a real good job, as he has done for the H. & F.A.O. Participation is at the highest yet, real encouraging. The Championships, both team and individual, were held as in the past two years, at the W. W. C. A., in Galt, March 20th. If anyone holding trophies is unable to attend, make sure they are sent with someone, or sent to me at 7 Liberty Drive, Galt. Be sure these are packed well to prevent breakage.

Below are listed the dates for H. & F.A.O. shoots, also tentative dates for club invitational shoots. If your club does not agree with the set for you, please let us know.

### MAIL MATCHES

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. April 23rd - May 1st.  | 4. July 9th - July 17th.  |
| 2. May 14th - May 23rd.   | 5. July 30th - Aug. 7th.  |
| 3. June 11th - June 19th. | 6. Aug. 27th - Sept. 5th. |

Handicap Shoot—July 24th (St. Thomas).  
Handicap Shoot—June 19th (Brantford).  
Championships—Sept. 17 - 18th.

### INVITATIONAL SHOOTS—(subject to confirmation)

- April 17th—Hamilton (Mud Shoot).
- May 21-22nd—Owen Sound (Ground Hog Shoot).
- May 28-29—Windsor (Carp Derby).
- June 18-19th—Brantford (Indian John).
- June 12—Dunnville (Duck Shoot).
- July 3—Toronto (Monkey Shoot).
- July 9-10th—London (Anniversary Shoot).
- July 24th—St. Thomas.
- Aug. 20-21—Galt (Paradise Shoot).
- Sept. 1-2nd—Toronto (Deer Shoot).

Any affiliated clubs, who have not received their certificates please let me know, and I will get it off to you immediately. You will be having small stickers for this year, to attach to your membership certificates, and these will be sent out when affiliation fee is paid. Also, in regard to affiliation, it was decided by the executive committee that affiliation would include 100% Senior Membership only, and members may join at their own discretion, but it will not be compulsory for 100% Junior Membership. However, if they wish to participate in any H. & F.A.O. sponsored shoots, it will be necessary for them to have memberships.

On a sad note, we must report that Helen Breitenstein has resigned her post as Publicity Chairman. This was accepted by the committee with regret, as Helen has been doing a wonderful job, but I think the paper is enough of a job for any person. Sheila Irwin, York County Bowmen, is willing to accept this position with my help, and we are sure she will do a good job. Well, that's about it, so good shooting in your mail matches, and good luck to all at the Championships.

—Karen Scott, Secretary.

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