

Reel 2 opens with talk about wood supply and how Charley keeps ahead of the supply, his saws, etc.

Describes cabin again...14 ft by 18 ft. approximately. Took in 800 pounds of gear. Plane had to land  $3/4$  mile from cabin because ice on slough was not thick enough to hold plane (nearer cabin). It took Charley about three days to get gear packed to the cabin. The first to go was the perishables...potatoes, onions, carrots, etc. Then he set out to find a moose. That happened three days after arrival. Guted and hung moose, Cut up and took it back to cabin and cache...three days packing the moose meat.

Lardy asks about locations for different animals, line cabins, etc. Four line cabins, two in foothills in the White Mountains. Martin usually are found high in the hills. Main cabin near the mink and beaver.

Charley observes that the extreme cold this winter forced the fox and lynx up the hills.

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He describes Christmas dinner. His wife had unknowingly slipped a small can of salmon in his gear and Charley found it when unpacking after arrival. He saved that for Christmas dinner. Quite a treat!

Listened to radio daily. Some times it was difficult to find out what day it was. Usually he marked off the days on the calendar, but sometimes he would forget if he marked it off. Peculiar that radio announcers don't mention the day of the week many times, Charley said.

Wolves? Didn't see any this year. Didn't see any tracks either. Saw two different bear tracks. Shot a bear two years ago in its den.

Animals and birds seen in his cabin vicinity: ravens, blue jays, owls, woodpeckers, chickadees, ptarmigan, etc.

Talks about skinning animals. Finding them frozen in traps in grotesque shapes sometimes. Have to take them to the cabin and thaw them. That usually takes three days. Sometimes one has to look out for fleas or lice. Charley got some fleas in his sleeping bag once. Had to put the sleeping bag outside to freeze out the fleas. Then shake them out.

Talks about the advantage of and disadvantage of partners. Having partner makes the enterprise more <sup>safe</sup> safe. But having a partner makes for conflicts sometimes. Charley likes going it alone.

Traveled his trapline by snowshoe. It was a lateral line. Some years he has a "spoke wheeled pattern" away from main cabin. One section of this year's line was nine miles away. Charley walked that in one day (total of 18 miles).

Temperatures this winter? Did not take a thermometer. Forgot it. Figured temperatures at Beaver Creek about 10 to 15 degrees colder than in Fairbanks (from former patterns). Tested the cold by stepping outside the cabin and "if your breath jumped back at you, you know it's pretty cold." No traveling on the line that day!