

Reel 67

His principal furs were rats, mink and marten. One year he got 100 marten.

Ellen and Joe adopted Jimmy whom Joe thinks is now on the skids...booze. He and Ellen never had any children. The problem now days is drink in Fort Yukon. Families have started living in the villages instead of going out on lines. Congregate in the villages for education. Big families now, too. Consumption used to kill off people in earlier days so familes were smaller.

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Reel 6?

Joe re-tells story of Ellen sending messenger to tell Joe that she wants "to marry up with him". Joe talks it over with a couple friends and then, after they decide it is a good match for both man and woman, the knot is tied. He talks about the Rev. Lulu. Spelling uncertain on this! First Joe had to pass a test from Ellen's father. The old Indian asked Joe "Can you trap?" The answer was yes and permission for matrimony was granted. Their honeymoon was a trapping trip up the Porcupine.

Sam White, the game warden. Joe recalls that Sam was courting a nurse at the Hudson Stuck Hospital so he was around often. Joe says Sam could "make it damned rough for you if he wanted to." But, Joe says, a trapper could not make a living if he stuck to the letter of the law.