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MATHEW PICTOU'S ADVENTURE WITH A SEA PORPOISE IN DIGBY STRAIT (1890 Digby Courier)

On Friday last two Indians, Mathew Pictou, and another were shooting porpoise in Digby Strait. Seeing an unusually large one of the variety known as sea porpoise Mathew fired at him, and thinking he was hit, proceeded to get him. But as they approached he suddenly disappeared, and while reloading their gun the porpoise rose suddenly to the surface directly under their canoe which he capsized, throwing the 2 men into the water. There was considerable sea running at the time, but they succeeded in getting and returning hold of their canoe until rescued by Alexander Adams, who came to their assistance from the shore. When Adams reached them, Mathew asked to have his gun saved first. It seems that in falling overboard, his gun rolled across his lap, he seized it by the barrel, and notwithstanding his danger, held on to it until rescued. An Indian thinks as much of his gun as he does of his life.

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