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Aagim (snowshoe) *nabagidaabaan* (toboggan)

Toboggans and snowshoes originate in northern snow country. The word toboggan comes from the Anishinaabemowin words: *nabagi* (flat) and *odaabaan* (sled). Native people used these sleds, often pulled by dogs, to move their belongings over snow. A pair of dogs could pull a load between 200-500 pounds for 20 miles in five hours.

The Northmen of the fur trade depended on *aagim* (snowshoes) to get around during the long winters, made by Native women in the villages where they built trading posts.



