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Caribou Exist on Islands and Still Can Be Found if Methods of Hunting Proper

(By C. Harrison) The most interesting animal on Queen Charlotte Islands and the most difficult to obtain is the caribon. Many articles! have been written regarding its existence on the Islands, and some have gone so far in their statements as to deny that any Virago Sound several forms like | could be found. The Rev. Canon Keen, who lived in Massett | eight years, says that, from his own experience and that of the oldest hunters whom he questioned closely, he is decidedly of the opinion that no caribon are to be found in any part of the

Isionaries at Massett, had the the west coast, but there were though he did not express such caused him to advance a most definite conejusions.

these islands in 1901 says: "The point mentioned to the southern description of a caribou from the end of the islands that is neither Queen Charlotte Islands was, to known to the Haidas or white say the least, somewhat unexpect- men. interested in The great difficulty in regard; obtaining information in regard to these animals is that they have to its existence. I could find no not been seen in large numbers, of a series of articles on the evidence, however, that native seeing that they had practically Queen Charlotte Islands by Mr. caribou eyer existed on any of the whole of the islands to the islands." The reason is quite themselves and no welves or simple why he never saw them, other ferocious animals to de-Mr. Osgood never visited the stroy them. I am not particuistence. Had he gone north as but in my opinion they have had Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolin of far as the district of Naden in ample time to multiply and the King Edward Hotel left on the vicinity of Virago Sound he should be seen in hundreds. Thursday last for a visit with would have seen tracks and However, all the contentions in relatives in the State of Wash-

al a reward to anyone who should ing of these animals the curator nel of 364. feet. kill one or bring him evidence did not secure all that was rethat he had done so. Finally an quired for first-class mounts, Allan Carolan has left for a Indian appeared with fragments but he has done his best with visit to California. of a caribou, including the head, what he received, and one of the and he claimed the reward. This Queen Charlotte Islands caribou Mias Leitch, school teacher at man solemnly averred he had is now on view to the general Anyox, is visiting here with Mrs. killed it on Graham Island. The public in the Museum, Victoria. A. E. Young, head eventually found its way to Now it is definitely establishthe Provincial Museum. Vic- ed that there is such an animal the information so far concern- beast was more or less a mystic. ing this animal came from the There is no doubt, Mr. Kermode, Haidas and up to the year 1901 the curator of the Provincial no white man had ever given | Museum states, that "the caribou first hand and direct testimony on these islands are almost exas to its absolute origin.

mountains, but I never sighted still existing on these island and C.N.R. office at that point. to definitely settle this almost them to disappear entirely. meanny question re their exham Island until November, 24th able tracks, both of old and season of the year. what strange. In a wide circle stocking the islands with deer,

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The late Archdeacon Collison, then began a wider circle, the who was one of the earliest mis- westerly curve being in sight of same belief as Canon Keen, not even tracks there. This

No Natural Enemies

part of Graham Island where the larly acquainted with the natural aribou roam and have their ex- characteristics of the caribou. traces of these animals that regard to their actual existence ington. In Seattle they will meet would have convinced him with- were set at rest fifteen years ago, their son George who will be on out any doubt whatsoever of At that time two Haidas, Henry vacation from college in Lacey. their existence. White and Matthew Yeomans, Mrs. Tolin expects to be away Existence Proved | killed three in the Naden Har- for three months but Mr. Tolin I was the first to definitely bor district. Being aware that may return earlier. prove their existence. Many in- the government had been anxious teresting stories surround these to obtain some specimens, they A contract has been let to animals. The late Mr. Macken- skinned the animals in a very Wm. Tompkins, Albert Carlson zie, formerly a representative of crude and primitive fashion and and John Frantz for continuing the Hudsons Bay Company at sent the hides and the bones No. 1 tunnel on the Silverado Massett conceived the idea that down to the curator of the Pro- another 100 feet. The contract caribou and deer really existed vincial Museum. Owing to the for 100 feet just competed gives on Graham Island and he offer- unskilfull dressing and prepar- a total lateral depth in the tun-

found tracks leading towards the Kermode, if there are caribou again take up his duties in t an animal. The United States I have not the least doubt that

Still to be Found

and his experiences were some- young: The government are

and the quality of the "Degenerates" as Mr. Kermode terms them. I hope the government will take steps at once to insure that the few remaining animals according to Mr. Kermode's pinion) do not become extinct.

I may just add the evidence of Dr. Ells of the Geological Survey Department, Ottawa, regarding these animals. In his report he states, "during our hoat jourdeer were observed feeding along the beach. It was supposed at the time that these might be wild cattle, but as the herd of these is so far as is known confined to the area east of Massett, and as no trace of the has been reported from this part of the island, it is quite possible that! remarkable theory, that there is the animals seen may have been deer. Our boat was at the time Mr. Osgood, when he visited a secret route from near the too far from land to determine this point definitely," I have no doubt but that the "several forms like deer" which they saw were in reality a number of caribou quietly grazing.

> Harrison. The next will appear in an early issue.)

STEWART

W. J. Crawford has converted toria. The antiers of this ani- as the Queen Charlotte caribou, his tennis court into a skaling: mal were hadly deformed. All but for many years past this rink and has a fine sheet of ice.

SMITHERS

terminated, as in the natural spending a few days with his I have hunted these caribon course of events they will die family here in town, returned to several times myself and always out." I do not agree with Mr. Prince George on Sunday to

government, after reading Mr. they do exist, they ought to be Constable P. Carr of Burns tree held in the public hall. Anderson's' report, took a hand well protected and fresh blood Lake made a short visit to morning.

stence. On October 29th, 1911. Personally I believe that if. Rev. M. W. Lees of the Union one of the big game hunters from these animals were hunted for Church held a special service in At a number of homes in the the other side of the line came properly very many would still the Town Hall on Sunday even- town and district splendid dinto Massett, namely C. Sheldon, of be found, as I do not see any ing which was well attended, ner parties were given on Christ-New York. He represented the reason why they should have so those turning out being treated mas Day. biological department, Wash- rapidly died out, as when I last to an interesting address. The ington. He remained on Gra- hunted for them I saw innumer- subject was appropriate for this Pete Rasmusson and Luke

around by old camping grounds why then not bring over a few the Christmas season in town he found tracks both old and caribon from the mainland, and with the latters parents, Mr. and fresh, but still no animals. He thereby increase the breeding Mrs. R. E. Allen, returned to Prairiedale public school, is their home at Usk on Suaday.

> Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, Campbell. who have been the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray for several weeks, reon Tuesday.

Monday.

Arthur Skelhorne of Prince Rupert has been spending a few days in Smithers and the dis-shaw, W. Craig, S. Yarmish and trict in connection with business C. Hambling, C.N.R. linterests.

Smithers the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Lees.

VANDERHOOF

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toria where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

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in the quest of these mysterious imported from the mainland, as Smithers, coming in on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. George Outram deer, and determined if possible it will be a great pity to allow night and returning. Sunday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. J. W. H. Day during the Christmas festivities.

Norman, of Butcher flats and Mud river districts, are spending Mr. and Mrs. Smith who spent a few days in town on business.

> Miss H. Brook, teacher at the spending the Yuletide season in town the guest of Miss Sadie

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