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MAMMALOGY.

THE AMERICAN PANTHER IN CANADA.

Felis concolor, LINN.

THE Panther is still found in the mountains of British Columbia, on Vancouver and probably on other Pacific islands, near the coast.

The specimens, of which we have certain evidence as occurring in Ontario in the early part of this century, may have been remnants of the race, or they may have been adventurers from the south.

But there can be little doubt that up to about the close of the last century the Panther was a native resident species in this Province, as also in the Province of Quebec.

The climate of southern Ontario is as mild as that of New York State. There were rocky escarpments and ravines, magnificent forests, open glades, marshes and cedar swamps, abounding with deer, beaver, racoon, wild turkeys and other game, their usual prey, forming altogether a habitat suitable for the development of the species.

The Panther literature of the United States is very copious and complete; in periodicals, in Washington and in State reports, in monographs, and in many other excellent general works, treating more or less of natural history. But in Canada