

we found a shed antler lying in the moss, undoubtedly the left antler of a caribou.

"As a result of our investigations we are perfectly convinced that a species of caribou does inhabit the northern part of Graham Island and would give the following reasons for our opinion:—

1. The tracks are plentiful of all sizes, some quite fresh, and are undoubtedly tracks of a large animal of the deer family. In the sketch the distinctive dew-claws of the caribou are perfectly marked.
2. The dung seen was certainly not that of a wapii; the tracks point to a very large animal of the deer family.
3. That the shed antler was deliberately taken into the country and left to be discovered is a point that may be dismissed as very improbable.

We were, unfortunately, unable to actually see a caribou, although we searched for three days in both the bush and open country.

"The Indians living at Virago Sound are quite positive about the existence of caribou, but state that they are never seen on the west coast of Graham Island, and a search over the open plain extending to the west of the area marked on the attached plan failed to reveal any tracks. We could get no information of tracks having been seen south of Naden Harbour, and so have come to the conclusion that the caribou are, for some reason, only found within a small area of the N. W. portion of Graham Island.

"Whether this caribou is of the barren ground or woodland variety must be left to the naturalists to decide, the shed antler appearing to us to favor either variety. From the fact that our continuous search in the open failed to discover an animal, this caribou would appear to prefer the bush to the open.

"We interviewed an Indian (by name George Hallett) who stated that five years ago he had shot three caribou, and his description of the size and appearance of the animals was fairly accurate. As he stated they had no horns they were probably shot out of season. George Hallett also said that another Indian who once accompanied him on a hunting trip had shot a caribou with large antlers: that these antlers had been