

reports stated, lived on the islands. We believe that the latest rumor on the subject was to the effect that the animal was a wapiti.

"A favourable opportunity having occurred to investigate the question, we set out on the 22nd February, 1906, from Husan Point on the west side of Virago Sound and struck inland in a westerly direction. The country was timbered, but fairly open, and the going good, thick patches of sal-lal being frequent. After forty minutes packing we emerged upon the open crest of a hill, and here saw tracks of some large animal of the deer family. The open space was about half a mile long and 300 yards broad, covered with a thick carpet of moss in which were dotted numerous small pools of water. A few stunted trees grew about,—for the most part in a withered condition.

"This open space was the first of many which we found in the area of our wanderings and nearly all showed tracks in a greater or less degree. These open spaces crown nearly all the hills (none of which can be more than 400 or 500 feet in height) and between them are patches of bush more or less dense and all containing a good deal of sal-sal. In a few places we came across the tracks in the bush, but the nature of the country doubtless prevented us from noticing many others.

"According to the Graham Island Indians (the Hydahs) snow to the depth of two or three feet had covered the hills up to a few weeks before our arrival, but this had disappeared save a few isolated patches which were fast melting. In three different patches of snow we saw tracks of a deer-like animal, but they were probably two or three days old and the melting of the snow had caused them to lose their original sharpness.

"It was our intention to take photographs of any clear tracks, but those in the moss did not lend themselves to such procedure and those in the snow were too indistinct. A sketch was made of one fresh hoof-print found in the thick moss and careful measurements made. It is by no means one of the largest seen, but was sufficiently sharply defined to enable sketch and measurements to be taken.

"We saw a good deal of dung in the open spaces, and a little in the bush; it was always in small heaps of rounded black substance and appeared to be that of caribou. Some appeared to be fairly fresh, but none was seen that we would consider less than forty-eight hours old. At the edge of one of the open spaces