

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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For the Province of B. C.

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emo. as to game laws.

Hereto is attached a marked copy of the "Game Protection Act" of British Columbia, which incorporates all amendments to date, and which, it is hoped, with the following observations, will answer the purposes of the Commission.

Attention is directed to the following sections, which are marked, viz.: 3 ss 1; 6; 9; 11; 12; 16; 18; 20; 21a; 21b; ss 1 & 2; 33; 34; 45; and to Schedule B, which prescribes the close seasons subject to Sec. 33.

I N D I A N S.

(a). In unorganized districts the Act does not apply to Indians, "except in any game reserve, or where an Order-in-Council has declared a close season for any bird or animal" "with respect to deer killed for their own and their families' use for food only, and not for the purpose of sale or traffic" (Sec. 3; ss 1). The unorganized districts are the provincial electoral districts of Atlin, Skeena, Cariboo, Lillooet, Comox and Alberni.

(b). In organized districts by amendment of 1913 "The Provincial Game Warden may give permits to Indians to kill deer for food for their own use, and such permits shall state the number of deer that may be killed and the length of time that the person receiving the permit will be allowed to keep deer meat in his possession. (Sec. 45.) The warden states that the number will be limited to three in one season, in accordance with Schedule B.