

Just before the Rev. Mr. McDougall, Methodist missionary in the far west, came to his tragic death, he wrote a letter for the *Christian Guardian*, giving an account of the work on Morley Mission, and in which he stated that his son had shot a very large Panther, measuring above eight feet in length.

You will see by the accompanying slip, which I cut from the *Toronto Evening Telegram* of January 4th, 1884, that a very large one has been killed lately in Ontario.

"On Tuesday morning last week Mr. T. W. White, of Creemore, captured a large wild cat measuring nine feet from tip to tip. He learned that one had a nest in a hay stack a short distance from there, and set a gun in the entrance with a piece of meat attached in such a way that as soon as it was pulled, the gun would discharge its contents in that direction. The plan worked beautifully, and Mr. White secured his game."

It would then appear that the Panther has been known by the early settlers as a pretty well known resident over a large portion of the Province.

"THE COUGUAR."*

"Couguar—My specimen measured in its total length 6 feet 10 inches, of which the tail alone was 2 feet 3 inches."

"There appears to be two kinds by those exhibited in the show in Whitby, 1835, which had small heads and a black patch on each cheek."

AMERICAN PANTHER.

By JOHN CALCUTT, 1885.

About forty-eight years ago—I cannot fix the date more accurately, but I remember it was not long after the rebellion of '37—a gentleman farmer (Dr. Jas. Pringle, formerly in the East India Company's service in India) came into the town (Cobourg)

*Extract from MSS. Diary of Chas. Fothergill. Page 56. Now in Toronto Public Library.