

old ones the vessel's side where they were readily despatched.

Whatever the methods employed to catch them, there can be no doubt but that they were only too successful, the results being that the herds have long since become extinct. That they ever existed is almost forgotten, and with the exception of a few references to them in official papers and a few place-names, there is little now to tell of what was once an important industry.

Ranching in Alberta.

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TO convey an adequate idea of even one of the great Northwest Territories within the limit of one short article, would be impossible. I will endeavor to describe Southern Alberta with which I am best acquainted, with a few remarks on the great farming district north of Calgary.

Southern Alberta extends from Calgary south and east to the frontier and west to British Columbia; the surface is undulating, described as rolling prairie.

The whole country is splendidly watered by the St. Mary's, the Pelly, the Kootenai, and by the North, the south and the middle forks of the Old Man rivers, many large creeks rising in the mountains and others rising in the foothills, besides numerous small lakes; the land is fertile, the grass most nutritious. It is considered the best ranching country in the north-west and the Pincher Creek district the best in Alberta, and I think I may say the Kootenai is the best of the Pincher Creek district (I must here explain that there are two Kootenai rivers one in British