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### WHAT THE INDIANS THINK.

The Indians were almost reconciled to the enforcement of the game laws. Now they are under the impression that as the game wardens are no longer in evidence they can do as they please, and if half the reports have an element of truth in them, they certainly are doing so.

### GUIDES.

The behaviour of some of the Indian Guides from Telegraph Creek was the subject of most unfavorable comment last year. One party of tourists going as far as to say that they intended to advertise the way they had been treated, and endeavor to stop other intending hunters from coming.

After the introduction of the guides licence, nearly all trouble with Indian guides was done away with, as they were aware that their licences would be cancelled if they were not satisfactory. The Indians now have no fear of the present authorities, hence the dissatisfaction.

Only in places are guides compelled to take out licences, at least they seldom seem to have to show them. And yet to show how utterly inconsistent the policy of the present authorities is, while neglecting most of the guides, they prosecute one man and spoil the trip of a whole hunting party in a most ill advised manner. The facts of this case are such that they are worth telling.

A party of visitors from the United States, outfitted at Banff, Alberta, and came to Kootenay for a hunt and took out their big game licences in due course. Unfortunately the guide did not consider it worth his while to take out a guide's licence for British Columbia, a thing that would never have happened under the old system and the visitors, as is usually the case, either did not know a "guide's licence" was necessary or forgot to ask to see it. Anyway, after the party had got a big outfit together at enormous expense, and actually reached their hunting grounds, the matter reached the ear of the authorities, who thereupon decided to show how well they were enforcing the laws, and promptly arrested the whole party. Both guides and visitors were heavily fined, and the latter prevented from hunting at all. Possibly they broke the letter of the law and were liable to a fine, but nobody with a grain of sense would have allowed a whole hunting trip to be spoilt for what, at any rate on the part of the visitors, was only a very minor offence and could easily have been dealt with on their return. As it was, it simply resulted in the party leaving the country in utter disgust and with a very poor idea of British justice.

### INFRACTIONS OF THE LAW.

Owing to the general public being under the impression that game protection is a thing of the past, and that the present administration is a non-entity, they are breaking the game laws in a wholesale manner. Men who would never have done such a thing before, do it because they see that the days of game are numbered and think they may as well get their share while it lasts.

Conditions were bad enough when the Game Department was first organized, and it took a number of prosecutions and some very heavy fines to reduce it to the minimum it was eventually brought down to. Never, however, has there been such a wave of law breaking, from one end of the country to the other as there is to-day. The few game wardens of the old staff who were taken on, only under great pressure from the Game Association, have had their hands full and cannot begin to cope with the situation. In addition they have no one with any knowledge to advise them in their work or to assist in the prosecuting. The result is that many cases are brought into court which never should have been, and more harm than good is done.

At the time the old staff was dismissed, the work of the deputies was well organized, a proper patrol carried on regularly, with the result that