

exterminated. My informants stated that last winter the hunters killed from one to three hundred deer apiece. Besides deer a fairly successful hunt of fur-bearing animals was also made.

This region, so full of magnificent game every winter, is very easily accessible, and a party of hunters could spend a few weeks among the deer without the least discomfort and at the same time have glorious sport. The railroad runs to Prince Albert and from there the winter home of the Caribou is only 250 miles in a straight line, a distance that could readily be covered in a week with dogs, and three forts of the Hudson's Bay Company would furnish stopping places on the route—Isle à la Crosse, the most northerly of the three, is the home of Mr. H. G. Moberly, the officer in charge of the whole district, and a keener sportsman, a pleasanter host, and a more genial companion cannot be found in the west.

Farther to the north, at Fond du Lac, near the east end of Lake Athabasca, a venerable old half-breed named José Mercredi, a native of Red River, has kept one of the Trading Posts of the Hudson's Bay Company for the past forty-seven years, supplying a band of about 80 Chipewyans with ammunition, tea, tobacco and the few other products of civilization which they require, receiving in return a large amount of Caribou meat, in the form of dried meat and pemican, which is sent to assist in supporting the people at Fort Chipewyan and other less favoured posts on Athabasca and Slave Rivers. Fond du Lac itself is situated at a narrow part of the lake on one of the main paths used by the Caribou southward, and Mercredi informed me that for a week or more in the autumn the deer can be killed in great numbers from the door of the Post as they pass through the yard and among the houses. Several of the men were said to have killed as many as four hundred during the past year.

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### OVIS CANADENSIS DALLI, *Nelson*.

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While crossing the Rocky Mountains, in 1888, from Fort Macpherson on Peel River to Lapierre House on the Porcupine, Lat. 67° 40' N., the writer was fortunate enough to come across the interesting