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Nonsense

A "great explorer" (?) lately left New York to see if he could find "Wood Bisons" in the far Canadian North West.—incidentally, he will write articles for a select few of the U. S. magazines.

He succeeded in getting quite a good amount of free advertising in some of the Canadian dailies on the strength of his courage and enterprize in setting out on such a long and dangerous trip in search of these mysterious animals.

As a matter of fact, most of the stuff said about him was pure bluff.

The herd of wood bison or buffalo, is not only actually known, but is protected by the Canadian Government, and the intrepid explorer can travel all the way in a very easy way, taking a pullman car for the largest part of the way, then go by steamer for some distance, and then hire a team and a guide and drive the rest of the journey.

Of course this sounds too prosaic to be good advertising, for the explorer, and the magazines for which he is to write have "faked" up this talk about the privations, dangers and uncertainty of his trip.

Some of the officers on one of the river steamer have just played a good joke on the green explorer. They put a stuffed bear up on the bank where they had anchored, and roused Mr. Explorer to give him a chance of killing a bear. He got out and shot the bear, taking due precautions that the bear should not see and attack him. The bear did not move, so he crept nearer and fired again. Feeling sure that his arm had been true, he cautiously approached what he believed to be his dying foe, fully prepared to give it the *coup de grâce* if necessary, and then found—it was a stuffed bear skin.

Control of Billboards

The bill in the Ontario Legislature, to permit municipalities to regulate Billboards, which was introduced by Mr. E. E. Fraser, M. P. P., for Welland, has been thrown out. The reason is not, however, because of the purpose aimed at, but because it was felt that so large a question needed more deliberate study before action was taken. Both Premier Whitney and Provincial Secretary Hanna spoke in favor of the measure, but urged further consideration.

Australia's Capital

The Commonwealth of Australia, after long discussions, caused by the rivalry of the large cities, has decided to create an entirely new one. A site has been chosen in a range of hills, some 1,600 feet above the sea and about 100 miles from it. Here will be built a model city, with wide streets, lined with trees, and with streams of water running through many parks. It is estimated that \$25,000,000 will be required to commence the city.