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### THE PANTHER IN CANADA.

THE following extracts are from a paper by Mr. W. P. Lett, of Ottawa, published in Vol. 1, page 127 of the *Ottawa Naturalist* :

“It abounded at one time in the valley of the Ottawa in considerable numbers.”

“The cougar which you may see, very inartistically and unnaturally set up in the glass case before you, must have been, when living, a remarkably fine specimen. As nearly as possible, he must have measured seven and a half feet from nose to end of tail. He was shot by a boy named Bentley upwards of forty years ago, on Croil's Island, on the south side of the St. Lawrence River, opposite Farran's Point, about ten miles east of Morrisburgh, with an iron spike or nail. The youth killed the animal with a single shot, a sporting exploit sometimes found difficult of accomplishment by experienced hunters.”

“About one hundred years ago the panther was found in every part of Ontario and Quebec. I have been assured, by reliable authority, that about forty years ago (1847) two large specimens were frequently seen near the Village of Lachute, in the Province of Quebec.”