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At the rate which our caribou have en slaughtered during the last wenty years, it seems a wonder that we have as many herds roving the land as we have. Notwithstanding all the laws that have been enacted, there is still an annual slaughter which must eventually tell upon these ani-

We have always supported the idea of tourist traffic for Newfoundland, and we believe that great possibilities lie in store for us. As a tourist country Newfoundland has much in its favor, and one of the principal attractions is that of the caribou and salmon fishing. With this in view it is well to consider at what rate our caribou are being destroyed; this would evidently come under the notice of the Game Board, and we have confidence in the gentlemen who compose this Board, to do their duty in this

drastic legislation is in force in reference to this matter, but it may be that further legislation is necessary and that a close season or two may be in order. The "Enterprise" is in favor of this latter idea, and would suggest that before it be too late, this question of the close season be considered. Not that we wish to entail any disappointment upon the sportsmen or upon anybody else, but we claim to stand for the country's general good, and adhere strongly to the principles that "prevention is better

We have the caribou and it is our duty and right to protect them. We owe this duty both to the present and the future. In this respect we have noticed the writings of Mr. Arthur English in the city papers. Mr. Engish is a gentleman who has travelled far and wide, and who has a great knowledge of natural history. He has stood within the Antarctic Circle, and also within the Arctic Circle, and h's knowledge of Newfoundland is unsurpassed. Therefore, basing our theories upon what Mr. English has said, and corroborating them by our own experience, we claim that the time has come when some definite and firm step should be taken in this mat-

nor would it entail hardship on anybody. This close season does not reer to the public or settlers killing the caribou for food, it refers to the unnecessary slaughter which is entailed for sports, so called. The tourist traffic in this country must increase, and conserve its best interests; and we think this cannot be accomplished in any better way than by safe-guarding our game. We will have more to say upon this matter at a later date. We because if another ten years be allowed as at present, then the extermination of the caribou may be taken as a foregone conclusion. The prevention of this catastrophe is now in our own hands, and by acting in time those

noble animals may be saved. The herd now is not large. Of this we have ample evidence, but by prevention they could be increased. The caribou means much to the country at present, and by judicious control should mean a great deal more as the country is opened up. It is a great pity that we have been so lavish in the destruction of our game, as well as of our forests. We believe that the time has come to cry halt. Therefore, the

"Enterprise" enters this protest. Note.-We fully agree with our Trinity contemporary in this matter and have urged the necessity for a close season time and again. If, however, such is decided upon, its whole object would be defeated if it did not apply to citizens as well as to stran-

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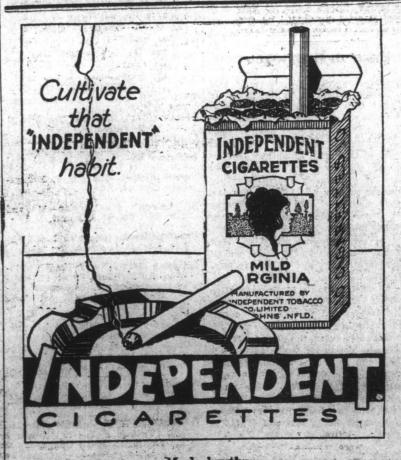
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