

## Game and Fish.

Cariboo within the wide limits assigned to it in this article is still, and will, in all probability for some time to come, remain a rich field for the sportsman, both hunter and fisherman. In regard to the big game one cannot do better than quote from the beautiful new edition of Official Bulletin No.17., "Game of British Columbia."

"These are the favorite hunting grounds, (Lillooet, Bridge River country and Chilcoten,) as the country is suitable for horses, the climate splendid, and the mountains not too thickly timbered. The game consists of Ovs Montana or big-horn goat, grizzly and black bear, mule deer, and in parts of Chilcot'n, caribou are plentiful.

"From Quesnel up to Fort George on the Fraser River, game is not very plentiful, though close to the river a few bear and deer may be found, and in some places a few miles away there are caribou. However, some 70 miles up the river from Fort George the "Grand Canyon" is passed, and then a magnificent moose country is reached and extends as far as the Little Smoky River. From reliable reports received, it is probable that there are more moose to the square mile than in any other part of the Continent, and every year their numbers seem to increase. So far the country has never been hunted except by a few prospectors. Whether the horns attain the large size of the Cassiar moose has yet to be determined, but some very fine heads have been seen. In this district caribou are very plentiful on the higher plateaus, and in places both grizzly and black bear are numerous.

"At the present time travelling would be done by canoe and a great deal of the moose hunting in a like manner. The lower levels are heavily timbered and hard to hunt in, but on the higher plateaus there are big stretches of meadow and sparsely timbered country.

Ducks and geese are very plentiful in Cariboo; the lakes all along the Cariboo road being their breeding places. Prairie chicken, Ruffed and Richardson grouse are abundant, particularly the first-named. Higher up the Franklin grouse, and on the summits the Ptarmigan find their habitat.

Salmon and trout are common to the entire water-shed of the Fraser, all the five species of the Pacific Coast salmon being represented. In addition to the salmon, which afford both good food and sport, there are several varieties of trout found in all the waters.

## ❖ The Journey Northwards. ❖

The CARIBOO ROAD on which year after year thousands of dollars have been spent in grading, ditching and gravelling, now furnishes, with the exception of a few spots, easy travel either for pack-train, wagon or stage.

Along the road, at different points, good accommodation can be secured for man and beast in first class comfortable stopping houses, and hay and grain can also be purchased at reasonable rates. The whole length of the Cariboo Road the traveller is kept in communication with the outside world by means of the numerous Telegraph and Post Offices which a paternal government has located in the most convenient and useful places.

The Provincial government has likewise established agencies at the most important points such as Clinton, 150 Mile House, Quesnel and Barkerville and here the records are kept, land and water applications received, mining licenses issued and all legal matters attended to by courteous officials who attend to the wants of the newcomer most praiseworthy.

After leaving Ashcroft the road passes through the Cache Creek and Bonaparte Valley and enables the traveller to see much rich agricultural country as the many ranches, which have been established for years, amply justify.

## Clinton.

Many pretty hamlets are passed, the first out of Ashcroft being the old established village of Clinton where twice a year the Assize Court meets for the preservation of law and order in the County of Cariboo. Between Clinton and the Lac La Hache Valley are passed the 70 Mile House and the 83 Mile House this latter point being the abiding place for the stage at the end of the first day's travel from Ashcroft. Then in turn Bridge Creek and Highland Ranches are passed and the traveller emerges into the Lac La Hache Valley. This valley contains good agricultural possibilities and already there are several nice ranches where grain growing, dairying and cattle and horse raising are practised with profit to the owners. The valley terminates about the 141 Mile House, known as the Enterprise Ranch, which furnishes a ranching landscape which any country should feel proud to possess.