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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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To His Honour ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to submit the Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

A. M. MANSON,

Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Department,

Victoria, B.C., 1926.

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GAME WARDEN,

VICTORIA, B.C., May, 1926.

Honourable A. M. Manson, K.C., M.P.P.,

Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith my Report as Provincial Game Warden for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. McMULLIN,

Provincial Game Warden.

REPORT OF PROVINCIAL GAME WARDEN, 1925.

GENERAL SUPERVISION.

For administrative purposes British Columbia is divided into five territorial divisions and the accompanying reports submitted by the Inspectors commanding these divisions are a careful and full presentation of Provincial game conditions as they exist at this writing.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF GAME INSPECTOR.

The quality of our enforcement service is one steadily improving and a continuation of this happy condition is fully assured by the recent appointment of a Chief Game Inspector. From this officer much is expected. He will be required to assist the enforcement efforts of the Police and Game Branches; supervise the machinery devoted to the conservation and propagation of British Columbia game; and, in addition, sympathetically co-ordinate the best interests of our Province and its sportsmen.

TRAP-LINE REGISTRATION.

The intensive pursuit of fur-bearing animals has created a feeling of alarm as to the future of what at one time appeared to be an inexhaustible resource. To safeguard the future and to create a permanent Provincial asset, a trap-line registration system is being worked out, and once in effect this scheme is expected to transform our trappers into fur-farmers with a permanent stake in the country.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

Calendar Year.	Informations laid.	Convictions.	Cases withdrawn.	Cases dismissed.	Firearms confiscated.	Fines imposed.	Revenue derived from Sale of Game Licences and Fees.	Revenue derived from Fur Trade.
1917	111	97	4	10	....	$1,763 50	$ 65,487 50	.....
1918	194	167	9	13	5	3,341 00	75,537 00	.....
1919	267	242	....	25	36	6,024 50	116,135 00	.....
1920	293	266	....	27	46	6,073 00	132,296 50	$ 5,291 39
1921	329	312	....	17	74	6,455 00	114,842 00	24,595 80
1922	359	317	....	42	44	7,275 00	127,111 50	51,093 89
1923	309	280	....	29	24	5,676 50	121,639 50	60,594 18
1924	317	283	....	34	24	4,768 00	125,505 50	56,356 68
1925	296	279	....	17	43	5,825 00	123,950 50	56,287 78

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Owing to the splendid work of all members of the Force and the co-operation received from the Game Conservation Board and the sportsmen of the Province, I feel that the wild life of British Columbia has received the utmost of protection, and I wish to express my thanks for the hearty support furnished by the above.

"A" DIVISION (VANCOUVER ISLAND).

By Inspector T. W. S. Parsons, Officer Commanding.

I have the honour to submit annual game reports for the year 1925, as prepared by Staff-Sergeant A. T. Stephenson and Sergeant Robert Owens, in charge of the northern and southern districts of Vancouver Island respectively. These N.C.O.'s continuously supervised their territories and are particularly well qualified to deal with the matter in hand. The divisional personnel consists of twenty-nine officers, N.C.O.'s, and men, and I am happy to say that all ranks, whether regular police officers or special game details, have evinced the greatest interest in game matters; indeed, that a fine spirit of co-operation exists between the two branches is more than evidenced by the results of their work as tabulated on pages 34 and 35. The Police and public too are on the most friendly terms, and I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation to the sportsmen of Vancouver Island for the manner in which they have supported the efforts of "A" Division in its attempt to give them a creditable and effective game service. There are twelve separate police and game detachments on the Island, and whilst all have done well,

I cannot refrain from drawing particular attention to the excellent launch service performed by Constable S. W. Dawson, of Campbell River, and Constable H. Bishop, of Sidney, who in the execution of their duty made many hazardous sea patrols. The assistance rendered by "E" Division in the person of Constable W. H. Hadley, of Alert Bay, also deserves recognition. On land the work of Game Wardens R. M. Stewart, A. Monks, R. Marshall, G. B. Simpson, G. L. Ewing, and R. Gidley has been most thorough and on my inspection tours it has been a pleasure to listen to much favourable comment upon their activities, activities in which the police proper were frequently included.

The reports of Sergeant Owens and Staff-Sergeant Stephenson follow:—

VICTORIA DISTRICT (SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND).

REPORT OF SERGEANT R. OWENS, N.C.O. I/C.

GAME ANIMALS.

Bear.—A decided increase over the years 1923–24 has been noted. A number of bear have been seen, particularly in the Jordan River area, and from reports these animals have become plentiful in the Duncan and Cowichan Districts.

Deer.—Very favourable reports have been received as to the increase of deer. During the latter portion of the hunting season bucks were reported to be plentiful. Does and fawns were very numerous, especially in the Duncan area. The buck law has materially assisted in the increase of deer. Very few cases of illegal hunting were reported during the past season and the diligent patrols maintained by Constables has had a moral effect, reducing infractions of the "Game Act."

Wapiti (Elk).—On the Shaw Creek Game Reserve elk are reported to be steadily increasing and appear to be spreading at the western end of Lake Cowichan. Herds of elk seen were reported in good condition.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

Marten.—In the Cowichan area good reports of these animals have been received and trapping in the area mentioned has been favourable. In the remainder of the district marten are reported as being on the increase.

Racoon.—Reported very plentiful in the district.

Otter.—These animals are scarce throughout the district.

Beaver.—Slightly on the increase in Cowichan area, but are scarce in other parts of district.

Mink.—Very few in district, with exception of Lake Cowichan area, where there has been a slight increase.

Skunk.—None reported in any part of the district.

Weasel.—Fairly plentiful in portions of the district.

Muskrats.—In the Duncan and Lake Cowichan areas, where these animals were put down a few years ago, they are reported on the increase and are being carefully protected both by Constables and the residents, as the latter mentioned are desirous of seeing these animals increase.

GAME BIRDS.

Pheasants.—Throughout the district pheasants have been plentiful, although in the Lake Cowichan area these birds were reported as being scarce and of small size, and it is felt that new blood should be put down in this part of the district. A number of Mongolian pheasants were liberated during December in the Duncan District and from reports are doing well.

Grouse (Blue).—In the Highland, Shawnigan Lake, East and West Sooke, and the Jordan River Districts blue grouse have been fairly plentiful. These birds have, however, been scarce in the Lake Cowichan, Duncan, and Sidney areas.

Grouse (Willow).—These birds have been fairly plentiful in the Highland, Shawnigan Lake, East and West Sooke, and Jordan River Districts, but have been scarce in Lake Cowichan, Duncan, and Sidney areas.

Quail.—Numerous throughout the district.

Quail (Bob-white).—Introduced in the vicinity of Sidney, Gordon Head, and other parts of district, but from reports apparently have not been doing very well.

Partridge.—Reported plentiful in North and South Saanich and Oak Bay Districts, but scarce in Duncan and Lake Cowichan areas.

Migratory Game Birds.

Ducks, Geese, and Brant.—Scarce throughout district in comparison with other years, the reason for this being, it is felt, owing to the unusual mild weather. Ducks no doubt did not migrate in their usual numbers owing to weather conditions.

Snipe.—A few snipe were noticed, but these birds have been very scarce.

Vermin (Destruction of).

Cougar.—Several cougar have been destroyed in the Sooke District and every effort has been made to reduce their numbers in the Cowichan and Metchosin areas, where they are reported on the increase.

Cats (Domestic).—A large number of young birds are destroyed each year by domestic cats gone wild. Game Wardens have been taking steps to cope with this situation and have met with a good deal of success.

Protection.

During the year very few complaints were received and every effort was made by Constables to enforce the Act and regulations. The game reserves, particularly the Shaw Creek Reserve, affords excellent protection to the elk and other game found therein. This reserve is patrolled throughout the year by the Constable stationed at Lake Cowichan.

Game Reserves.

Conditions in the Shaw Creek and Elk Lake Game Reserves have been very favourable.

Fur-farms.

During the year 1925 a considerable number of applications for permits to fur-farm have been received and investigated and in the majority of cases permits have been granted. During the latter months of the year there appeared to be an increase in the number of applications received.

Summary.

Game conditions throughout the district are good and tend to show an improvement for 1926.

NANAIMO DISTRICT (NORTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND).

Report of Staff-Sergeant A. T. Stephenson, N.C.O. i/c.

Game Animals.

Deer.—These animals have shown a considerable increase in numbers and this also applies to elk.

Bear.—Very plentiful.

Game Birds.

Pheasants.—A very poor season was experienced as these birds were very scarce.

Grouse (Blue).—Plentiful.

Grouse (Willow).—These birds were in equal numbers to former years and were fairly plentiful.

Migratory Game Birds.

Ducks and Geese.—Both ducks and geese were scarce, this being due no doubt to the exceptionally mild weather.

Brant.—Plentiful.

Fur-bearing Animals.

Beaver.—These animals are increasing and complaints have been received of their doing damage to agricultural lands.

Mink.—Mink are not very plentiful in the district, with the possible exception of the northern end of Vancouver Island, where they appear fairly numerous.

Marten.—These animals are on the decrease throughout the district.

Racoon.—Fairly plentiful.

Vermin.

Cougar.—During the year very few cougar were taken.

Wolves.—Appear to have become almost extinct on Vancouver Island.

Noxious Birds.—Crows are on the increase and in order to save useful birds it will be necessary to take steps to cut down this increase.

GAME-PROTECTION.

Due in a large measure to the activities of Game Law Enforcement officers in the district, violations have been kept down to a minimum. Mention should be made of the excellent work performed by Constables R. Marshall, R. M. Stewart, and Probationer A. Monks. Constable Marshall has been particularly active, both day and night, in his endeavour to enforce the game laws, and this also applies to Constable Stewart. The work of these two Constables has entailed many arduous hours of labour, coupled with hardships that task their ingenuity and patience.

SPECIAL PATROLS.

At the latter end of March, 1925, Constables Marshall and Stewart made a special patrol in the vicinity of Upper Campbell Lake, where they were successful in arresting a game violator for trapping beaver during the close season. Twenty beaver-pelts were confiscated in this case and a fine of $500 and $7.50 costs was imposed.

GAME RESERVES.

There is only one game reserve in this district. This reserve is situated at Strathcona Park, near Campbell River. Two or three permits have been issued to hunt cougar within the boundaries of this reserve, but no reports have as yet been received as to the number of animals shot.

FUR TRADE.

The fur trade does not appear to be in an exceptionally flourishing condition, but with the increase of fur-farming in the district it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the fur output next year.

FUR-FARMING.

Fur-farming has shown a considerable increase during the past year and many settlers have purchased fur-bearing animals and have taken out fur-farming permits after erecting the necessary pens for keeping their animals under proper control.

GAME CONSERVATION BOARD.

The Game Conservation Board is represented in the district by T. B. Booth, a well-known citizen and sportsman, who takes a very keen interest in the enforcement of the "Game Act" and who is ever ready to render his services in this connection.

"B" DIVISION (KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY DISTRICTS).

BY INSPECTOR W. R. DUNWOODY, OFFICER COMMANDING.

I have the honour to place before you the annual game report for the year 1925, as requested in your Circular No. 1064 of February 11th, 1926. The different matters are dealt with categorically as laid out in your letter.

GAME ANIMALS.

Game animals are plentiful throughout the Division, particularly in the Kootenay, Columbia, and Elk Valleys.

Whilst it cannot be said that moose are plentiful, this animal seems to be on the increase in the Kootenay Valley and the Elk Valley Game Reserve.

A herd of caribou also ranges on the Selkirk Divide between the East and West Kootenay, but not in any large numbers.

The establishing some years ago of the Elk Valley Game Reserve has had a wonderful effect in re-establishing the elk in that locality, and with this, of course, all other game animals have correspondingly increased; including the Virginia deer, black-tail deer, goat, and bighorn sheep; also black and grizzly bear are numerous. Big game is also plentiful in the Canadian National Parks on the Kootenay.

Conditions throughout these valleys are very good and there is every reason to expect a marked increase this year. The extremely mild fall and winter has enabled the animals to remain on their summer ranges in many cases and they have been able to secure food in

abundance. More than this, they have been comparatively immune from predatory animals, which create such havoc when the animals are "yarded" or snow-bound.

Mule-deer, white-tail deer, and bear show an increase in all other parts of the Division.

Fur-bearing Animals.

As this Division is practically all closed to trapping, the fur-bearing animals show a decided increase, the most noticeable being in the case of the beaver, which in some instances is astonishing. This is particularly true near the mouth of the White River and on Finlay Creek, and, in fact, throughout the Division it can be readily judged that these animals, in most instances, are becoming a nuisance, as can be seen by the number of permits requested by farmers to trap beaver.

Muskrats are scarce. Lynx, marten, mink, and weasel show an increase. To my mind, further protection is very desirable and that for several years to come.

Game Birds.

I regret to report that during 1925 game birds were not as plentiful as during previous years. I am hoping, however, that on account of the extremely mild winter we have had grouse will get an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves throughout the country. I would be very much in favour of a closed season on all land game birds this year (1926).

Pheasants in the Okanagan, I regret to report, showed a very severe falling-off last season also. The mild season, however, may also have a very beneficial effect in this case. The Game Conservation Board has from time to time shipped pheasants into this Division and an effort has been made to establish them around Kootenay Lake, particularly in the vicinity of Procter and Harrop. The results so far have not been encouraging.

Hungarian partridges seem to be propagating very well in the Okanagan.

Migratory Game Birds.

With the exception of the Kootenay Flats at Creston and the Columbia Valley north of Athalmer, we have very few migratory birds. A very fair number nested last year, but the sudden high-water situation in the middle of May disturbed a good many of them. Both geese and ducks were somewhat plentiful at these places on their southern journey last fall.

Vermin.

Vermin are unfortunately increasing, although there is a chance that some of the predatory animals will die off this winter from lack of food. Cougar and coyotes are common. Lynx and weasel are responsible for the destruction of many game birds and I am of the opinion that it would be wise to allow the trapping of these animals.

Special Constable Shuttleworth at Penticton is employed principally on this branch of game-protection work and his efforts in this behalf have been crowned with considerable success, particularly this last season. The Department has supplied him with a cougar-dog and last reports show that this animal is proving immensely valuable.

The bounty on cougar and coyotes, I think, should be retained. Another pest which is increasing is the common crow. These are very destructive to the grouse in the breeding season. Hawks and owls are also destructive in the hatching season.

Game-protection.

Our law-abiding residents and visiting sportsmen evince a keen desire to assist us in the enforcement of the "Game Act," and, generally speaking, we receive ready co-operation. It has been drawn to my attention that it would be advisable to have uniform opening and closing dates for big-game hunting. Last year the season for elk closed on October 15th, whilst moose and sheep were open until October 31st. Even a good sportsman, having failed to get his elk lawfully and out hunting sheep, say, on the 25th, would find it hard to overlook an especially good bull elk if he ran across one. Elk have increased to an extent where they are spreading over the country and the chances of old bulls with good antlers being killed are better if the season is longer. Some people are of the opinion that it would be better to open the season on all big game on September 15th, the heads being good then and the animals killed would not materially affect the breeding.

PROPAGATION.

A bounty on certain hawks and owls would materially assist in the natural propagation of game and migratory birds. The use of poison under certain conditions and in districts remote from settlements and ranches would do much to lessen the number of coyotes, to the benefit of all game.

I would also suggest that, where beaver have become a nuisance and occasionally have to be trapped, these be transported to other places where they would be an asset from a fur-bearing point of view.

GAME RESERVES.

I have already referred to the Elk Valley Game Reserve, which all reports show to be teeming with wild life. We have also a game reserve at Vaseaux Lake, in the Southern Okanagan, where pheasants and migratory birds are reported plentiful.

During the year 1925, on representations made, the Department established a game reserve on the Kettle River. In this area of 600 square miles we have one of the finest breeding-grounds in British Columbia for game animals. This sanctuary has always been the hunting-ground of the Indian and in past years he has taken out a tremendous number of deer. With the destruction of predatory animals in this reserve, it is hoped that the area will act as a feeding-ground for the Okanagan and other districts for the sportsmen's guns.

We have also a game reserve and sanctuary on the West Arm of Kootenay Lake at Nelson, and even to-day the ducks around the wharves are in a practically semi-tame condition, showing the value of these sanctuaries. I might also refer to the National Parks between the Columbia and Kootenay, where game is showing a wonderful increase, due to the reservation.

FUR TRADE.

Owing to the closed season in this Division fur-trading is practically *nil.*

FUR-FARMS.

There are several fox-farms now in the Division, particularly at Princeton, Grand Forks, and Cranbrook, and all reports indicate that these are doing very nicely.

Judging by the number of applications which are passed through this office and inquiries received, it is safe to say that more attention is being paid to fur-farming, including mink, muskrats, and marten.

SPECIAL PATROLS.

I do not think there were any patrols which can be classed under this heading, as all patrols made were done in the particular Constable's own district; but the reports furnished by Constables from their different stations, who were appointed for special game-work, show that their particular bivouacs have been carefully patrolled from time to time and that nothing was left undone in the way of game-protection.

PROSECUTIONS AND CONVICTIONS.

There were forty-six prosecutions and forty-four convictions under the "Game Act" during the year.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS.

On May 20th, 1925, James Maxwell, of Creston, was found dead alongside a wire fence, with a .32 special rifle lying with the muzzle pointed towards the body and the stock on the ground. This man that morning had stated his intention of shooting pheasants which were destroying his crops. Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death."

On October 21st, 1925, Hagbert Hansen, of Princeton, accidentally shot himself with a .22 rifle whilst hunting. This happened at Goose Lake, about 5 miles from Princeton. Jury brought in a verdict of "accidental death."

SUMMARY.

Game animals have increased and conditions are ideal. Fur-bearing animals are increasing, but require further protection. Game birds are scarce and closed season suggested this coming year. Migratory birds—conditions are not favourable. The planting of wild rice might assist in keeping these birds. Vermin is on the increase to a great extent. Game-protection is regarded as a necessity. Propagation might be assisted by transporting beaver and muskrats. Fur-farming is becoming quite an industry.

"C" DIVISION (KAMLOOPS, YALE, OKANAGAN, CARIBOO, AND CHILCOTIN DISTRICTS).

By Inspector W. L. Fernie, Officer Commanding.

I have the honour to submit herewith my annual report under the "Game Act" for the year 1925.

Game Animals.

Moose.—These animals are still very plentiful in the Cariboo District and are undoubtedly on the increase and continually penetrating into areas where no white man remembers seeing them before. The direction of the migration of these animals seems to be from the north towards the south and they have now begun to get established within striking distance of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in a few solitary instances have crossed that railway. Some remarkably fine heads were taken out by hunters during the last open season.

Caribou.—These animals are certainly holding their own and in many cases increasing in numbers and covering a larger area than they were formerly doing, more particularly in the territory east and north of the Great Shuswap Lake. From my own observations these animals are not shot off in as great numbers as the moose, their habits giving them a certain amount of protection. The fact that they keep to the higher altitudes until the beginning of November or thereabouts protects them from the average American hunter, who is generally homeward-bound about that time.

Wapiti (Elk).—These animals only occur in one area in "C" Division, and that is in the Yalakom Game Reserve, near Lillooet, where they were introduced. They are now, of course, rather difficult to count, but there is no doubt they are doing well and increasing. There seems to be a tendency for a few of the bulls to roam away from the rest of the herd, and in two instances at least their tracks have been seen travelling in a northerly direction, 150 miles at least from Lillooet.

Mountain-sheep.—From all the information I am able to obtain mountain-sheep seem to be holding their own near Fintry, on the west side of Okanagan Lake on the high peaks. A band of these animals are flourishing and are more or less fostered by Mr. Dunwaters, who takes a very active interest in their welfare. The main hunting-ground, however, for these animals is in the Bridge River country, and the sportsmen who have penetrated in there this last season have come out well satisfied.

Mountain-goat.—These animals, I am glad to report, seem to be holding their own; their fondness for inaccessible country being responsible, I presume, for their salvation. To the west of Revelstoke and in the particularly rugged country which runs north from Craigellachie, in my opinion, the goat will never be depleted to any great extent.

Bear.—The black bear and its cousin, the brown bear, are reported to be increasing all through the Division. Grizzly bear are fairly common in places; three of these areas which are outstanding are on the Yalakom Game Reserve, in the high country to the north of Canim Lake, and in the upper reaches of the Tulameen River.

Deer.—Of the three species which we have in this Division, the mule-deer is by far the most common and also the most hunted. In spite of the huntsmen, as a rule, returning satisfied from their trips, I am of the opinion that mule-deer are on the increase, and, personally, I should not be displeased to see permission given to shoot one doe, as I am satisfied that the females are far away outnumbering the males. The laying-aside of a game sanctuary on the Kettle River will be a great benefit to these animals, and I am pleased to see that interest is being taken and reports required concerning the laying-out of another area to the north and west of Kamloops, a territory called by the white population "Little Cariboo" and by the Indians "Sil-whoi-a-kun." This territory has always been a great haunt for mule-deer.

The white-tail deer are not prevalent in this Division, but are known to occur occasionally in the Okanagan country.

The Coast deer are fairly common in the western extremity of "C" Division and meet and mingle with the mule-deer in the vicinity of Spuzzum, but do not, as far as I can gather, hybridize. I anticipate that the next season will show a marked increase in these animals, as I have known them to be practically decimated by a very severe winter. This winter has been the mildest within the memory of any white man and I think the influence of this on the herds of deer will be quite noticeable.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

Fur-bearing animals are still scarce. The only district in the Interior which has been favourably reported on is the Barkerville area and north and west of Quesnel, where lynx and fisher are undoubtedly on the increase. Foxes are more numerous this year in the Chilcotin country than they have been for years. There has been one instance of a silver fox being trapped within 12 miles of Kamloops, a case without parallel in the memory of the inhabitants.

The absence of lynx is usually put down to the absence of rabbits, which form their staple diet. These latter animals have been very scarce in most of the territory in this Division for the last ten years and I see no sign of them increasing to any extent, and the common saying that they come and go every seven years seems to be a myth.

From all the data that we can collect, beaver and muskrats are becoming exceedingly numerous in the southern portion of the Division. This condition has been the cause of our receiving numerous complaints and requests for permission to destroy these animals from the owners of low-lying meadow lands.

There is no doubt that throughout the Division the marten have been trapped to such an extent that they have become almost extinct.

GAME BIRDS.

The situation as regards game birds I should consider to be satisfactory.

Hungarian Partridge.—The bird which I would say was topping the list as regards increasing is the Hungarian partridge, which is working its way from the south towards the north. They have not yet reached Kamloops, but they are fairly prevalent in the vicinity of Salmon Arm and from there south they are numerous. Two reasons which are responsible for their increase seem to be, first, their power of resisting cold and hardship, and, secondly, the fact that they are very difficult to shoot.

Pheasants.—These are undoubtedly doing well and it will be interesting to observe the result of the amendment to the "Game Act" which permits of them being shot by the owner of a farm where they may be doing damage. Whilst visiting the Okanagan recently I was struck by the great diversity of views held on this subject by different responsible sportsmen. Very little grain was required to tide the pheasants over the winter months.

Grouse.—Blue grouse, I should think, are holding their own. Willow-grouse are certainly not as prevalent as they were ten years ago, but I would not go on record as saying they are decreasing.

Ptarmigan.—These are fairly plentiful in the high altitudes, but these birds are seldom seriously hunted for.

Prairie-chicken.—Prairie-chicken are undoubtedly very plentiful and are increasing in the Cariboo country from Clinton north. South of that point they are not so plentiful. The Thompson River and the South Thompson are ideal breeding-grounds for these birds, but the fact that they are so easy to kill has been responsible for them being thinned out almost to the point of extermination. All the staff are continually on the lookout for a specimen of the sage-hen; a pair of these birds undoubtedly bred in the vicinity of Kamloops twenty years ago, but were destroyed by a settler, and as far as I can gather no specimen has visited British Columbia since.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Wild ducks, geese, and brant are plentiful in the Okanagan country, as also are ducks and geese in the southern part of the Cariboo country. A sprinkling of ducks and geese have been in evidence within sight of the City of Kamloops all winter, but not nearly in such great numbers as seemed to have stayed on the Great Shuswap Lake and on the Okanagan and Long Lakes.

I recently noticed a large quantity of ducks also on Nicola Lake; in fact, I think the larger proportion of the migratory water-birds last winter did not migrate. What effect this will have on the numbers next season will be interesting to observe.

Swans are undoubtedly decreasing rapidly.

VERMIN.

Coyotes undoubtedly are increasing; this is probably due to the poor price now being paid for their pelts, as the trappers will not make the same effort to catch them as formerly when a good skin was worth from $25 to $30.

Constable Quesnel, Lumby, was very active during the year in destroying vermin in his district. This officer, working in conjunction with the Rod and Gun Club, Vernon, who supplied him with ammunition, was responsible for the destruction of a large number of crows, crows' nests and young, magpies with their nests and young, hawks, horned owls, and skunks.

Special Constable Shuttleworth was detailed for duty in June, 1925, and did good work in destroying a large number of coyotes in the North Thompson District. He is now in the same area to-day, it having been found advisable to send for him in an endeavour to rid that country of a band of cougar.

Owls have decreased 50 per cent. all through the high jack-pine country, of which there are tremendous areas in this Division. This is, I believe, directly due to the scarcity of rabbits, which form the owls' principal diet.

Eagles are still numerous in the less-frequented territories.

Game-protection.

Undoubtedly all the officers in the Division have given close attention to the matter of game-protection. This is the result of strict instructions furnished them, and also, I think, to a large extent in their natural inclination to protect the game of the Province.

They seem, almost without exception, to be fond of nature-study, and on being asked questions give sometimes surprisingly accurate information concerning the game in the vicinity of their detachments. A large number of prosecutions were instituted under the "Game Act" during the year 1925.

In any case where complaint has been received concerning infractions of the "Game Act" immediate attention has been given to the complaint, and owing to the efforts which this Force is making they seem to be getting the support of the public.

Without doubt, in the northern portion of the Division, the Indians are still responsible for the destruction of a great deal of game. The matter of game-protection in this Province, the game being undoubtedly one of our big assets, is directing more attention and thought every year, and it would appear that obtaining the co-operation of the Indians in protecting the game has never been seriously attempted. The Indian generally considers himself an aggrieved person and is apt to take the attitude of intending to shoot when he can without being punished either in or out of season.

With their modern firearms and inherited method of hunting, they slaughter a large amount of game, some of it wantonly. This is particularly noticeable in the Chilcotins, where one of the white pioneer settlers pointed out a range of mountains from which the mountain-sheep had been entirely cleaned off by the Indians, who were left unpunished.

In a previous report I made the suggestion that it would be a good idea to appoint some of the Indian chiefs as honorary Game Wardens and their authority given some recognition. In many cases I am sure they would use their influence to prevent wanton slaughter of game by their people and would be all the more active from the very fact of their position being recognized by the whites. The Inspector of Indian Agencies and Indian Agents in this Division have volunteered every assistance in this matter. It might be pointed out to the Indians that there is not sufficient game, under the old methods of indiscriminate killing, to keep up the supply for both Indians and whites, and the most sensible thing for the Indians to do would be to help the whites in the protection of what game we have left.

I would not suggest that the Indians be given any authority over any of the whites, except in so far as to report any infractions of the "Game Act" which come to their notice.

In my opinion, also, it would be distinctly beneficial to occasionally employ an Indian to accompany the white game patrols. If the right Indians are chosen, it would be surprising how much more information regarding the wild life in the mountains would be obtained.

Propagation.

In several instances pheasant-eggs have been furnished to different settlers, with more or less success. The most reliable way of introducing pheasants, or other game birds, is to hand them over on their arrival to certain responsible farmers, who will turn them out in suitable places where they consider they can look after themselves.

GAME RESERVES.

Concerning game reserves, I think the laying-aside of the Bowron Lake Game Reserve has been the cause of general satisfaction. On my last visit to Barkerville, from which it is only 20 miles distant, I did not hear one dissentient voice.

Sergeant Mortimer, N.C.O. i/c Vernon District, is putting forward claims to have a reserve made between Lumby and Monashee. From my knowledge of this country it is too high to be of use for agriculture, or even grazing. I hope to visit this territory in the near future and will report further on my return.

As regards the area mentioned before in comments on mule-deer, I would again emphasize the fact that it is a country peculiarly adapted for being laid aside as a game reserve. The two particular reasons being that it is already well stocked with game and also that it is too high to be considered as a farming country. It would serve the purpose of being a sort of feeder for the hunting territories used by the settlers on the North Thompson River and also those settled on the North Bonaparte areas. It is a high plateau, averaging 4,500 feet, and is the source of numerous creeks which radiate in almost every direction from it; some of these are Skull Creek, Jamieson Creek, Tranquille Creek, Copper Creek, Deadman Creek, and the North Bonaparte. Constable Emmott has been instructed to make a careful report on this area directly conditions allow.

Concerning the Yalakom Reserve, Constable McKenzie, of Clinton, who has sole charge of this area, gives me to understand that everything is in a satisfactory condition. I hope to accompany this officer on a patrol into this reserve as soon as weather conditions will allow, no other officer than Constable McKenzie, to my knowledge, ever having visited this area before and the information concerning this reserve I would classify as meagre.

I find that the attitude of the Department of laying aside suitable areas to be game reserves and sanctuaries gives general satisfaction to the public.

FUR TRADE.

The fur trade is not in a flourishing condition this year owing to poor catches of fur in the northern part of the Division and the fact of closing the trapping in the southern portion of this Division.

FUR-FARMING.

There are a considerable number of fur-farms in the Division and there is a continual stream of applications which require reports to be made on them. In 1925 there were about twenty-five applications.

Some of the silver-fox farms are now well established and in the Nicola Valley are making good profits. Dr. J. J. Gillis's farm is, I think, the best laid out; his farm is about 3 miles from the City of Merritt and he is very courteous to visitors, and is glad to show them his farm at certain times; when, however, the foxes have their young it is not wise to disturb them, as they have a habit of destroying them if at all alarmed.

Some of the marten-farmers, I understand, have had the misfortune of having their stock escape by gnawing through the wire. Special wire has to be used and the best is imported from England. One interesting experiment being tried on at least two fur-farms is the propagation of muskrats away from any body of water. Some text-books claim that muskrats are more prolific under this condition.

It would seem that fur-farming has come to stay in British Columbia, just as it has in Prince Edward Island, where nearly every rancher has a few head of foxes in captivity and on which he is dependent to pay the interest on the mortgage of his home.

The matter of the climate being mild does not militate so much against the quality of the fur as might be supposed, as I am given to understand a good deal can be done by dieting the animals before pelting them. The glossiness of their fur, and even the colour, is easily affected, just as in the case of a horse getting proper care and oilcakes, etc.

SPECIAL PATROLS.

A few special patrols have been undertaken by officers in this Division during the year, the most important being:—

Constable McKenzie, Game Warden, Clinton, accompanied Sergeant Bowen from Ashcroft to Hanceville and from there to the head of Chilko Lake. This patrol was made for the purpose

of investigating the murder of Alex. Ducharme, trapper, who was killed by Fred Cyr. Constable McKenzie, being a Game Warden, was instructed to make observations *re* the game while he was passing through the country. He reported that he found deer plentiful and numerous black and brown bear. Grizzlies and goats he also reported as being numerous in the vicinity of Chilko Lake. Fur-bearing animals in this district were also reported as numerous, particularly marten.

On October 16th, 1925, a special patrol was made by Constable Collins and Special Constable Lowry, of Merritt, into the Coquihalla country to investigate a report that Indians were slaughtering deer in that district. On investigation no information was obtained to substantiate the report.

A special patrol was made by Special Constables Longridge and Townsend to Barkerville and the Bowron Lake Reserve, as reports had been received that set-guns were being used by different parties to kill bear. Although ten days were spent by these officers in the Bowron Lake Reserve, no evidence of set-guns was found.

A complaint was made that Indians of the Canim Lake Reserve were slaughtering caribou merely for the purpose of getting the hides, presumably for making gloves, etc. Corporal Gallagher, of Williams Lake, made a special patrol into this country and was successful in obtaining two convictions under section 7 (1) of the "Game Act."

Numerous short special patrols have been undertaken by practically all the Game Wardens and Constables in the Division during the year; in fact, the Game Wardens are out on patrol practically all the time.

Conclusion.

In concluding this report, it is almost needless to say that the whole Force is watching with interest the rearrangement of the machinery of this organization which is just about to come into effect for administering the "Game Act."

The registration of trap-lines is of course the greatest innovation. To make this workable I presume there will have to be a registration fee charged as well as the annual licence fee; and as regards the length of the line permitted, I do not see what limit can be placed on them, but I would suggest a certain length of line for an ordinary fee and a *pro rata* charge for any increase. The issuing of maps of the Province on the same lines as the one showing pre-emptions, timber limits, etc., would appear to be almost indispensable to properly record the different trap-lines.

"D" DIVISION (ATLIN, SKEENA, OMINECA, FORT GEORGE, PEACE RIVER, AND YUKON BOUNDARY DISTRICTS).

By Acting-Inspector W. Spiller, Officer Commanding.

Game Animals.

Game animals are reported as being on the increase in the territory covered by this Division, with the exception of white-tail deer. It is suggested that the bag limit for this species during the year 1926 be reduced to one of the male sex. The mild winter of 1925–26 will leave all game in good condition and in fine shape for breeding.

Fur-bearing Animals.

Owing to the change in the method of collection of royalties little data can be obtained locally, but it is reasonable to suppose there is no appreciable decrease in these animals. It is suggested that royalties on pelts should be paid in the locality where obtained and thus form a record on which to base statistics.

Game Birds.

A marked decrease was observed in grouse during 1925, which was undoubtedly due to the severe winter of 1924–25.

Migratory Game Birds.

These seem to be on the increase, especially geese. The weather conditions are similar all along the Coast from the Nass River south to the International Boundary, and it is therefore suggested that there should be no difference in the "open" season in the Western District.

Vermin.

Coyotes and timber-wolves are on the increase and are primarily responsible for the decrease of deer and game birds. The following suggestions are submitted:—

(1.) That bounty be paid only on *unprime* pelts, the market price on *prime* pelts being sufficient remuneration.

(2.) That the bounty be doubled on *unprime* pelts, which could be destroyed by the Government Agent paying the bounty.

In my opinion this would tend to farmers and others keeping up a continuous pursuit of these animals instead of waiting for prime pelts, as is done at present, and thereby deriving double pecuniary benefit.

GAME-PROTECTION.

N.C.O.'s and men of this Division have endeavoured to enforce the regulations. I would suggest that, owing to the extent of the territory in this Division and the importance of the fur-bearing animals, a complete change in the manner of enforcement be made.

PROPAGATION.

This, in my opinion, is a matter for experts. Possibly, after study, it would be found that the capture of male deer in one part of the Province and turning them loose in other parts would have the effect of increasing the size and strength of the herds added to. The registration of trap-lines will automatically assist the propagation of fur-bearing animals.

GAME RESERVES.

There are five reserves in this Division, as follows: Fort George; Prince George; Kunghit Island (Queen Charlotte Islands); Atlin (Taku and Stikine Rivers); Kaien Island.

The Fort George Reserve should be discontinued, as this reserve is comprised of timber limits which in due course will be logged, thereby destroying the game sanctuary there.

The Kunghit Island Reserve should be discontinued. At the present time there are no facilities in the way of transportation to enforce this reserve, and to station a man there would be inconsistent with the policy of economy and efficiency.

In regard to the Atlin Reserve, which consists of 5,000 square miles, it is too large an area to protect efficiently, in addition to which a hardship is worked on the settlers on the Stikine River, where game and fur-bearing animals abound. I would recommend that this reserve be abolished and one established, to be called the Taku River Reserve, and covering that portion of the Province drained by the Taku River and its tributaries from the International Boundary to a point up-stream known as Yellow Bluff.

The Prince George Reserve is fulfilling its mission as a resting-place for migratory birds going north and south. As to the Kaien Island Reserve, intermittent reports indicate a little poaching here, but lack of trails, etc., make detection somewhat difficult.

FUR TRADE.

From examination of fur-traders' books it is found that a large business in furs is being carried on.

FUR-FARMS.

Little is known concerning this industry, all reports having been handled by the Game Conservation Board. It is suggested that a list of fur-farms with the conditions of permits be prepared and distributed to all members of the Force in order that close observation can be maintained.

SPECIAL PATROLS.

Constables Barber and Forfar, of the Peace River District, patrolled to Fort Nelson in the early part of 1925 (April 8th to May 12th); they collected nearly $3,000 royalties on pelts of fur-bearing animals and from other sources and covered approximately 700 miles on this patrol.

Constable Thiis, accompanied by Alaska Game officials, patrolled to the Taku and Stikine Rivers. The launch for this purpose was provided by E. P. Walker, of the United States Biological Survey, Juneau, Alaska. A distance of 1,000 miles was covered and, though several infractions of the "Game Act" were discovered, all the offenders were residents of Alaska. However, they were prosecuted under the Alaska "Game Act" for making false declarations.

One offender was fined $50 at Prince Rupert for trapping without a licence as a result of this patrol.

Corporal Van Dyk patrolled to Takla Lake in May, 1925, for the purpose of locating a missing trapper. The man was found drowned in the Willow River and duly buried. In July,

1925, this officer patrolled to Nation River to endeavour to locate two missing trappers. They were found dead, apparently due to ptomaine poisoning. In November, 1925, Corporal Van Dyk repeated the patrol made by Constable Thiis and was also accompanied by Alaska Game officials, the equipment for the patrol being furnished by E. P. Walker. Several complaints were investigated, and a seizure of one marten, eleven mink, sixteen muskrats, one otter, and eleven beaver pelts having been taken in the Atlin (Taku-Stikine River) Game Reserve. The total mileage covered by Corporal Van Dyk on these patrols was 1,900 miles, whereas the total mileage of the combined patrols mentioned was 3,900 miles.

Acknowledgments.

In closing I wish to express appreciation of the assistance given by E. P. Walker, of the United States Biological Survey, Juneau, Alaska, who placed a boat, fully equipped, and two of his officers at the disposal of our officers when operating in or near the Territory of Alaska.

"E" DIVISION (VANCOUVER, COAST, AND FRASER VALLEY DISTRICTS).

By Inspector F. Cruickshank, Officer Commanding.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Circular Letter No. 1064, dated February 11th, 1926, I beg to submit a report on the game conditions in my Division during the year 1925. This report is being segregated and dealt with as requested in this circular letter, referred to above.

Game Animals.

Deer.—From patrols made early in the year and from reports received from various Constables in this Division, I have no hesitation in saying that deer are decidedly on the increase, this being due to a certain extent on the protection afforded does.

During the open season, 1925, deer were taken in quite large numbers from the various islands along the Coast of this Division. The majority of sportsmen invariably hunt deer on the different islands in the Howe Sound District, and it is worthy of note that deer on these islands are in excellent condition and appear to be in equal numbers each year, apparently no decrease being noted. Each year from these islands a large number of deer are taken and good hunting is always to be had by sportsmen in this part of the district.

A great number of hunters complain that the law in effect during the season, covering the bringing-out of the head of any deer killed, causes a good deal of hardship. It is suggested that if the buck law is still kept into effect it would meet all purposes if the "Game Act" was so amended as to allow the hunter to leave the head of the deer in the bush, provided that some other identification-marks be left on the carcass to show the sex of the animal taken.

Due to the present buck law the deer have been on a decided increase in practically every part of the Division; in fact, in a number of cases farmers have been complaining of deer doing damage to their orchards and crops, and it has been found on investigation that a large number of deer doing damage have been does, and I feel that in order to remedy or stop these complaints it would be good policy to allow the shooting of doe deer in this Division for a limited period, with a bag limit of one doe per hunter, and in this connection I would suggest that doe deer be allowed to be shot or hunted the last two weeks of the open season.

The reason for suggesting such a short open season is in view of the fact of the difficulty that would be encountered in keeping a check on the number of does killed per hunter, and it is felt that by limiting each hunter to a short open season our officers would be in a better position to see that the bag limit is adhered to, and this, in my opinion, would stop or nearly stop the shooting of does and leaving them in the bush, as has been the case in the past. Another reason for doe-deer shooting is in view of the fact that many residents along the Coast in isolated areas require to obtain meat at certain periods of the year, and it is felt that the settlers in these outlying districts should be allowed a doe deer during the open season. I am sure that this would meet with the approval of a great many of the ranchers and homesteaders in such districts.

Mountain-goat.—From reports at hand mountain-goat suffered to a certain extent in the Powell River District through fires during the year 1924. However, these animals are not hunted to any great extent, the hunting in this Division being chiefly confined to deer, and as the goat can very well take care of itself, there appears to be no cause for believing that these animals are on the decrease, or need any further protection than that afforded in the past.

Bear.—A number of non-residents have again this year hunted grizzly bear at the heads of the various inlets on the Coast, but from reports at hand very few of these animals were taken.

In regard to the black bear, it is suggested that, in view of the fact of the damage done by these animals to fawns of deer and by destroying bee-hives and orchards in this district, the season should not be closed at any time. In the Port Moody and Burnaby Lake areas damage has been done by black bear, and it is felt that they should not be protected by a close season.

FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

Beaver.—Although there are only a few beaver in this Division, yet complaints have been received of damage being done by these animals to agricultural lands, this damage taking place in the Mission District. Notwithstanding this fact, however, the beaver should be protected throughout the Division, at least as far north as Jervis Inlet.

Marten.—These animals are not considered as plentiful, although in the Bute and Toba Inlet regions trappers were successful in taking a considerable number of these animals during the trapping season.

Mink.—Mink are about holding their own and are found in fairly large numbers throughout the Division.

Muskrats.—In many parts of the district muskrats are nearing extermination. In the past farmers throughout the Lower Mainland have complained of muskrats doing damage to their property, but during the last few years these complaints have dwindled down to a few, and most of the farmers in the delta and dyked districts are now endeavouring to conserve the muskrat in view of the fact that they have become aware of its value both in the live state as well as in regard to the pelt. Many inquiries are being received from farmers in this Division requesting information in respect to the farming of muskrats. It is felt that in view of this fact muskrats in most of the delta regions will be allowed to increase and will be protected by most of the farmers.

Otter.—A few of these animals are to be found in this Division.

Racoon.—These animals are fairly plentiful and in the Cloverdale District a number of these animals have been trapped where they have been doing damage to domestic fowl.

Skunk.—Fairly plentiful throughout the Division, but are not trapped to any great extent.

Weasel.—Plentiful.

Taking the situation in respect to fur-bearing animals into consideration, it is felt that a great number, especially the mink and the racoon, are taken in an illegal manner by pit-lamping. This, however, does not affect this Division to the extent that it does in other Coast areas. Pit-lamping, however, is one thing responsible for the decrease in fur-bearing animals in this Division.

I am sure that, as soon as the registration of trap-lines is actually put on a proper working basis, in the northern parts of the Division better protection will be afforded fur-bearing animals.

GAME BIRDS.

Pheasants.—Prior to the open season on these birds a large number were noted during the course of patrols throughout different parts of the Division; in fact, I feel safe in saying that the pheasants have never in the past been so plentiful as during the year 1925, although notwithstanding this fact there was a very poor season for hunting these birds this year. One of the chief reasons, to my mind, is in view of the heavy fog that hung over the Lower Mainland of the Province during the first three or four days of the open season. On the opening date especially the fog was very thick, and consequently the pheasants were scattered far and wide, and naturally when the fog lifted a few days later these birds could not be found in the open, but had left for the bush. If it is at all possible, I would suggest that hunting be prohibited in foggy weather, as this undoubtedly spoiled the pheasant season during the year under review, and, needless to say, shooting in a heavy fog is very dangerous. After the close of the season pheasants appeared in quite large numbers and there will be a good supply next year.

All our Constables have been instructed to endeavour to keep track or trace of any Mongolian pheasants, of which there have been a number liberated in this Division, and in this connection I wish to state that a few of these birds have been taken by hunters and a number have been seen from time to time during the course of patrols.

In the past complaints have been received from farmers as to damage being done by pheasants to their crops, and it is worthy of note that these complaints are not nearly so numerous as in previous years.

Partridge.—Throughout the Lower Mainland, where these birds are found, they are increasing slowly. To my mind a greater increase would be noticed if it was possible to import and put down some new blood.

A short open season was provided for in the Delta Municipality, and from the reports at hand excellent partridge-shooting was obtained by sportsmen in this area. In the Cloverdale and Sumas Districts partridges are to be found in limited numbers, and probably it would be advisable to allow a short open season in these districts next year for a period of not more than one week, in order that the birds may be scattered. From the reports of the Constables at Langley Prairie and Chilliwack, partridges this year apparently have increased in their districts. It would probably be of interest to mention that a few partridges were noticed on Lulu Island during the course of patrols this year.

Quail.—In the Delta Municipality quail are about holding their own, but it is felt that the quail will never increase in this district owing to climatic and other conditions. I therefore do not think it is advisable to liberate any more of these birds.

In the North Vancouver District a number of quail are to be found, but as these birds were put down a few years ago they should now be in good numbers; but this, I am sorry to say, has not been the case, the cause being the number of birds killed by domestic cats and other vermin.

During the spring of 1925 a number of bob-white quail were liberated in this district. From reports received they are slightly increasing. On Lulu Island a small number of quail were seen this year.

Grouse.—The willow-grouse are not to be found in any great numbers in this Division, but as it is felt that a continued close season would not in any way help these birds to increase, it is suggested that a short open season be allowed next year.

Blue grouse are holding their own, and, in fact, I believe are increasing throughout the Division, and can be provided with an open season next year.

Migratory Game Birds.

Ducks.—Ducks just prior to the open season could be found in large numbers on the foreshores of the Richmond and Delta Districts, but owing to weather conditions on the opening day very few ducks were taken, and throughout the season in 1925, owing to climatic conditions, very poor shooting was to be had on these birds. Upon investigation, however, these birds were here in just as large numbers as last season. The wood-ducks found in the Chilliwack area are slightly increasing.

Swans.—From reports at hand twelve swans have visited Daisy Lake again this year. During the year 1924 a large number of whistling swans visited Sea and Lulu Islands, but this was not the case during the year 1925.

Geese and Brant.—These birds were in equal numbers, if not greater numbers, than last year. Brant-shooting has been exceptionally good in the Boundary Bay District, whereas the snow or wavy geese off the foreshores of the Richmond and Delta Districts appeared in greater numbers this year.

Owing to climatic conditions migratory birds, especially ducks and geese, apparently stayed in the different inlets on the Coast. Geese and ducks at the latter part of December were to be found in great numbers at the head of Knight Inlet. In the Pitt Lake area fair shooting was obtained on geese.

Vermin.

During the past year coyotes have increased throughout the Lower Mainland and steps must be taken to endeavour to keep a check on these animals, as undoubtedly they do untold damage to game birds in this region.

A number of cougar were killed in the Pender Harbour District and in the vicinity of Gibson Landing. In fact, bounties have been paid on more cougar this year than for a number of years past.

Wolves are not to be found in this Division, with the exception of the northern portions, and they are here found in such numbers that would, in my opinion, warrant a campaign for their destruction, and I believe it would be advisable to send special men in to carry on this work. At the head of Knight Inlet quite a number of wolves are to be found and they are undoubtedly doing considerable damage to the game in this area.

Crows and other noxious birds were found in quite large numbers this year, and steps should undoubtedly be taken to keep these birds down to the lowest possible numbers. I am afraid, however, that this situation would not be met fully by paying a bounty. I feel that good results can be obtained by instructing the various Game Wardens in the Division to carry on a campaign against crows especially. It might be advisable to instruct certain Game Wardens to carry on poisoning operations for taking such vermin. This could be done quite easily without hindering or destroying any of our game birds.

GAME-PROTECTION.

During the year 1925 there was an increase in the number of prosecutions conducted under the "Game Act" and the Special Fishery Regulations for British Columbia.

A large number of these prosecutions were obtained through special surprise patrols being made to different parts of the Division, which are being explained further in this report.

The following Constables were almost continually engaged in game-work during the year 1925: W. V. Fenton, Langley Prairie; W. J. McIntosh, Fort Langley; H. C. Pyke, Chilliwack; W. H. Cameron, Ladner; J. Moir, North Vancouver; J. Murray, Port Moody; P. Corrigan, Mission; E. G. Stedham, Pitt Meadows; J. G. Cunningham and W. Clark, launch "Watla," Vancouver; D. C. Campbell, Vancouver.

The other Police Constables stationed in the Division have done their utmost to enforce the provisions of the "Game Act" in the districts under their control. This especially has been the case in the Alert Bay and Powell River detachments.

PROPAGATION.

During the year 1925 in the neighbourhood of 1,000 pheasants were liberated on the Lower Mainland, all birds being in excellent condition and were obtained from the Government Pheasant Farm in Victoria.

Some fifty bob-white quail were liberated in the district during the year 1925, these birds having been obtained from the State of Washington.

The pheasants liberated at Bowen Island, at the request of the farmers there, have increased, but the small number of birds shipped to Hardy Island have been destroyed by vermin, and it is not thought advisable to forward any further birds to this island until steps have been taken to cope with the vermin situation; this to be done by trapping the mink and racoon in this area.

GAME RESERVES.

The following reserves are to be found in this Division: Nelson, Captain, and Hardy Islands; Burnaby, Deer, and Trout Lakes; McGillivray Creek (Sumas).

The deer on Nelson, Captain, and Hardy Islands are increasing and are in excellent condition. During the year under review two mule-deer have been sent to Hardy Island and it is hoped that these animals will become acclimatized.

It is interesting to note that beaver are increasing on the Burnaby Lake Reserve, and which as an example will show that if protection is afforded these animals will increase.

On Nelson and Hardy Islands mink and racoon are increasing and are destroying a large number of grouse, and it is suggested that steps be taken to allow the settlers there to trap during the regular open season. This reserve was made for the express purpose of protecting the deer and grouse, and if this is to be carried out, then the mink and racoon should not be allowed to increase.

FUR TRADE.

In past years the practice has been in effect to stamp each individual pelt taken within the Province, but under Order in Council passed this year this practice is being done away with and a new system is to be put into effect. This system does away with the stamping of fur and it is hoped will be of material assistance to the fur-trader and trapper. At least the stamping of fur has undoubtedly affected the value of any pelts so marked.

During the year 1925 the amount of royalty collected showed a slight increase over the collections under this heading in 1924. With further reference to the non-stamping of fur, this system is being put into effect for the purpose of co-operating with the Provinces to the east.

FUR-FARMS.

During the year 1925 a large number of fur-farms have been put into operation in the Division, these farms principally being concerned with the farming of blue and silver foxes

and muskrats, although a number are engaged in the business of farming marten and mink. It is impossible at the present time to furnish information in respect to the amount of success attained by these farmers, but it is felt that next year this information can be furnished.

Everything possible has been done to assist any person wishing to engage in this business.

Special Patrols.

During the year under review a number of special patrols have been undertaken. These patrols may be rightly termed "surprise patrols" and were as follows:—

(1.) April 18th to 30th. Granite Bay and Loughborough Inlet Districts. Launch "Watla," 680 miles; total, 700 miles. Eleven convictions were obtained under the "Game Act," and twenty-seven mink, one other pelt, and five firearms were confiscated.

(2.) June 1st to June 10th. Howe Sound and Sechelt Inlet Districts. Launch "Watla," 441 miles; total, 479 miles. Four convictions—three firearms confiscated.

(3.) June 18th to June 23rd. Howe Sound area. Three convictions—two firearms confiscated.

(4.) August 8th to August 19th. Toba Inlet District. Launch "Watla," 426 miles; total, 500 miles. Eight convictions.

These patrols have proven very beneficial, as a number of residents in the districts patrolled, immediately after the patrols were made, secured firearms licences and endeavoured to obtain full information in regard to the game laws and regulations. A number of other patrols were made with the same results.

Through the co-operation of Stipendiary Magistrate H. O. Alexander, of Vancouver, who accompanied the launch "Watla" on a number of these patrols, we were able to try the cases at a minimum cost and also to patrol the districts in an efficient manner. This would not have been the case if the services of this Magistrate were not obtained. It is felt that this Magistrate should be complimented and thanked for the time and interest he spent and took in endeavouring to assist and help our officers on these patrols.

Summary.

In conclusion, I wish to state that during the coming year, if possible, greater steps will be taken to prevent violations of the "Game Act" occurring in the district and endeavouring to keep such violations down to the lowest minimum, and in this connection it is hoped that a number of special patrols will be made or carried out as was done during the year under review.

Through the interest taken by the Game Constables in the Division must go a good deal of the credit for the game-protection service rendered during the year 1925, and a number of sportsmen and others in the district have done their utmost to co-operate and help our Constables in enforcing the provisions of the "Game Act."

In connection with the issuance of firearms licences, considerable complaint has been again made this year by the sportsmen, who are of the opinion that a metal tag should be issued with each licence, as was the case prior to 1919. A number of these licences become illegible the first week of the season through being wet or worn, and in a great many cases they were lost.

There is no provision in the Act whereby a new licence, or even a covering letter, can be issued to the licensee in such cases, and as this question is continually brought up I would recommend that the tag system be again brought into effect, or provision made in the "Game Act" to allow the issuing of a covering letter or substitute licence, as is done in the case of a worn or lost driver's licence under the "Motor-vehicle Act."

ELK LAKE GAME FARM.

By Constable J. W. Jones, in Charge.

I beg to submit my annual report of the operations of the Cedar Hill Pheasant Farm as follows:—

Pheasants in pens on January 1st, 1925		600
Breeding stock—		
Hen pheasants	85	
Cock pheasants	18	
	—	103
Number of eggs laid		2,000
Set under hens		1,850

Small late eggs used for feeding young pheasants	150
Young pheasants reared	2,000
Liberated in the fall of 1925	650
Now in pens	600
Strayed from want of pen-room	200
Casualties	100
Total number of pheasants in pens, December 31st, 1925	600

The following is a list of the vermin destroyed on the farm during the year 1925: Cats, 29; hawks, 75; white owls, 1; owls, 20; blue jays, 10; total, 135.

COLQUITZ GAME FARM.

BY CONSTABLE A. P. CUMMINS, IN CHARGE.

Stock birds penned—	
Mongolian hens	130
Mongolian cocks	35
Chinese hens	24
Chinese cocks	6
Pheasant-eggs distributed	460
Eggs placed under hens	2,000
Birds hatched	1,450
Casualties	340
Strays	100
Birds in pens (September, 1925)	1,006
Birds reared in 1924 and liberated in 1925	835
Ducks reared	150

During the latter part of 1925 the two farms were disbanded and one central farm put into operation, and which is now known as the Elk Lake Game Farm, in charge of Constable J. W. Jones.

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REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALE OF RESIDENT FIREARMS LICENCES, JANUARY 1ST, 1925, TO MAY 31ST, 1925.

Government Agents.	O.F.L.		G.F.L.		Extra G.F.L.		S.F.L.		Guides.		F.F.L.	P.F.L.	Totals.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	
Alberni	84	$ 210 00	.....	.....	5	$ 50 00	15	$ 150 00	....	.....	8	10	$ 410 00
Anyox	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....
Atlin	.....	.....	1	$ 5 00	.....	.....	2	20 00	....	.....	.....	5	25 00
Clinton	8	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	60 00	....	.....	10	5	80 00
Cranbrook	26	65 00	32	160 00	32	320 00	11	110 00	1	$ 5 00	6	3	660 00
Cumberland	46	115 00	5	25 00	2	20 00	34	340 00	....	.....	9	6	500 00
Duncan	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	.....	....	15 00
Fernie	1	2 50	2	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	12 50
Fort Fraser	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	19	190 00	....	.....	3	....	195 00
Golden	1	2 50	2	10 00	.....	.....	6	60 00	....	.....	4	....	72 50
Grand Forks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	1	....	.....
Kamloops	47	117 50	2	10 00	.....	.....	20	200 00	1	5 00	36	2	332 50
Kaslo	1	2 50	23	115 00	1	10 00	.....	.....	....	.....	6	65	127 50
Lillooet	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	5 00
Merritt	3	7 50	.....	.....	1	10 00	.....	.....	....	.....	3	9	17 50
Nanaimo	30	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	90 00	....	.....	.....	....	165 00
Nelson	7	17 50	5	25 00	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	12	45	52 50
New Westminster	24	60 00	4	20 00	.....	.....	12	120 00	....	.....	31	2	200 00
Penticton	10	25 00	1	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	12	3	30 00
Pouce Coupe	3	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	160 00	....	.....	10	....	167 50
Prince George	1	2 50	4	20 00	1	10 00	27	270 00	1	5 00	4	14	307 50
Prince Rupert	35	87 50	8	40 00	1	10 00	50	500 00	....	.....	.....	30	637 50
Princeton	1	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	2 50
Quesnel	4	10 00	1	5 00	.....	.....	9	90 00	2	10 00	17	14	115 00
Revelstoke	4	10 00	8	40 00	.....	.....	3	30 00	1	5 00	.....	5	85 00
Rossland	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	5 00
Smithers	7	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	250 00	....	.....	12	7	267 50
Telegraph Creek	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	5	50 00	....	.....	.....	....	55 00
Vancouver	27	67 50	4	20 00	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	17	37	97 50
Vernon	1	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	8	33	12 50
Victoria	63	157 50	2	10 00	.....	.....	3	30 00	....	.....	64	13	197 50
Williams Lake	10	25 00	2	10 00	.....	.....	24	240 00	2	10 00	6	28	285 00
Wilmer	1	2 50	1	5 00	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	.....	7	17 50
Yale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10 00	....	.....	.....	29	10 00
Totals	445	$1,112 50	112	$560 00	43	$430 00	302	$3,020 00	8	$40 00	279	372	$5,162 50

REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALE OF RESIDENT FIREARMS LICENCES, JUNE 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Government Agents.	O.F.L.		G.F.L.		EXTRA G.F.L.		S.F.L.		GUIDES.		F.F.L.	P.F.L.	Totals.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	No.	
Alberni	501	$ 1,252 50	14	$ 70 00	20	$ 200 00	54	$ 540 00	.....	.....	24	13	$ 2,062 50
Anyox	79	197 50	5	25 00	6	60 00	7	70 00	.....	.....	.....	....	352 50
Ashcroft	208	520 00	23	115 00	4	40 00	9	90 00	.....	.....	4	12	765 00
Atlin	1	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	150 00	3	$ 15 00	.....	2	167 50
Clinton	104	260 00	13	65 00	5	50 00	32	320 00	.....	.....	33	11	695 00
Cranbrook	587	1,467 50	111	555 00	34	340 00	2	20 00	3	15 00	21	35	2,397 50
Cumberland	1,321	3,302 50	124	620 00	44	440 00	125	1,250 00	.....	.....	272	3	5,612 50
Duncan	777	1,942 50	25	125 00	13	130 00	16	160 00	.....	.....	162	....	2,357 50
Fernie	403	1,007 50	164	820 00	20	200 00	1	10 00	4	20 00	15	....	2,057 50
Fort Fraser	140	350 00	31	155 00	3	30 00	136	1,360 00	2	10 00	86	10	1,905 00
Golden	143	357 50	61	305 00	7	70 00	11	110 00	6	30 00	53	8	872 50
Grand Forks	182	455 00	9	45 00	.....	.....	6	60 00	.....	.....	21	11	560 00
Kamloops	1,211	3,027 50	99	495 00	6	60 00	65	650 00	.....	.....	413	79	4,232 50
Kaslo	152	380 00	82	410 00	1	10 00	1	10 00	.....	.....	15	35	810 00
Lillooet	49	122 50	33	165 00	.....	.....	10	100 00	1	5 00	2	....	392 50
Merritt	273	682 50	18	90 00	11	110 00	1	10 00	.....	.....	36	13	892 50
Nanaimo	1,674	4,185 00	19	95 00	19	190 00	22	220 00	.....	.....	154	....	4,690 00
Nelson	702	1,755 00	108	540 00	11	110 00	7	70 00	1	5 00	87	49	2,480 00
New Westminster	3,887	9,717 50	123	615 00	29	290 00	122	1,220 00	.....	.....	530	12	11,842 50
Penticton	1,026	2,565 00	40	200 00	10	100 00	15	150 00	.....	.....	96	77	3,015 00
Pouce Coupe	32	80 00	5	25 00	.....	.....	239	2,390 00	3	15 00	46	....	2,510 00
Prince George	190	475 00	303	1,515 00	28	280 00	283	2,830 00	21	105 00	86	33	5,205 00
Prince Rupert	700	1,750 00	134	670 00	29	290 00	179	1,790 00	.....	.....	2	38	4,500 00
Princeton	.....	.....	1	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	5 00
Quesnel	69	172 50	69	345 00	.....	.....	52	520 00	7	35 00	52	56	1,072 50
Revelstoke	273	682 50	94	470 00	3	30 00	24	240 00	2	10 00	7	35	1,432 50
Rossland	420	1,050 00	72	360 00	18	180 00	1	10 00	.....	.....	20	1	1,600 00
Smithers	169	422 50	18	90 00	8	80 00	40	400 00	3	15 00	81	24	1,007 50
Telegraph Creek	.....	.....	11	55 00	2	20 00	44	440 00	22	110 00	.....	....	625 00
Vancouver	5,074	12,685 00	250	1,250 00	51	510 00	289	2,890 00	11	55 00	139	197	17,390 00
Vernon	2,039	5,097 50	109	545 00	15	150 00	29	290 00	2	10 00	382	40	6,092 50
Victoria	2,615	6,537 50	30	150 00	.....	.....	35	350 00	1	5 00	240	38	7,042 50
Williams Lake	128	320 00	50	250 00	.....	.....	88	880 00	34	170 00	50	35	1,620 00
Wilmer	95	237 50	40	200 00	1	10 00	8	80 00	5	25 00	9	6	552 50
Yale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....
Totals	25,224	$63,060 00	2,288	$11,440 00	398	$ 3,980 00	1,968	$19,680 00	131	$655 00	3,139	877	$98,815 00

Revenue derived from Sale of Non-resident Licences, January 1st, 1925, to May 31st, 1925.

Government Agents.	General Firearms and Anglers.		Spring Bear.		Season Bird.		Weekly Bird.		Season Anglers.		Daily Anglers.		Total.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
Alberni	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	$ 3 00	$ 3 00
Anyox	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Atlin	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Clinton	1	$ 25 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	1 00	26 00
Cranbrook	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Cumberland	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	$ 10 00	1	1 00	11 00
Duncan	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	10 00	----	----	10 00
Fernie	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	10 00	----	----	10 00
Fort Fraser	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Golden	1	25 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	25 00
Grand Forks	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	20 00	4	6 00	26 00
Kamloops	3	75 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	3	30 00	25	70 00	175 00
Kaslo	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lillooet	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Merritt	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Nanaimo	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	10 00	4	14 00	24 00
Nelson	----	----	2	$ 50 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	3	5 00	55 00
New Westminster	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	10	100 00	175	176 00	276 00
Penticton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	10 00	1	1 00	11 00
Pouce Coupe	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Prince George	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Prince Rupert	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Princeton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Quesnel	----	----	1	25 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	25 00
Revelstoke	----	----	6	150 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	150 00
Rossland	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Smithers	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Telegraph Creek	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Vancouver	----	----	6	150 00	----	----	----	----	9	90 00	5	14 00	254 00
Vernon	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Victoria	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	9	110 00	----	----	110 00
Williams Lake	1	25 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	25 00
Wilmer	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Yale	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Totals	6	$150 00	15	$375 00	----	----	----	----	40	$400 00	221	$291 00	$1,216 00

REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALE OF NON-RESIDENT LICENCES, JUNE 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Government Agents.	General Firearms and Anglers.		Spring Bear.		Season Bird.		Weekly Bird.		Season Anglers.		Daily Anglers.		Total.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
Alberni	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	2	$ 20 00	43	$ 68 00	$ 88 00
Anyox	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashcroft	1	$ 25 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Atlin	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton	8	200 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	1	2 00	202 00
Cranbrook	18	450 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	5	50 00	127	249 00	749 00
Cumberland	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	5	50 00	77	198 00	248 00
Duncan	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	52	89 00	89 00
Fernie	18	450 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	31	55 00	505 00
Fort Fraser	5	125 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	1	10 00	2	10 00	145 00
Golden	8	200 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Grand Forks	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	1	10 00	60	69 00	79 00
Kamloops	2	50 00	....	.....	....	.....	1	$ 5 00	13	130 00	57	82 00	267 00
Kaslo	....	.....	2	$ 50 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Lillooet	5	125 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Merritt	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nanaimo	5	125 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	16	160 00	50	126 00	411 00
Nelson	3	75 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	6	60 00	70	91 00	226 00
New Westminster	78	1,950 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	24	240 00	346	460 00	2,650 00
Penticton	9	225 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	3	30 00	80	128 00	383 00
Pouce Coupe	2	50 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Prince George	19	475 00	8	200 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	2	4 00	679 00
Prince Rupert	4	100 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	1	1 00	101 00
Princeton	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	1	2 00	2 00
Quesnel	8	200 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Revelstoke	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rossland	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	49	90 00	90 00
Smithers	2	50 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Telegraph Creek	22	550 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	550 00
Vancouver	90	2,250 00	....	.....	....	.....	2	10 00	32	320 00	20	45 00	2,625 00
Vernon	2	50 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	5	10 00	60 00
Victoria	9	225 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	31	310 00	32	79 00	614 00
Williams Lake	2	50 00	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Wilmer	5	125 00	....	.....	....	.....	1	5 00	1	10 00	16	29 00	169 00
Yale	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	325	$8,125 00	10	$250 00	....	.....	4	$ 20 00	140	$1,400 00	1,122	$1,887 00	$11,682 00

Revenue derived from Sale of Fur-traders' and Taxidermists' Licences and from Royalty or Tax on Fur, January 1st, 1925, to May 31st, 1925.

Government Agents.	Resident Fur-traders.		Non-resident Fur-traders.		Fur-tax.		Taxidermists.		Totals.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
Alberni	----	----------	----	----------	102	$ 375 45	----	----------	$ 375 45
Anyox	----	----------	----	----------	7	33 25	----	----------	33 25
Atlin	----	----------	----	----------	24	138 95	----	----------	138 95
Clinton	1	$ 25 00	----	----------	5	29 30	----	----------	54 30
Cranbrook	----	----------	----	----------	13	26 95	----	----------	26 95
Cumberland	----	----------	----	----------	18	40 61	----	----------	40 61
Duncan	----	----------	----	----------	14	24 06	----	----------	24 06
Fernie	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----------
Fort Fraser	11	275 00	----	----------	72	2,230 83	----	----------	2,505 83
Golden	----	----------	----	----------	19	82 04	----	----------	82 04
Grand Forks	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----------
Kamloops	2	50 00	----	----------	30	578 64	----	----------	628 64
Kaslo	----	----------	----	----------	3	120 00	----	----------	120 00
Lillooet	1	25 00	----	----------	17	77 11	----	----------	102 11
Merritt	1	25 00	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	25 00
Nanaimo	----	----------	----	----------	5	4 10	----	----------	4 10
Nelson	----	----------	----	----------	4	8 15	----	----------	8 15
New Westminster	----	----------	----	----------	6	15 14	----	----------	15 14
Penticton	----	----------	----	----------	1	1 00	----	----------	1 00
Pouce Coupe	5	125 00	1	$200 00	84	3,977 88	----	----------	4,302 88
Prince George	2	50 00	----	----------	116	3,432 92	----	----------	3,482 92
Prince Rupert	4	100 00	----	----------	107	2,127 24	----	----------	2,227 24
Princeton	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----------
Quesnel	1	25 00	----	----------	23	473 27	----	----------	498 27
Revelstoke	1	25 00	----	----------	21	813 67	----	----------	838 67
Rossland	----	----------	----	----------	1	40	----	----------	40
Smithers	4	100 00	----	----------	56	680 45	----	----------	780 45
Telegraph Creek	----	----------	----	----------	3	426 00	----	----------	426 00
Vancouver	7	175 00	----	----------	241	6,094 97	----	----------	6,269 97
Vernon	----	----------	----	----------	3	1 91	----	----------	1 91
Victoria	5	125 00	----	----------	43	336 36	----	----------	461 36
Williams Lake	2	50 00	----	----------	33	639 72	----	----------	689 72
Wilmer	----	----------	----	----------	7	73 45	----	----------	73 45
Yale	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----	----------	----------
Totals	47	$1,175 00	1	$200 00	1,078	$22,863 82	----	----------	$24,238 82

REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALE OF FUR-TRADERS' AND TAXIDERMISTS' LICENCES AND FROM ROYALTY OR TAX ON FUR, JUNE 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Government Agents.	Resident Fur-traders.		Non-resident Fur-traders.		Fur-tax.		Taxidermists.		Totals.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
Alberni	3	$ 75 00	....	.....	8	$ 15 34	....	.....	$ 90 34
Anyox	....	.....	....	.....	2	9 60	....	.....	9 60
Ashcroft	....	.....	....	.....	2	1 20	....	.....	1 20
Atlin	3	75 00	....	.....	17	132 38	....	.....	207 38
Clinton	4	100 00	....	.....	3	20 70	....	.....	120 70
Cranbrook	....	.....	....	.....	9	4 80	1	$ 5 00	9 80
Cumberland	....	.....	....	.....	2	8 40	....	.....	8 40
Duncan	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Fernie	....	.....	....	.....	3	1 30	1	5 00	6 30
Fort Fraser	24	600 00	....	.....	19	1,037 58	....	.....	1,637 58
Golden	....	.....	....	.....	3	3 30	....	.....	3 30
Grand Forks	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Kamloops	3	75 00	....	.....	8	118 73	1	5 00	198 73
Kaslo	....	.....	....	.....	1	1 20	....	.....	1 20
Lillooet	2	50 00	....	.....	1	3 36	....	.....	53 36
Merritt	3	75 00	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	75 00
Nanaimo	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Nelson	....	.....	....	.....	1	1 70	....	.....	1 70
New Westminster	1	25 00	....	.....	1	46 36	....	.....	71 36
Penticton	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Pouce Coupe	26	650 00	2	$ 400 00	84	5,263 07	....	.....	6,313 07
Prince George	29	725 00	....	.....	66	4,189 01	....	.....	4,914 01
Prince Rupert	18	450 00	....	.....	52	1,100 19	....	.....	1,550 19
Princeton	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Quesnel	9	225 00	....	.....	40	652 32	1	5 00	882 32
Revelstoke	....	.....	....	.....	13	271 30	2	10 00	281 30
Rossland	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Smithers	14	350 00	....	.....	29	426 85	....	.....	776 85
Telegraph Creek	6	150 00	....	.....	20	497 05	....	.....	647 05
Vancouver	25	625 00	4	800 00	180	11,654 05	2	10 00	13,089 05
Vernon	....	.....	....	.....	3	1 50	....	.....	1 50
Victoria	12	300 00	1	200 00	15	47 80	2	10 00	557 80
Williams Lake	7	175 00	....	.....	26	363 27	....	.....	538 27
Wilmer	....	.....	....	.....	3	1 60	....	.....	1 60
Yale	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Totals	189	$4,725 00	7	$1,400 00	611	$25,873 96	10	$50 00	$32,048 96

Particulars of Various Skins on which Royalty has been paid, January 1st, 1925, to December 31st, 1925.

Government Agents.	Bear.	Beaver.	Coyote.	Fisher.	Fox, Silver.	Fox, Cross.	Fox, Red.	Lynx.	Marten.	Mink.	Muskrat.	Otter.	Racoon.	Weasel.	Wolf.	Wolverine.	Skunk.	Wildcat.
Alberni	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	580	.....	70	516	33	.....	2	.....	.....
Anyox	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	2	88	.....	4	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashcroft	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atlin	6	98	.....	.....	3	43	75	219	10	305	1,528	12	.....	201	.....	8	.....	.....
Clinton	3	21	.....	1	.....	1	.....	17	.....	16	85	.....	.....	73	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cranbrook	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	38	1	39	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	12	.....
Cumberland	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	65	.....	1	28	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Duncan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	24	.....	1	44	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fernie	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Fraser	71	1,536	.....	43	21	166	173	358	284	1,221	4.960	25	.....	1,991	.....	.....	27	.....
Golden	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	37	11	511	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kamloops	92	353	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	72	94	62	1,500	3	.....	506	.....	.....	12	.....
Kaslo	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lillooet	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	65	2	60	.....	.....	60	4	.....	.....	3
Nanaimo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nelson	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....
New Westminster	.....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	44	8	9	.....	2	25	.....	.....	11	.....
Penticton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Pouce Coupe	104	1,129	70	85	79	389	753	2,609	1,723	803	3,829	8	.....	1,589	.....	41	35	.....
Prince George	135	4,497	18	67	11	110	116	412	457	3,095	17,730	48	.....	5,973	.....	7	112	.....
Prince Rupert	120	1,572	24	25	5	16	25	44	376	3,295	2,799	167	48	1,721	.....	17	8	.....
Quesnel	16	683	.....	32	4	27	17	33	69	170	2,530	17	.....	713	.....	1	8	.....
Revelstoke	65	153	1	12	6	5	4	63	495	294	2,266	14	19	1,754	.....	1	102	.....
Rossland	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithers	82	350	.....	74	7	16	25	23	337	363	801	6	.....	1,409	.....	11	6	.....
Telegraph Creek	12	191	.....	1	2	3	2	266	.....	195	76	14	.....	132	7	11	.....	.....
Vancouver	399	7,283	20	165	82	315	342	2,259	3,165	7,448	22,044	298	3,992	8,252	1	103	410	6
Vernon	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	1
Victoria	3	34	.....	.....	6	8	14	31	88	496	81	22	294	27	.....	2	7	.....
Williams Lake	38	323	.....	12	19	46	37	56	80	240	5,037	2	.....	610	.....	3	3	2
Wilmer	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,445	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	1,199	18,231	153	524	248	1,145	1,592	6,488	7,535	18,795	67,331	713	4,959	25,210	12	208	802	16

BIG-GAME TROPHY FEES PAID, JANUARY 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Agency.	Name.	Species.									Amount.
		Bear, Grizzly.	Bear, Black or Brown.	Caribou.	Deer, Coast.	Deer, Mule.	Mountain-goat.	Mountain-sheep.	Wapiti (Elk).	Moose.	
Ashcroft	Dr. Leo D. Dick	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	$ 55 00
	T. W. Thorpe	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	65 00
	W. H. Elwell	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
Golden	C. H. Moore	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	50 00
	F. Edwards	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	1	70 00
	C. G. Ray	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	55 00
	— Van Vleck	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	....	65 00
	Miss Van Vleck	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	70 00
	D. F. Houston	....	1	....	....	1	2	1	1	....	110 00
	C. M. Kelso	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	40 00
Lillooet	W. W. Knight	....	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	55 00
	M. Knight	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	30 00
Nanaimo	H. W. Diehl	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	5 00
	C. M. Poncin	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
	B. Taro	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
	J. Taipi	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
Williams Lake	J. D. Gauthier	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	65 00
	E. L. Jones	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
	R. H. Van Schaack	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	105 00
	G. Buckingham	....	3	2	....	2	2	....	....	....	155 00
Clinton	J. H. Anvill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	I. McCray	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
	F. Muller	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
	A. M. Gandy	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	A. W. Hanck	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
Fernie	M. M. Kettering	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	50 00
	O. L. Kettering	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	50 00
	Mackay & Dippie	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	30 00
	F. Brindley	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	25 00
	F. H. Riggall	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	30 00
Prince Rupert	Dr. F. J. Leavitt	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
	G. N. Nelson	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30 00
	Z. M. Crane	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	40 00
	T. L. Bontrilier	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
	J. Holman	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
Quesnel	C. S. Harbey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	J. M. Cummings	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	A. H. Plavan	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
	J. T. Little	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25 00
Smithers	A. W. Sielken	2	1	2	....	....	2	1	....	1	195 00
	G. H. Hoepfner	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	210 00
Wilmer	U. B. Cummings	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	E. J. Froelich	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	55 00
	H. Telford	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	40 00
Vancouver	T. McClellan	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	75 00
	J. R. Johnston	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	55 00
	W. G. Kollock	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	30 00
	C. Church	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
	E. A. Hahn	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	25 00
	H. J. Merrill	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
	M. E. Payne	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
	C. E. Pendleton	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	5 00
	C. R. Buck	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	15 00
	F. W. Leadbetter	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
	C. Deans	....	1	2	....	....	2	....	....	1	120 00
	D. C. Macfarlane	....	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	60 00
	H. P. Buttres	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
Cranbrook	J. A. Develin	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	15 00
	C. W. Wood	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	50 00

Big-game Trophy Fees paid, January 1st, 1925, to December 31st, 1925—*Continued.*

Agency.	Name.	Species.									Amount.
		Bear, Grizzly.	Bear, Black or Brown.	Caribou.	Deer, Coast.	Deer, Mule.	Mountain-goat.	Mountain-sheep.	Wapiti (Elk).	Moose.	
Cranbrook	Mrs. H. C. Pilcher	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	$ 5 00
	J. Friesser	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	1	....	70 00
Prince George	H. Snyder	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	50 00
	G. Huber	....	....	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	65 00
	F. L. Westlake	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	40 00
	Dr. Phillips	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15 00
	M. Wright	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	55 00
	J. L. Westlake	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	15 00
	W. Graham	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	30 00
	G. R. Britten	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
Fort Fraser	F. D. Chapman	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	55 00
Telegraph Creek	Geo. Eastman	....	1	....	....	....	2	2	....	1	120 00
	Dr. A. A. Kaiser	....	2	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	70 00
	G. Norton	....	2	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	95 00
	Mrs. G. Norton	....	1	....	....	....	2	1	....	1	95 00
	J. L. Clark	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	15 00
	Mrs. J. L. Clark	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	75 00
	W. H. A. Holmes	1	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	....	155 00
	A. D. Norcross	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	210 00
	F. J. Burghard	....	1	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	170 00
	G. E. Burghard	....	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	155 00
	J. A. Beck	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	65 00
	R. L. Riley	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	90 00
	R. N. Burns	1	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	180 00
	D. W. Bell	2	2	2	....	....	2	3	....	1	260 00
	S. B. Harman	....	1	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	170 00
	N. E. Hess	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	195 00
	J. W. Hesse	2	....	2	....	....	3	3	....	1	245 00
	G. V. Welker	....	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	155 00
	J. L. Hutton	1	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	180 00
	S. B. Geise	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	210 00
	F. A. Cooper	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	25 00
	W. L. Hammer	....	....	2	....	....	2	1	....	1	130 00
	G. F. Tiffany	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	50 00
Atlin	C. E. Andress	....	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	100 00
	A. S. Crites	....	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	100 00
	A. D. Crites	....	1	1	....	....	2	2	....	1	145 00
	F. B. Patterson	....	3	....	....	....	2	2	....	....	125 00
	G. F. H. Koing	....	....	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	155 00
Pouce Coupe	J. C. Sharon	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	45 00
	J. C. Kerr	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	55 00
Totals		26	42	58	18	12	85	55	11	46	$7,075 00

PROSECUTIONS (PROVINCIAL POLICE DIVISIONS), JANUARY 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Description of Offence.	"A" Division.	"B" Division.	"C" Division.	"D" Division.	"E" Division.	Dismissals.	Convictions.	Total No. of Cases.	Suspended Sentences.	Fines and Penalties imposed.
Game Animals.										
Attempting to sell big game	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	.....
Having game on premises of shop, etc.	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	....	$ 30 00
Hunting deer during close season	....	....	....	....	4	....	4	4	....	100 00
Killing elk during close season	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	125 00
Killing caribou for hides alone	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	2	....	20 00
Killing fur-bearing animals during close season	1	....	....	....	1	1	1	2	....	25 00
Killing deer during close season	1	1	1	....	1	....	4	4	....	135 00
Killing moose during close season	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	.....
Killing beaver during close season	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	500 00
Possession of deer-meat during close season	1	4	2	3	8	1	17	18	....	310 00
Possession of game during close season	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	2	1	10 00
Possession of pelts of fur-bearing animals during close season	....	2	4	3	1	2	8	10	1	475 00
Possession of deer under 1 year of age	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	25 00
Removing head from carcass of a deer	4	....	....	....	....	1	3	4	....	30 00
Running deer with dogs	3	1	....	....	1	....	5	5	1	55 00
Killing bear during close season	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	50 00
Game Birds.										
Allowing dogs to hunt game birds during close season	....	1	....	....	1	1	1	2	....	10 00
Game birds on premises of hotel or store	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	25 00
Hunting ducks during close season	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	10 00
Hunting game birds in prohibited area	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	25 00
Killing grouse during close season	....	1	3	....	1	....	5	5	....	160 00
Killing pheasants during close season	4	....	3	....	3	....	10	10	....	385 00
Killing game birds during close season	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	25 00
Possession of hen pheasants during close season	3	....	....	....	5	....	8	8	....	180 00
Possession of game birds during close season	....	2	....	....	1	....	3	3	....	30 00
Licences.										
Carrying firearms without a licence	20	10	10	6	41	....	87	87	4	910 00
Carrying firearms in an automobile illegally	9	1	....	....	2	....	12	12	....	125 00
Failing to produce licence when requested	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	25 00
Guiding without a licence	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	....	10 00
Killing bear without a licence	1	....	1	....	....	1	1	2	....	25 00
Killing game without a licence	....	1	....	....	1	....	2	2	....	35 00
Minor carrying firearms without being accompanied by an adult licence-holder	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	10 00
Non-resident carrying firearms without a licence	....	3	....	....	1	....	4	4	....	300 00
Resident non-British subject carrying firearms without a licence	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	10 00
Trading in fur without a licence	....	1	1	3	....	2	3	5	....	85 00
Firearms.										
Carrying pump-gun not plugged	5	....	....	....	5	....	10	10	....	115 00
Carrying firearms in restricted area	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	10 00
Carrying firearms in a motor-boat illegally	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	20 00
Trapping.										
Carrying traps without a licence	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	10 00
Non-resident trapping without a licence	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	50 00
Residents trapping without a licence	....	....	1	5	6	2	10	12	1	185 00
Trapping during close season	....	3	4	2	1	2	8	10	1	575 00

PROSECUTIONS (PROVINCIAL POLICE DIVISIONS), JANUARY 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925 —*Continued.*

Description of Offence.	"A" Division.	"B" Division.	"C" Division.	"D" Division.	"E" Division.	Dismissals.	Convictions.	Total No. of Cases.	Suspended Sentences.	Fines and Penalties imposed.
Miscellaneous.										
Being a guide did allow a hunter to exceed the bag limit	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	$ 25 00
Exporting fur without a permit	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	10 00
False information to an officer	....	1	1	1	2	2	3	5	....	40 00
Fur-trader not keeping proper record-book	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	2	....	60 00
Hunting between sunset and sunrise	1	....	....	....	4	....	5	5	....	75 00
Possession of migratory birds during close season	....	1	....	1	13	....	15	15	....	205 00
Trespassing in pursuit of game	6	....	3	....	6	1	14	15	....	170 00
										$5,825 00
Gaol Sentences.										
Killing a cow moose during close season	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	3 months.*
Non-resident carrying firearms without a licence	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	....	30 days.
Possession of fur during close season	....	1	1	....	....	....	2	2	....	1 month each.
Residents carrying firearms without a licence	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1 month.
Trapping without a licence	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	....	2 months.
Pit-lamping	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	3	....	30 days each.*
Totals	70	41	39	29	117	17	279	296	10	.....

* Hard labour.

LIST OF FIREARMS CONFISCATED FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE "GAME ACT," JANUARY 1ST, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Date of Confiscation.	Confiscated from.	Confiscated at.	Police Division.	Kind confiscated.
Jan. 6	Austion, E.	Richmond	"E"	1 rifle.
Feb. 19	Kawaguchi, K.	Courtenay	"A"	1 pump-gun.
April 4	Berg, E.	Powell River	"E"	1 pump-gun.
,, 23	Hand, R.	Loughborough Inlet	"E"	1 pump-gun.
,, 23	Newman, F.	Loughborough Inlet	"E"	2 rifles.
,, 25	Miyashita, S.	Sayward	"E"	1 shot-gun.
,, 28	Hays, J.	Sayward	"E"	1 rifle.
May 5	Derchi, J.	Revelstoke	"B"	1 rifle.
,, 11	Enie, W.	Nanaimo	"A"	1 pump-gun.
,, 12	Lefcoat, B. G.	Pouce Coupe	"D"	2 rifles, 1 revolver.
,, 21	Lane, G. W.	Cloverdale	"E"	1 shotgun, 1 rifle.
June 8	Sing, C.	Egmont	"E"	1 rifle.
,, 8	Pah, C.	Egmont	"E"	1 rifle.
,, 8	Hoon, N.	Egmont	"E"	1 rifle.
,, 20	Suzuki, H.	Vancouver	"E"	1 rifle.
,, 20	Mura, M.	Vancouver	"E"	1 shotgun.
Aug. 4	Sutherland, D.	Nanaimo	"A"	1 rifle.
,, 7	Gagne, G.	Sayward	"A"	1 pump-gun.
,, 29	Beltz, P.	Courtenay	"A"	1 rifle.
,, 31	Det, L. S.	Alert Bay	"E"	1 rifle.
Sept. 16	Clapp, L.	Athalmer	"B"	1 shotgun.
,, 28	Luhtla, R.	Nanaimo	"A"	1 rifle.
Oct. 14	McCouch, W.	Kelowna	"C"	1 rifle.
,, 19	Dick, P.	Nanaimo	"A"	1 pump-gun.
,, 21	Aikoshi, S.	Campbell River	"A"	1 rifle.
,, 23	Hill, M.	Campbell River	"A"	1 rifle, 1 shotgun.
,, 23	Bassett, G.	Campbell River	"A"	1 rifle.
,, 23	Adams, W.	Campbell River	"A"	1 shotgun.
,, 23	Christie, J.	Campbell River	"A"	1 rifle, 1 shotgun.
Nov. 7	Chamberlain, J. O.	Kaslo	"B"	1 rifle.
,, 10	Elliott, F.	Lucerne	"D"	1 rifle.
,, 21	Cane, J. T.	Burnaby	"E"	1 rifle.
,, 25	Gauthier, A. N.	Alert Bay	"E"	1 shotgun.
,, 25	Higgensen, S.	Alert Bay	"E"	1 shotgun.
,, 28	Sakaguchi, K.	Alert Bay	"E"	1 shotgun.
,, 28	Nomura, S.	Alert Bay	"E"	1 shotgun.
Dec. 4	Brown, A.	Cranbrook	"B"	1 rifle.

Hunting Accidents during the Season ended December 31st, 1925.

Date.	Name.	Locality.	Cause of Accident.	Nature of Injuries.	Inflicted by.	Result of Accident.
1925.						
Jan. 6	Lenberger, R.	Pitman	Accidental	Shot in right thigh	Self	Not serious.
,, 24	McAdam, W. C.	Serpentine Flats	Accidental	Shot in back	Arnold, R. A.	Died.
May 10	Naschura, A.	Dog Creek	Accidental	Shot in left leg	Naschura, Arthur	Not serious.
,, 23	Clark, Roy	Grand Forks	Accidental	Bullet striking glancing blow in abdomen	Helmer, R.	Not serious.
,, 20	Maxwell, J.	Creston	Accidental	Shot in body	Self	Died.
Aug. 6	Dunn, G. A., Jr.	Giscome	Accidental	Shot in left side	Self	Died.
Sept. 7	Lugi, S.	Stella	Mistaken for a bear	Shot in abdomen	Francis, C.	Died.
,, 7	Tommy (Indian)	Near McDame	Accidental	Shot in hip	Self	Died.
,, 18	Arduini, Jack	Kamloops	Accidental	Three or four pellets in back	Simpson, R.	Not serious.
,, 23	Nocross, H.	Somenos District	Mistaken for a deer	Shot in face, shoulder, and stomach	Blyth, H.	Serious.
,, 27	Richardson, W. J.	Nr. McKenzie Bay, *Brentwood*	Mistaken for a deer	Shot in left thigh	Woodward, C.	Died.
Oct. 10	Chorneyko, M.	Mile 38, C.N. Rly.	Accidental	Hit around body with bird-shot	Papageorge, G.	Not serious.
,, 21	Hansen, H.	Goose Lake	Accidental	Shot in forehead	Self	Died.
Nov. 25	Jackson, N.	Parksville	Accidental	Shot in thigh	Self	Died.
,, 28	Blade, J.	Powell Lake	Accidental	Fell off cliff while hunting goat, breaking neck, arm, and legs		Died.
,, 28	Ganthier, A.	Alert Bay	Accidental	Drowned through sinking of launch while returning from hunting-trip		Died.
Dec. 2	Howe. E.	Ridley Island	Accidental	Shot in head and face	Self	Died.
,, 6	Hartney, G.	Steveston	Accidental	Shot in body	Self	Died.
,, 18	Field, Guy	Port Coquitlam	Accidental	Shot in foot	Self	Not serious.

BOUNTIES PAID DURING THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1925.

Government Agents.	Wolves.	Cougars.	Coyotes.	Totals.
Alberni	.....	4	.....	$ 160 00
Ashcroft	.....	.....	85	170 00
Atlin	8	.....	230	580 00
Clinton	.....	3	241	602 00
Cranbrook	.....	2	121	322 00
Cumberland	2	21	.....	870 00
Duncan	1	4	.....	175 00
Fernie	.....	11	48	536 00
Fort Fraser	3	1	555	1,195 00
Golden	1	9	122	619 00
Kamloops	.....	14	705	1,970 00
Kaslo	.....	.....	5	10 00
Merritt	.....	1	227	494 00
Nanaimo	.....	8	.....	320 00
Nelson	.....	17	60	800 00
New Westminster	.....	4	5	170 00
Prince Rupert	113	5	55	2,005 00
Pouce Coupe	28	.....	1,092	2,604 00
Penticton	39	5	342	1,469 00
Prince George	12	2	599	1,458 00
Quesnel	.....	2	232	544 00
Revelstoke	.....	1	182	404 00
Rossland	.....	.....	5	10 00
Smithers	1	.....	180	375 00
Telegraph Creek	30	.....	121	692 00
Victoria	.....	11	5	450 00
Vancouver	51	8	251	1,587 00
Vernon	.....	3	191	502 00
Williams Lake	2	1	1,617	3,304 00
Totals	291	137	7,276	$24,397 00

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Atlin District.

Murphy, N. ..... Atlin.

Cassiar District.

Bear Lake Billy ..... Telegraph Creek.
Colbert, J. ..... ,,
Escardi, — ..... ,,
Dougan, — ..... ,,
Henyu, P. ..... ,,
Brooks, N. ..... ,,
Frank, T. ..... ,,
Martin, L. ..... ,,
Inash, C. ..... ,,
Decker, L. ..... ,,
Lawrence, C. ..... ,,
Dease, J. ..... Porter's Landing.
Hyland, J. ..... Telegraph Creek.
Frank, B. ..... ,,
Campbell, G. ..... ,,
Fann, B. ..... ,,
Little Dick ..... ,,
Tait, N. ..... ,,
Dunstan, T. ..... ,,
McClusky, M. ..... ,,
McClusky, P. ..... ,,
Creyke, J. ..... ,,

Hazelton District.

Gun-an-oot, P. ..... Hazelton.
Humodan, P. ..... Hazelton.

Fort George District.

Allgier, L. ..... Dunster.
Brittain, A. ..... Lucerne.
Renshaw, J. H. ..... McBride.
Jensen, E. W. ..... Dome Creek.
Colebank, G. F. ..... Woodpecker.
Hargreaves, G. E. ..... Mount Robson.
Hargreaves, J. A. ..... ,,
Denison, G. M. ..... ,,
Hargreaves, R. F. ..... ,,
Lindsay, N. ..... ,,
Cowart, J. T. ..... Prince George.
Hoover, D. ..... ,,
Hooker, J. B. ..... ,,
Jackson, G. H. ..... ,,
Fisher, G. R. ..... ,,
Colebank, G. A. ..... Hixon Creek.
Smith, J. M. ..... Red Pass.
Wylie, R. M. ..... Giscome.
McPharland, J. ..... Raush Valley.

Barkerville District.

Cochran, J. B. ..... Barkerville.
Thompson, R. ..... ,,
Freson, H. ..... ,,
Mason, H. ..... Barkerville.
Kibee, F. ..... ,,
Thompson, N. ..... ,,

Lillooet District.

MacEacheran, R. ..... Horsefly.
Lloyd, W. E. ..... ,,
Gaspard, E. ..... ,,
Walters, G. H. ..... ,,
Parminter, J. W. ..... ,,
McLeese, P. ..... Lone Lake.
Hooker, F. ..... Horsefly.
Graks, B. ..... ,,
Duff, M. T. ..... ,,
Hooker, S. B. ..... ,,
Stephenson, A. ..... Likely.
Mackill, J. ..... ,,
Furber, G. ..... ,,
Dering, W. ..... ,,
Parminter, R. ..... ,,
Hamilton, R. ..... Likely.
Dixon, F. ..... ,,
Bramner, E. ..... ,,
Leckie, C. ..... ,,
Patenaude, G. ..... Harpers Camp.
Fletcher, J. E. ..... Keithley Creek.
Emely, M. ..... ,,
Moffatt, H. ..... Beaver Lake.
Hamilton, T. ..... ,,
Manson, W. M. ..... Lillooet.
Greer, T. ..... Williams Lake.
Lowder, D. ..... Quesnel Forks.
Moore, G. W. ..... Quesnel.
Dewees, R. G. ..... Likely.
McGregor, H. ..... ,,

Lillooet District—Continued.

Collins, J. M.	Likely.	Tighe, J.	Likely.
Mansfield, B.	,,	McDougall, A.	,,
Tilton, R. M.	,,	Gough, A.	,,
Johnston, J.	,,		

Kamloops District.

Ray, J. B.	Birch Island.	French, J. W.	Kamloops.
Glover, J. M.	Mount Olie.		

Kootenay District.

Roy, A. Mc.	Invermere.	Nixon, J. M.	Invermere.
Hamer, J. M.	Revelstoke.	Nicol, A. H.	Fort Steele.
Marquis, J. E.	Nelson.	Hoops, B. M.	Telkwa.
Bergenham, P.	Golden.	Bovine, W.	Natal.
Soles, M.	Harrogate.	Coulliard, H.	Elk Prairie.
Declare, J.	Elk Valley.	Miller, J. B.	Fernie.
Stevens, P. V.	Skookumchuk.	Harrison, G. H.	Hector.
Scofield, B.	Windermere.	Yearling, W.	Athalmer.

Vernon District.

Gates, G. W.	Vernon.	Mariam, C.	Vernon.

Nanaimo District.

Smith, J. C. ..... Comox.

Peace River District.

Hoy, D. H.	Fort St. James.	Esswein, P.	Hudson Hope.
McCorkell, B.	,,	Thomas, S.	,,

Prince Rupert District.

Ratcliffe, W. E.	Atnarko.	Ratcliffe, M.	Hagensborg.

Vancouver District.

Phillips, F. A.	Vancouver.	Utterstrom, J.	Vancouver.
Haswell, E. A.	,,	Williams, A. R.	,,
Mansell, F.	North Vancouver.	McPhee, J.	Orford Bay.
Forbes, J.	Campbell River.	Sykes, B. S.	Abbotsford.

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