

## HERDS MIGRATE WHEN CARIBOU

The great caribou herds of Newfoundland migrate semi-annually, and no one but an actual witness of these migrations can form any adequate idea of the marvelous number of deer which the island contains.

It is estimated, says the Empire Review, that the number which crossed the Exploits river at one point during ten days in the autumn of last year exceeded four thousand. This crossing ground is only one of scores of similar trails.

Somewhere about the middle of September the migratory tide sets southward, the herds with fawns forming the vanguard of the long procession. The lazy stags hang on the rear until some storm more severe than ordinary gives an unmistakable earnest of the approach of winter.

Then all alike hurry toward the sheltered districts in the south, taking a straight course, over boulder-strewn mountain heights, through the tangled and obdurate masses of timber, across mountain torrents and immense lakes.

During winters of unusual severity the animals often draw quite near to the settlements on the south coast. Whereupon the settlers, armed with fearsome firearms, such as sealers used some fifty years ago, straightway proceed to decimate the herds with volleys of buckshot. The price of caribou venison at such times in the city of St. John has been known to drop to two cents a pound.

The foes of the caribou other than man are not numerous. Although the big gray wolf is still reported on the northern plains in considerable numbers, it is now seldom encountered in the interior. Having formerly existed in large packs it is supposed that a migration must have occurred across the winter ice floes of the Belle Isle Straits to the coast of Labrador.

Even such a redoubtable beast of prey as the gray wolf could at no time make certain of a successful foray upon an animal endowed with such great speed and endurance as a well grown caribou. A trustworthy old Newfoundland trapper says that he once witnessed an exciting chase by wolves of a couple of prickets, or two-year-old stags.

Both sides doubtless were going at their utmost pace. He measured the bounds of the caribou and found them eighteen feet, while the wolves only cleared fourteen, so that the caribou easily gained on them when closely pressed.

So much ahead were the caribou at times that they rolled over on their

backs in the snow to cool their panting and heaving sides and seemed to gather strength and refreshment from the act.

Another enemy to the caribou fawns has of late years quietly replaced the wolf, the stealthy and bloodthirsty lynx canadensis. The island at this date fairly swarms with these fierce cats.

Antlers are common to both sexes of the caribou. There are rare occasional stags, with short legs and compact bodies, which never carry antlers and show no rudimentary growth, and there are also some few does devoid of horns. A Newfoundland guide tells of seeing a dozen mature caribou in company, and only one, a nearly white stag, carried antlers.

The caribou is a strong and gallant swimmer. Each limb is like a paddle, the extended hoof answering to the blade. In the winter the frog of these enormous hoofs becomes completely absorbed, so that its shape grows concave, while very sharp, shell-like edges grow well out on the margin assisting the animal immensely in crossing frozen lakes and scaling the steep sides of slippery rock precipices. It is an interesting sight to watch the herds taking to water with as much unconcern as wild fowl. The enormous thickness of their dense coats of hair doubtless helps to float their bodies high above the surface, giving a buoyancy almost equal to that of a cork jacket.

While swimming they rest their under jaws on the water with nostrils slightly elevated, and carry their white scute erect. Should they suddenly catch a whiff of wind from the hunter they give evidence of their excitement by bounding one or twice almost entirely clear of the water, causing a tremendous commotion.

In their migration they are usually seen to travel on the leads, (deer paths) in single file, the stags, as a rule, bringing up the rear. The most forward and alert, sentinels of the herds, are the barren does; next come the does with fawns, always prepared to give warning to their indolent consorts. All the savannas of the interior of Newfoundland are scored by well defined leads, which the herds invariably make for and follow.

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stately Virginian would doubtless have accepted the statement as politely as was consistent with the firm belief that the prophet had something wrong with his upper story. The original states reached to the Allegheny mountains. The first pioneers were then seizing the lands beyond those mountains for the young American nation. The congress of the federation had less than two years before enacted the great "Northwest Ordinance," which forever barred slavery from the Middle West. The wildest dreamer had not yet conceived the possibility of the nation's occupying the lands beyond the Mississippi—lands then ruled by a foreign power. A prediction that Washington's 24th successor would be president of twenty states lying west of that river, as well as twenty-six between it and the Atlantic, would have been a reasonably sure passport to the insane asylum.

The signature of President Roosevelt to the statehood bill admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state, under the name of the former, is a belated measure of justice that would doubtless have passed congress several years ago had it not been coupled with the proposition to admit New Mexico and Arizona also as one at the same time. It brings into the union a great state, full of energetic Americans, who are already well advanced in the work of home-building and community-making. Its development has been without a parallel in the wonderful history of this country, for even California, with a far larger area, and with all her gold, had less population 200 years after her settlement and thirty years after her admission as a state than has this agricultural commonwealth which can look back to the first white settlement in Oklahoma Territory only seventeen years ago.

It was in 1889 that congress threw open to settlement the western half of Indian Territory, comprising the "Cherokee Outlet," and the "public land strip." The next year Oklahoma territory was organized. Other additions to its area were made in 1891 and 1896, until the territory came to embrace 39,030 square miles. The census of 1900 found a population of 398,000. A year ago the government estimated the inhabitants at 800,000. There are many more at present. The agricultural investment, exclusive of crops, improvements or stock, equals \$232,000,000. The present population is twenty to the square mile, only 5.5 per cent of the inhabitants over ten years of age being illiterate. Thirty-one of our states have a greater illiteracy than that of Oklahoma proper.

To the totals of old Oklahoma, the Indian Territory adds 31,000 square miles and an estimated population of 750,000. Outside the jurisdiction of the federal courts and of the government provided by congress for cities and towns, these people have been without other government than the Indian tribal system, which now expires. This chaotic condition has left 400,000 rural population without the schools and proper methods for maintaining law and order—a condition which it was high time to end.

The new state is rich in minerals, the coal deposit alone being thought equal to those of Pennsylvania. With a population of approximately 1,600,000, or nearly the average for the other forty-five states, and a wealth far in excess of their average, it is a worthy addition to the sisterhood of self-governing commonwealths.—Tulsa Ledger.

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Time revealed how mistaken the impression was. One evening a certain one of the "extra ladies," or supernumeraries, was so ill as to be scarcely able to get through with her part. After the performance Miss Irving went to her

and told her that her cab was waiting at the stage door to take her home. Such thoughtfulness in the principals of a cast is very rare. At Christmas each of the minor members of the company received from her a little book with Miss Irving's autograph. Her associates, at first disposed to be critical, are now warmly admiring.

In private life Miss Irving is the wife of Mr. W. H. Thompson, one of the most artistic and versatile of the elder school of actors.—Saturday Evening Post.

### The Ineffectual Ring.

Jameson Lee Finney, who is playing the role of Billy Woods in Jesse Lynch Williams' play of American newspaper life, "The Stolen Story," tells the following story of an experience that he had some time ago at a hotel in a small western town.

"I was assigned to a room. As there was neither towels or water in the room I rang.

"There was no reply.

"I rang again.

"Still no reply.

"And again and again and yet again I rang, and finally a waiter appeared.

"This waiter was a robust man of stern and forbidding aspect.

"Did you ring," he said in a deep, rumbling bass voice.

"I did," I answered.

"Well, don't do it again," was all that he said, and with a menacing scowl he withdrew."—A Press Agent's Offering.

### New York Turnfest Opens.

Schenectady, N. Y., June 22.—Everything is in readiness for the big Turnfest of the New York Turnbezirk, which will open here tonight. More than 1500 members of the various Turner societies of New York, Brooklyn, Long Island, the cities along the Hudson river, Albany, Troy, Syracuse and other cities will attend the meet and many of the visiting Turners will be accompanied by their ladies. The Turnfest will open tonight with a big reception and banquet. The Turnfest proper, that is, the contest of the gymnasts, will begin tomorrow morning and last all day. Sunday will be devoted to athletic and gymnastic exhibitions, popular games and sports, singing and general jollification. This is the first time that the annual Turnfest has ever been held in this city and the local Turners have made special exertions to make the affair a great success.

### G. A. R. RATES.

The G. A. R. encampment will be held at Grants Pass June 20, 21 and 22. The Southern Pacific has made a one and one-third fare from all points, which from Salem will be, in full, going and coming, \$9.80.

Tickets will be good till June 27, with stop-over privileges at Roseburg on return trip. Everybody can avail themselves of this privilege. The Portland delegation will pass through Salem on the 19th at 11:15 a. m., and those going from Salem plan to join them at that time.

### Floral Rolling Chair Parade.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 22.—The summer season here will open this afternoon with the first great entertainment feature, the floral rolling chair parade. Judging from the large number of entries for the parade and the unusually large number of handsome prizes offered for the winners in the competition, the parade this afternoon will surpass any former parade of that kind ever held here. The grandstand for this event has been erected right in front of the steel pier and is elaborately decorated. The managers of the steel pier have decided to donate the entire proceeds for the day to the Atlantic City hospital. The city is filled with strangers in addition to the regular summer guests, and a successful season is predicted.

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C. W. JAMES, Superintendent Oregon State Penitentiary. Salem, Or., June 8, 1906.

### No. 46.

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