

district I came across many lion tracks, but in spite of sitting up two successive nights, I could not see one, much less get a shot.

Taveta itself is alive with birds of different colours, but a light gun is a necessity to get good skins.

On the whole this is a very good game district, but it does want preserving better.

I don't think it is generally known that Colobus are very plentiful in the Kitowoo forest, N.W. of Jipe.

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*AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT AT BARBERTON IN SOUTH AFRICA.*

NEARLY half of this district is game reserve, and public opinion will not stand any more just here, and I think it is quite large enough. The white men have grumbled a good deal at being shut out from prospecting there. The following is the area of the eastern game reserves: Boundaries, north, Oliphant's river; east, the Portuguese frontier; south, the Crocodile river; west, the water-shed from Crocodile Poort Railway station to Logies kop, thence following North Sand river to junction with Savie river, thence following Savie river to where it touched the Selali Railway Extension, then Selali Railway Extension to Oliphant's river.

The penalty for killing any game within the

reserve is up to 100*l.*, or in default, six months with or without hard labour, but outside the reserve the game laws are good and stringent. The same penalties are provided for killing any of the following kinds of game at any time and under any circumstances: elephant, hippo., buffalo, eland, giraffe, red hartebeest, Lichtenstein hartebeest, kudu, sassaby, rhinoceros, quagga, zebra, ostrich, roan antelope, sable antelope, blue wildebeest, black wildebeest, waterbuck, reedbuck.

Of course it is difficult to watch all the natives, but the constabulary have instructions to do all they can.

As far as I can make out we have in the game reserve here, one old rhino. (full of lead), one small herd of elephants, a fair stock of ostriches, five to nine giraffes, a nice stock of wildebeest, a great lot of impala, two or three nice lots of a dozen or so each of buffalo, a nice stock of Burchell's zebra, a nice stock of klipspringers, where there are kopjies, plenty of waterbuck, plenty of reedbuck, plenty of bushbuck, a nice stock of kudu, a few sassaby, a few roan antelope, sable antelope doubtful, eland doubtful if any left. I wonder if we could get a consignment from anywhere?

I cannot make out if the mountain zebra exists anywhere in South Africa. It is extinct here if it ever existed, though I saw one with a travelling show that came here.

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