

(2.) More remote land, pastoral country, forested lands, &c. : The removal of protection will not provide means of control here. Stalking is an arduous task on this class of land, and to reduce the numbers only two methods are available, *i.e.* : (a.) Employing men to shoot. This method will cost money, and is work for experts only. (b.) Poisoning has been tried with some success, surreptitiously, of course, the baits being apples and carrots poisoned with strychnine. This is a risky method, and should not be used except in extreme cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Should it be deemed advisable that the protection be not entirely taken from deer, I would recommend that they be confined to areas where there is no possibility of their becoming a nuisance. The areas should be demarcated, and once a deer steps over the boundary there should be no protection for it.

An investigation is proceeding into the probable use to which deer-skins can be put. As the tanning of leather is a long process, it will be some considerable time before the results are known.

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