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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.



**T**HE knowledge of the fact that the stupendous Victoria Falls are now connected with the civilised world by means of an excellent railway service, is causing thousands of people, from all parts of the world, to visit this truly wonderful spot.

It is, however, well to remember that North-Western Rhodesia has attractions other than sight-seeing to offer, namely, big game shooting and excellent fishing.

So much has been written concerning the Victoria Falls, and so well known are they, that I will content myself with describing, as fully as I am able, the delights in store for the sportsman.

For eight years I have been resident in North-Western Rhodesia, and, being a keen sportsman myself, consider I am qualified to speak of what this country has to offer to the hunter and the fisherman.

Should the information contained in this pamphlet prove of use to my fellow sportsmen, I shall be highly gratified.

October, 1905.

FERDINAND AITKENS,  
District Commissioner, Lealui.



CHIEF LEWANIKA.

## CHAPTER I.

ROUTES TO NORTH-WESTERN RHODESIA. STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY FARES.  
 TIME TABLES, &c.  
 STEAMSHIP LINES AND FARES.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.	PORT OF DEPARTURE.	TO CAPE TOWN.						TO BEIRA.					
					INTERMEDIATE.						INTERMEDIATE.		
		1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
UNION-CASTLE LINE— 3, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.	London and Southampton	£ s. d.											
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ABERDEEN LINE— G. Thompson & Co., 7, Billiter Square, London, E.C.	London or Plymouth	From 30 0 0	—	9 gs to 13 gs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		(c) London	—	—	—	—	—	38 gs.	25 gs.	—	32 g.	(one class only)	—
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BLUE ANCHOR LINE— W. Lund, 3, East India Avenue, London, E.C.	London	25 0 0	—	9 gs. to 14 gs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		30 0 0	—	14 gs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP LINES, LIMITED— 23, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.	London	28 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GERMAN EAST AFRICA LINE— Ellis, Kialingbury & Co., 4, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.	London, via Rotterdam	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	(By the Western Route).			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	(By the Western Route.)		
		37 10 0	25 0 0	12 10 0				45 0 0	30 0 0	18 0 0			
		—	—	—				—	—	—			
	„ Antwerp	By the Eastern Route.						(d) 45 0 0	30 0 0	18 0 0	43 15 0	28 10 0	16 0 0
	„ Naples							(d) 50 0 0	35 10 0	—	47 10 0	33 10 0	—
	„ Marseilles							—	—	—	44 0 0	30 10 0	—

Through tickets are issued by the German East Africa Line from Europe to all Stations in Southern Rhodesia, via Beira.

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## NORTH WESTERN RHODESIA.

STEAMSHIP COMPANY.	PORT OF DEPARTURE.	TO CAPE TOWN.						TO BEIRA.							
					INTERMEDIATE.						INTERMEDIATE.				
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NATAL LINE— Bullard, King & Co., 14, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.	London	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37 gs.	(f)	—	£ s. d. (g) 9 0 0	£ s. d. 6 0 0	£ s. d. 4 10 0
NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING COMPANY, LIMITED— 138, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.	London or Plymouth	From 35 gs.	From 23 gs.	From 10 gs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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NOTES:—(a) Mail Steamer from Southampton.

(b) Passengers by the Intermediate Steamers can embark either at London or Southampton.

(c) Through tickets are also issued by the Aberdeen Line of Direct Steamers from London, *via* Beira, to all Stations in Southern Rhodesia.

(d) Mail Steamer.

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Railways:—

*Via* Naples and Beira: 1st class, £51 10s. 0d.; 2nd class, £36 10s. 0d.; 3rd class, £24 0s. 0d.

„ Antwerp and Beira: „ £46 10s. 0d.; „ £31 0s. 0d.; „ £18 10s. 0d.

(f) 2nd class fares on application to the Agents,

(g) Natal to Beira.



HERE are two railway routes into Rhodesia, (1) the main trunk line from Cape Town to the far north *via* Bulawayo, and (2) from Beira on the East Coast, to Salisbury.

## (1.) CAPETOWN-BULAWAYO-VICTORIA FALLS.

Passengers, after landing at Cape Town, proceed to Rhodesia *via* Kimberley and Vryburg. The railway from Vryburg northwards is the property of "Rhodesia Railways, Limited."

On arrival at Cape Town, passengers' baggage is conveyed under the supervision of the Harbour Board from the Steamers to the Customs' baggage warehouse, where it is examined.

The Cape Railway Department has an Office at the Cape Town Docks (adjoining the baggage warehouse), and receives the baggage direct from the Customs Authorities, and forwards it by passenger or goods train, as may be desired. Railway tickets can also be obtained there.

If the voyage from England to Cape Town is made by Mail Steamer, the journey from Southampton to Bulawayo is performed in 21 days. If passengers travel by other steamers, the time is a few days longer.

A Train-de-luxe, carrying first and second class passengers and the oversea mails, leaves Cape Town every Wednesday, reaching Bulawayo on the following Saturday morning, the journey taking a little under three days. Besides the ordinary accommodation, there are reading and smoking rooms, kitchen, and bath-room. In addition to the Train-de-luxe, there is a through service twice a week between Cape Town and Bulawayo.

Saloon carriages are provided on these trains, and are fitted with lavatory and sleeping accommodation. Bedding is also supplied at a charge of 2s. 6d. Ample time is allowed at stations *en route* to enable passengers to partake of breakfast, luncheon, and dinner at the usual meal hours. The tariff of charges on the Cape Government Railways, is:—

## MEALS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Breakfasts .. .. .	2	0	Bovril, with Biscuits or Bread ..	per cup	0 4
Luncheon .. .. .	2	6	Sandwiches .. .. .	.. each	0 3
Dinner .. .. .	3	0	"    for 3rd Class Passengers, per plate		0 9
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa .. .. . per cup	0	3	Plate of Soup with Bread .. .. .	..	0 6
"    "    with Cream (when procurable) .. .. . per cup	0	4	Plate of Cold Meat with Bread ..	..	1 0
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa with Bread and Butter ..	0	6	Fresh Milk .. .. .	per glass	0 3
Tray of Tea with Bread and Butter .. .. .	0	9	Pastry and Cakes .. .. .	.. each, 3d. to 6d.	
			Biscuits .. .. .	per lb. 1s. to 2s.	

## TARIFF OF CHARGES AT REFRESHMENT ROOMS ON RHODESIA RAILWAYS.

	s.	d.
Breakfast or Luncheon .. .. .	3	0
Dinner .. .. .	3	6

The distance between Cape Town and Bulawayo is 1,352 miles.

The Railway fares from Cape Town are:—

	1st Class.			2nd Class.			3rd Class.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cape Town to Bulawayo ..	12	5	2	9	5	0	5	13	6
.. .. Salisbury ..	15	9	1	11	9	11	6	18	8
.. .. Victoria Falls ..	15	15	8	11	12	0	6	17	0

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**RAILWAY FARES *via* BEIRA are:—**

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
From BEIRA to LIVINGSTONE (Victoria Falls) ..	£11 19 3	£7 19 6	£3 19 9

Passengers will find excellent Hotel accommodation at Beira, the charge being from 10s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. per diem.

Passengers are entitled to the free conveyance of their personal luggage on the following scale:—

1st class passengers .. .. .	100 lbs. each.
2nd .. .. .	75 .. ..
3rd .. .. .	50 .. ..

## TIME TABLES.

## CAPE TOWN—KIMBERLEY—VRYBURG—MAFEKING—BULAWAYO—VICTORIA FALLS.

UP.

Miles.	STATION.	Zambesi Express (Train de Luxe), 1st and 2nd Class.	DAILY.		
			3rd Class.	1st and 2nd Class.	
—	CAPE TOWN .. .. . dep.	11.20 a.m., Wed.	2.30 p.m.	8.15 p.m.	
647	Kimberley .. .. . "	5.50 p.m. Thur.	All Classes.		
774	Vryburg .. .. . "	12.25 a.m. Fri.	3rd day, 12.45 p.m.		
870	Mafeking .. .. . "	5.50 .. "	" 9.0 p.m.		
1,362	BULAWAYO .. .. . arr.	8.20 .. Sat.	4th day, 5.15 a.m. } From Mafeking, on 5th day, 3.0 p.m. } Tuesdays, Thurs- days, Sundays.		
Miles from Bulawayo.		Mon.	Tues.	Wed. and Sat.	Thur. and Sun.
—	BULAWAYO .. .. . dep.	7   0	—	7   0	—
282	VICTORIA FALLS .. .. . arr.	—	5   0	—	5   0

DOWN.

		Mon. and Fri.	Tue. and Sat.	Wed.	Thur.
—	VICTORIA FALLS .. .. . dep.	8.0	—	8.0	—
282	BULAWAYO .. .. . arr.	—	8.0	—	8.0
—	BULAWAYO .. .. . dep.	5.0 p.m., Sat.	Zambesi Express.	9.30 a.m.	All Classes.
491	Mafeking .. .. . "	8.0 .. Sun.		2nd day, 10.15 p.m.	To Mafeking on Mondays.
588	Vryburg .. .. . "	1.0 a.m., Mon.		3rd day, 7.0 a.m.	Wednesdays, and Fridays.
715	Kimberley .. .. . "	8.30 .. "		" 8.0 p.m.	5th day, 7.30 a.m.
1,362	CAPE TOWN .. .. . arr.	2.5 p.m., Tues.			Dayly beyond.

## BEIRA, SALISBURY, and GWELO to BULAWAYO.

STATIONS AND SIDINGS.						WED.	THURS.	FRIDAYS.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.
BEIRA	..	..	..	..	dep	10   0	..	..	10   0	..	..	..
SALISBURY	..	..	..	..	R arr	..	..	6 30	..	..	6 30	..
do.	..	..	..	..	dep	8 0	..	2 15	..	..	8 0	..
GWELO	..	..	..	..	arr	9 10	..	..	3 30	..	9 10	..
do.	..	..	..	..	dep	9 40	..	..	4 0	..	9 40	..
BULAWAYO	..	..	..	..	R arr	..	6 45	..	1   0	..	..	6 45
„	Trains for C.G.R. System	..	..	..	dep	..	9 30	..	5   0	..	..	9 30

A vertical line thus  $\frac{1}{1} \frac{20}{30}$  indicates the hours between 12 noon and 12 midnight.

NOTE.—The reader must be prepared to find small changes in the above fares and time tables, but, doubtless, the changes will be to the traveller's advantage.

The foregoing tables will inform the sportsman how North-Western Rhodesia is reached, and will also give him a clear knowledge of what it will cost him.

Livingstone is the township which has sprung up on the north bank of the Zambesi river, close to the Victoria Falls, so when the reader finds Livingstone mentioned in this pamphlet, he should bear in mind that "Livingstone" and "The Victoria Falls" are, to all intents and purposes, one and the same place.

At the time of writing, the Victoria Falls bridge is practically completed, but will, doubtless, remain in the contractors' hands for a few weeks. The railway construction is being pushed forward, towards the Kafue river, as rapidly as possible, and has already passed Kalomo.

Kalomo, the administrative centre of North-Western Rhodesia, is situated about 90 miles north-east of Living-

stone. As the Livingstone-Kalomo section of the railway is still in the hands of the contractors, I cannot give either time-tables or fares; but I can assure sportsmen, who may wish to make Kalomo their base, that they need apprehend no difficulty about getting there.



Victoria Falls,

## CHAPTER II.

## THE HUNTING GROUNDS OF NORTH-WESTERN RHODESIA.

**A**LTHOUGH big game abounds throughout North-Western Rhodesia, it exists in greater quantities in some parts than in others. Again, on certain rivers, rare antelope, such as the Puku (*Cobus vardoni*), the Lechwe (*Cobus leche*), and Situtunga (*Tragelaphus spekei*) are to be found, I shall, therefore, make special mention of those parts of the country which I consider likely to give the hunter the best sport. The reader will find a sketch map at the end of this pamphlet, which he should consult.

Before describing the hunting grounds, I think it better to give a list of the game any sportsman may expect to meet with whilst hunting in North-Western Rhodesia:—

Buffalo,	Grysbuck,	Koodoo,	Sable Antelope,
Bushbuck,	Hartebeeste (Lichtenstein),	Lechwe,	Situtunga,
Bushpig,	Hippopotamus,	Leopard,	Stembuck,
Cheetah,	Hunting Dog,	Lion,	Tsessebe,
Crocodile,	Hyena,	Oribi,	Wart Hog,
Duiker (two species),	Impala,	Puku,	Waterbuck,
Eland,	Jackal,	Rhinoceros,	Wildebeeste,
Elephant, Giraffe,	Klipspringer,	Roan Antelope,	Zebra (Burchell's).

At the commencement of my description of each hunting ground, I give a list of the game the sportsman is likely to find. He will doubtless note that he has collected all the antelope mentioned as abounding in such-and-such a locality, so need not waste his time there, but he is sure to find some individuals in one or other of the described hunting grounds which he especially desires to shoot.

We will first describe the hunting grounds accessible from Livingstone.

## I.—SIMARAH.

Game obtainable are:—Hippopotamus, Lichtenstein Hartebeeste, Roan Antelope, Wildebeeste (Brindled Gnu), Lechwe, Puku, Burchell's Zebra, Oribi, and Reedbuck.

The Simaraha flats form, in my opinion, by far the most fascinating ground I have even hunted over. They are situated between Kazungula and Sesheke, on the Zambesi river, or, to be more precise, I should say between the rivers Umgwezi and Machili (see map at end of pamphlet), where these two rivers empty themselves into the Zambesi.

The best time of the year for visiting this hunting ground is during the months of September and October. It is, in fact, of little use going to Simaraha much before the middle of September, as the very long grass is still unburnt. When the grass is burnt off, it would appear that all the game which frequents the Umgwezi, Kasaia and Machili rivers during the other months of the year, congregates on these vast flats and drink night and morning from the Zambesi itself.

Here the sportsman will, at the right time of the year, see big game in hundreds. Here only have I seen anything to approach the number of game usually shown in the frontispiece of the old hunter's books. I well remember taking a friend to see this truly remarkable sight, who, with the aid of his glasses, counted no less than 87 Roan Antelope in one herd. Lichtenstein Hartebeeste, Burchell's Zebra, and Wildebeeste were there in larger herds, whilst, dotted about in small clumps, we saw Lechwe and Puku, and here and there some Oribi and a few Reedbuck.

But—there is, of course, a “but”—the mirage renders successful shooting very difficult. During the early morning and the evening the light is normal, but when the sun is hot, it is almost impossible to judge distances. The Antelope are there, but how far off, or how near, only experience can teach; moreover, the ground is of such a nature that the hunter can seldom learn where his bullet falls, for little or no dust is thrown up by it.

Still, as I said before, the Simaraha flats are by far the most fascinating hunting ground I know.

To reach it, the sportsman hires canoes from Letia (Lewanika's son), who lives at Sesheke, a journey up the Zambesi from Kazungula occupying one day and a-half. From Livingstone to Kazungula is 45 miles, but the Zambesi is not navigable between these two points.

The sportsman, on arrival at Livingstone, can put up at one of the hotels—he will find one on either bank of the Zambesi—or he can, if he has come properly equipped, camp on the Livingstone township reserve on the north bank of the river; this is cheaper. He should call on the Civil Commissioner at Livingstone, and inform



A Zambesi Canoe.

him where he wishes to shoot. The Civil Commissioner will issue the necessary licence (see appendix "A"), and will communicate with Letia, with a view to getting the necessary canoes sent to Kazungula.

The sportsman can make arrangements with Mr. F. J. Clarke, or one of the other Livingstone merchants or transport riders, to have himself and his outfit conveyed to Kazungula.

Until he hears that his canoes are at Kazungula, he can spend his time most enjoyably in exploring the river and the Victoria Falls or he may, if he be a fisherman, obtain most excellent sport with the "tiger" fish (see Chapter IV.)

It is as well to take a shot gun to Simaraha, and, in fact, to any other hunting ground, as game birds or wild fowl can always be obtained.

So much, then, for Simaraha, and I feel sure that if the sportsman pays that hunting ground a visit, he will not be disappointed, provided he times his visit as advised, viz., during the months of September and October.



Warthog.

## II.—SESHEKE RIVERS HUNTING GROUND.

Obtainable:—Eland, Roan Antelope, Lion, Wildebeeste, Zebra (Burchell's), Wart Hog, Palla, Duiker, Stembuck, Oribi.

This hunting ground is best reached from Sesheke. The sportsman may find that he is able to hire horses at Sesheke, but the rough nature of the ground restricts their use to the road and native paths.

Practically this is the same hunting ground as the Simaraha, but the sportsman can visit it a little earlier, say, September.

When hunting on Simaraha, one would pitch one's camp on the river bank, but, in the case of the ground I am now describing, it would be advisable to make headquarters in the "Mopani" Forest, or on the banks of the





Letia (Son of Chief Lewanika), with his Wife and Child

Machili or Kasaia rivers. It would, in fact, be more comfortable. When hunting the Simaraha, the sportsman must carry wood for his fire a long distance, here he will find both wood and water plentiful.

He would hunt in the "Mopani" Forest for Palla, Wart Hog, Lion, and Roan Antelope, on the edge of the forest nearest the Zambesi river for Lichtenstein Hartebeeste, Zebra (Burchell's), Wildebeeste, and Duiker, and a short distance into the flats for Oribi and Stembuck.

It would be well for the sportsman to know that the Kasaia river contains more crocodiles than any other river in North-Western Rhodesia. They are most voracious, and very bold, due, no doubt, to overcrowding.

When describing Simaraha, I told the sportsman how to reach Sesheke by canoe. On arrival he should visit the District Commissioner, and obtain the necessary information to enable him to engage a guide, carriers, etc. These will be supplied by Letia (Lewanika's son), or by the hotel proprietor at Sesheke.

The goodwill of the Chief is always worth having. He smokes; is a keen photographer, fisherman and hunter; he owns a few horses, and likes everything the white man makes use of. These hints may help the sportsman, if he wishes, to select a little present for the Chief.

### III.—THE BANKS OF THE ZAMBESI RIVER AS A HUNTING GROUND.

Game obtainable :—Buffalo, Bushbuck, Crocodile, Duiker, Eland, Elephant, Giraffe, Grysbuck, Hartebeeste (Lichtenstein's), Hippopotamus, Hyena, Impala, Koodoo, Lechwe, Lion, Oribi, Puku, Reedbuck, Rhinoceros, Roan Antelope, Sable Antelope, Situtunga, Stembuck, Tsessebe, Wart Hog, Waterbuck, Wildebeeste, Zebra (Burchell's).

The above list of game obtainable on the banks of the Zambesi is a long one. A glance at the map, however, will show the sportsman that the country over which he must search for this game is very extensive.

Game abounds on both banks of the river, from a few miles above Sesheke to Sinanga, situated at the foot of the Barotse Valley (see map).

Buffalo may be found on the Njoko river in small herds. I have also met with them on the Lui river. Bushbuck are found on the wooded banks of the rivers running into the Zambesi. Large numbers of crocodiles are seen on the sand banks, and wherever the water is sluggish.

The Duiker is, of course, met with everywhere.

Elephants are not plentiful anywhere in North-Western Rhodesia, so the hunter must trust entirely to his luck. They have been seen in small herds on the Njoko, Lumbi, and Lui rivers, and sometimes on the western bank of the Zambesi itself, near Sinanga.

The Giraffe is only found on the western side of the Zambesi, and usually some distance from the river.

A day can hardly pass without the sportsman meeting with many Hippopotami, either basking in the shallows, or rising and sinking in mid-stream.

The best time to shoot them is in the early morning, when they may often be observed close to the bank. When the moon is full, the sportsman may enjoy night shooting on land.

Whenever there is meat in camp, nocturnal visits from the Hyena may be expected.

The Impala Antelope is to be found almost anywhere on either bank. The Koodoo is scarce, but exists in places where the bush is more than usually thick. I have met with them on the Kakengi river, near Sioma (see map), and hear that a few are still to be found in the vicinity of the numerous rapids between Katima Molilo and Sioma (see map).

Lechwe and Puku run in large herds on the western bank of the Zambesi, wherever the ground is open and swampy. Both may also be found some little distance up the Njoko river.

A Lion may be met with anywhere, but are especially plentiful in the Mopani forests on the Njoko river.

Wherever the ground is open, but dry, the sportsman may expect to bag Oribi and Stembuck.

The Rhinoceros is now rare, but it has been seen in the rocky country between the Njoko and Lui rivers.

Roan Antelope are found in the open country a mile or two from the river bank. Sable are not uncommon on the eastern bank of the river. The hunter should not expect to meet with Situtunga unless he can arrange for a native drive. This Antelope lives in the extensive reed swamps, from which the natives drive it by setting fire to the reed beds..

Stembuck are found on the same ground as the Oribi. Tsessebe are only to be shot on the western bank of the Zambesi. Warthog are most plentiful in the Mopani forests, on both banks of the Zambesi, and up the Njoko river.

Waterbuck are very numerous, and are seldom found more than half a mile from water. They frequent the





banks of the Zambesi and its tributaries, preferring rocky ground. Wildebeeste and Zebra are very common, and usually found in company with Tsessebe or Hartbeeste.

To explore this hunting ground successfully and comfortably the sportsman should hire three or four native dug-out canoes. These he may obtain at Sesheke, from Letia. He should be very careful to arrange a price before leaving Sesheke, so as to avoid possible disputes when the time comes for paying-off his paddlers. I strongly advise him to negotiate through the District Commissioner.

I can give no definite idea of where the sportsman is certain to find game, but during my many journeys up and down the Zambesi, between the two points mentioned, I have landed, haphazard, whenever I required meat, and do not remember a blank day.

If the hunter is also fond of wild fowl shooting and fishing, he may reasonably expect to have a truly delightful time. The sand banks teem with wild fowl of every description, whilst the river contains unlimited numbers of hungry tiger-fish.

The Zambesi, in many places much resembles the Thames above Boulter's Lock, on a very large scale, of course. There are many rapids and falls, for a description of which, see page 29.



Hyena.

#### IV.—THE ZAMBESI'S NORTHERN TRIBUTARIES.

Before leaving the subject of the Zambesi Hunting Ground, it might be as well to inform the sportsman that good shooting exists a little to the north of Lealui.

Under an agreement with Lewanika, shooting over the best ground is prohibited by law. (See Game Law, sections 30 and 31, Appendix A).



If the sportsman wishes to hunt over this ground—and he will get Lechwe, Puku, and, possibly, Situtunga, there—he must first obtain permission from the Administrator, and from Lewanika, through him. There is excellent shooting to be had on both banks of the Kabompo river (see map page 41).



The Kabompo River.

Elephants are plentiful, and, it is said, so are Rhinoceri. In fact, the Kabompo river has been so little hunted, that its banks afford probably the best shooting in North-Western Rhodesia. It should, however, be borne in mind that a long time must be spent in getting there, and anyone wishing to test its possibilities, should leave the Falls not later than the end of May, travelling *viâ* Kazungula, Sesheke, and Lealui.

It is not necessary to obtain special permission to shoot on the Kabompo river, unless, of course, it is desired to kill game mentioned in Schedule 3 of the Game Law (see Appendix A).



Source of the Kabompo River.

Anyone wishing to organise a shoot north of Lealui, should make a point of arranging all such details as rate of wages of guides, paddlers, etc., through the District Commissioner—his house is at Mongu, seven miles from Lealui—for natives have a happy knack of forgetting the precise terms of a verbal contract.



## V.—THE BATOKA PLATEAU.

Returning again to Livingstone, the sportsman has the choice of several excellent hunting grounds ; the most accessible being the "Batoka Plateau."



A Big Bag.

Game obtainable :—Buffalo, Bushbuck, Bush Fig, Cheetah, Duiker, Eland, Elephant, Grysbuck, Hartbeeste (Lichtenstein), Hunting Dog, Hyena, Klipspringer, Koodoo, Lechwe, Leopard, Lion, Oribi, Feedbuck, Rhinoceros, Roan Antelope, Sable Antelope, Wart Hog, Waterbuck, Wildebeeste, Zebra (Burchell's).

The railway construction is already beyond Kalomo, which the reader will remember as the headquarters of the Administration.

There is very fair shooting to be had within reasonable distance of this place. If the sportsman is not afraid of walking, I would strongly advise him to hunt along the main road towards Lealui. I mention walking, because almost everywhere else on the Batoka Plateau, horses may be used. Some 35 miles west of Kalomo, on the road



Buffalo.



Koodoo.

to Lealui, the deadly Tsetse fly is so numerous as to be a real danger to dogs and horses. Still, very good shooting is to be had beyond the "fly belt" through which this road runs, to the distance of about 23 miles. The sportsman must cover this distance during the night, for when it is dark the "fly" is inactive. The fly is very much more prevalent in this "belt" during some months of the year, but it is never safe to halt with horses and dogs anywhere where it might be encountered,

It is not worth while shooting beyond the Machili river in this direction. In the Machili river valley Puku are numerous on the right-hand side of the road, whilst Lechwe run in large herds to the left.



**Bushbuck.**

It will be found best to engage the natives of the kraals in the neighbourhood to drive the Lechwe up wind, past a hiding place previously selected.

From the Machili, travelling in a north-easterly direction towards the Kafue river (see map), very good game

country is passed through; but, as the Tsetse fly extends almost up to Nkala, horses cannot be used. Elephants, Rhinoceri, Buffalo, and Koodoo are said to exist in this "fly-belt."

There is a large herd of Buffalo not far from Nkala (see map page 41).

Starting again from Kalomo, the sportsman might travel in a north-easterly direction towards the Kafue



Rhinoceros.

river valley, on the edge of which he should meet with Eland, Sable Antelope, Palla, Bush Pig, and Wart Hog. Nearer the river itself he should find Roan Antelope, Wildebeeste, Hartebeeste (Lichtenstein), Zebra (Burchell's), Lechwe, Pookoo, Reedbuck, and Oribi.

Again, starting from Kalomo, and travelling along what is known as the Monze road, to Siacheduntula's kraal, a thick forest country is reached. In this forest are a few Rhinoceri, Buffalo, Sable Antelope, and Bushbuck,

whilst Elephants are known to pass through it occasionally. Should the sportsman extend his journeyings in a north-easterly direction, towards the Kafue river, he would meet with very good shooting.

Of the equally good game country beyond the Kafue river I will not speak, for I think I have said quite



Waterbuck.

enough to show the reader that the country is well worth visiting, and I have no wish to run the risk of wearying him.

Should the sportsman wish to go beyond the Kafue, he will be able to obtain the necessary information locally.

## CHAPTER III.

## NAVIGATION OF THE ZAMBESI.

**A**S I have before stated, the Zambesi is not navigable between Livingstone and Kazungula. Canoes have passed up and down the river between these two points, but only at the risk of losing everything in the very numerous rapids.

The reader will remember that I advised him in my previous chapter to call upon the Civil Commis-



A View on the Zambesi.

sioner at Livingstone, inform him of his plans, and request him to communicate with the officials stationed at Sesheke and Lealui, with a view to getting the necessary canoes ready.

Between Kazungula and Sesheke lie the Mambova rapids; these do not present any great difficulty, and are quickly passed.

Unless the canoes are very light, and the paddlers exceptionally active, Sesheke will not be reached in one day. I would, in fact, advise the sportsman not to attempt to make Sesheke the first day, for not only will he find ex-



cellent wild-fowl shooting, but it is between the Umgwezi and the Machili rivers that the Simaraha hunting ground is situated.

I would impress upon the sportsman the absolute necessity of taking a supply of wood in his canoes—for he



Natives Negotiating Rapids.

will find not a stick on the banks—sufficient to do his cooking for the evening meal and next morning's breakfast.

Arriving at Sesheke, the traveller will part with the canoes in which he has journeyed from Kazungula, and will pay-off his paddlers. The reason for this is that Lewanika and his sister, Mokwae of Nalolo, insist upon

supplying all canoe transport from Sesheke to Lealui and beyond. Letia and his cousin, Mokwae Akanangisua, control the native transport between Kazungula and Sesheke.



**A Halt. Canoe and Induna in Charge.**

I have nothing at all favourable to say concerning native business methods, but he who has travelled in "Savage" Africa will not expect too much.



If, as advised, the sportsman has requested the Civil Commissioner at Livingstone to make his requirements known to the officials at Sesheke and Lealui, fresh canoes should be ready, and waiting for him at Sesheke, to take him on to Lealui. As the native mind has absolutely no conception of the meaning of the terms "hurry" or "waste of time," I would strongly advise all those having a wish to visit Lealui by canoe, to call at No. 2, London Wall Buildings, the home offices of the British South Africa Company, inform the Secretary of the date upon which they expect to reach Livingstone, and ask that gentleman to cable to the Civil Commissioner at Livingstone, requesting him to make the necessary arrangements. Bearing in mind the fact that a mail steamer sailing from Southampton reaches Cape Town on the seventeenth day, a study of the time-tables given in Chapter I. will show the exact date and hour of arrival at Livingstone. If the sportsman follows this advice, much annoying delay will be obviated.

Obtaining fresh canoes at Sesheke, the traveller proceeds on his journey. He will see by the map that for many miles rapids are met with at short intervals. The first serious delay to navigation is the Ngambwe Cataract. Crossing Ngambwe should not delay him very long, for he will be able to obtain assistance from the local natives. He must give the local Induna a small present in money for his trouble, the amount, of course, depending upon the number of canoes and the quantity of goods which have to be carried round the cataract. On this point he should obtain the advice of the District Commissioner at Sesheke.

The natives are attempting to cut a passage round the Ngambwe Cataract, but it is not yet completed, I think. When finished, a great deal of trouble will be saved.

His next annoyance will be on arrival at the Gonye Falls, Sioma (see map). Here he will have to allow his canoes to be off-loaded and the goods carried about three miles overland. His canoes will also have to be dragged out of the water and placed in the river again above the Falls. For this assistance he must pay the local Induna in cash. There is a fixed tariff of charges, but as a considerable reduction has been effected of late I would again refer the traveller to the official stationed at Sesheke.

If the expedition consists of more than one white man the party should divide as nearly as possible as follows :



Mekwae and her Daughters-in-Law Dancing.

One should remain with the goods and canoes at the southern end of the portage until everything has gone forward. Another should accompany the parties of natives carrying the goods and transporting the canoes to above the Falls. These precautions are necessary, for, as the experienced traveller in such parts knows only too well, the native is very fond of resting before his task is finished, and spending what are to the white man very precious hours doing nothing whatever. The Gonye Falls are very well worth a visit, and this should be paid after the canoes have been placed in the river above them.

When once the Gonye Falls have been passed there is nothing further to hinder the traveller as far as Lealui.



Boats starting from the Canal leading to Nalolo.

At Sinanga, the foot of the Barotse Valley (see map), there is a mission station. Unless the traveller has any reason for not doing so, a visit paid to the resident missionary would be a kindly act, as they seldom have the opportunity of a talk with anyone but the natives they are striving to teach.

At Sinanga, the traveller should load up sufficient wood to last him several days. He should be very sparing in the use of it, for he is entering the Barotse Valley, which carries no timber excepting a few trees held sacred by the natives.

The next stopping place of any importance is Nalolo. Here there is another mission station, and the native

town is second only in importance to Lealui, the capital; Lewanika's sister, Mokwae, lives here. If the traveller is interested in things native he should pay a visit to Mokwae. By so doing he will not only earn the goodwill of the natives, but he will find the great female chief a most interesting study.

Lealui can usually be reached from Nalolo in one day. On arrival the traveller should send his greetings to the Paramount Chief, Lewanika, and request the loan of a horse and a guide to enable him to visit the District Commissioner at Mongu. Mongu is seven miles across the valley from Lealui.



The District Commissioner has also a residence in Lealui itself, so the visitor may find that a journey to Mongu is unnecessary.

I would again warn him to transact all business through the District Commissioner, for, though courteous and kind, Lewanika is dilatory to a degree.

All information concerning the Zambesi and its tributaries beyond Lealui can be obtained from the District Commissioner.

## CHAPTER IV.

## TIGER FISHING.

**J**N the foregoing chapters I have several times mentioned the very excellent sport afforded by the tiger fish. Fishermen who have visited the Nile for its fishing will doubtless know more about this pastime than I can tell them, but the following notes are for the benefit of those who have not made the acquaintance of the tiger fish.



A fisherman friend has contributed the following:—

“ The tiger fish runs from 1 to 30 lbs. Should the fisherman, however, land a fish weighing 10 lbs. during a

week's fishing he has done well. The usual weight of fish caught is from 4 to 6 lbs., and a 4-lb. fish will afford as much excitement, for a time, as a 40-lb. salmon.

"In six hours' fishing with ordinary luck, 20 to 30 fish may be landed, having an aggregate weight of 60 lbs. The fisherman may either troll or spin. The most favoured method is trolling from a boat which should be



slowly dropped down stream. The bait should be thrown across the river, allowed to drift with the current for a while, and then wound slowly in.

"The tiger fish attacks the bait with a ferocity of several hungry pike, but his mouth is so hard that the fisherman may find he has to strike several times before actually hooking. On a good day a fish may be touched with every cast and one landed in five. The hooked fish tears off down stream, and the next moment he will be

observed jumping 30 yards away. As he rises from the water with his mouth open he will shake his head violently in the endeavour to rid himself of the hook. This is the critical moment. Should the hook remain firm after two or three bounds into the air, the angler may feel sure that in all human probability the fish is his. Much depends on the first few minutes of the struggle.

“When winding in the line and drawing the fish towards the boat, others may be seen circling round the captive and endeavouring to seize the bait, if any of it remains visible.

“Great care is necessary when extracting the hook, for the fish—even after sundry blows on the head from a wooden baton—is quite able to use his teeth, and woe betide the finger thrust thoughtlessly into his mouth.”

Most fishermen prefer to use their own judgment in the matter of rods and tackle; Messrs. Hardy Bros., of Pall Mall, have, in the past, satisfactorily supplied my fishing friend and me with all requisites. Messrs. Barnard and Son, of Jermyn Street, have also had much experience in outfitting for this special line of sport. I have obtained from the former the following lists which they assure me satisfy the requirements of those customers who have caught, and are still catching, the tiger fish:—

ROD.—12½-feet “Murdoch” spinning rod.

REEL.—4½-inch Hardy’s “Silex” reel, fitted with auxiliary check and adjusting screw.

SPOONS, ETC.—2 dozen 2½-inch kidney spoons, Hardy’s patent “Oval” wire trebles.

1 dozen 3-inch clipper baits, Hardy’s patent “Oval” wire trebles.

2 dozen No. 4 Hardy’s patent “Oval” wire trebles, eyed.

TRACES, ETC.—2 yards “Punjab” wire traces.

150 yards silk line.

2 dozen swivels, Nos. 1 and 2.

2 dozen split rings.

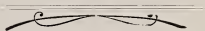
2 pairs pliers and cutters.

Of course, there are many kinds of fish in the Zambesi and its tributaries, but few can be taken with the rod. As far as I know there are only two besides the tiger fish which the fisherman can kill. The two fish I refer to are the African barble and the bream. Of these the former is hardly worth catching, and certainly not fit to eat.

The bream, on the other hand, has excellent flesh, but the sport he affords is a mere nothing compared with that given by the tiger fish.

My fishing friend informs me that :—

“Bream can be fished for with a light trout rod and fine tackle. The best bait is a live grass-hopper, with which the banks of the rivers are usually teeming. Bream fishing is fair sport, but very mild when compared with tiger fishing. The fish are generally to be found close to the bank, in deep, clear, running water. Their behaviour when hooked is very similar to that of the English bream, but, unlike their home-born cousins, they are clean, slimeless fish. The very best way to cook the bream is to grill him on the red embers of the camp fire, sprinkling him with water as he frizzles.”



## CHAPTER V.

## PUKU SHOOTING.

THE rifles I have used during the past four years, with every satisfaction to myself, are by William Evans, Pall Mall. But as every sportsman uses his own favourite weapon or weapons, I will make no suggestions as to bore; I have found it far better to stick to one rifle for all kinds of game than to have one for Lions, another for Hippo, Rhino, and Elephant, a third for the larger Antelope, and a fourth for the smaller.

The well-known Rhodesian hunter, Van Rooyan, has shot Elephants with a .303!

What I wish to describe in this chapter is Puku shooting. A sporting friend of mine contributes the following:—

“Puku is, in my opinion, the most sporting game to shoot. The man who cannot keep his temper, or fancies himself to be a good shot, had better stay at home. If, on the other hand, he does not mind making himself black from head to foot, if he does not mind perspiring at every pore, if he does not object to an ache in every limb; if, I repeat, such things are nothing to him, let him hunt the Puku on a very hot day, over the burnt, open plains, with an occasional ant heap for cover. I have come back from Puku shooting dead tired, having followed a herd for hours without success. I have fired shot after shot without dislodging so much as a hair from the Puku's red hide. With daylight I am out again, keen as mustard to drop two or three fine rams with as many shots. I may be rewarded with a fine head or two, or—and this is far more likely—another blank, burning, sweating day.

A Puku will carry as much lead as almost any Antelope, and wounded ones have led me many a dance through water, reed swamps, scrub, and over the baking flats of Simaraha, Kafue, and Kabompo. An occasional glimpse of his rufous skin, little splashes of blood, and the annoyance one feels at having failed to make a dead shot, will keep the sportsman on the move until either he or the wounded Puku is tired out, and it is six to four on the Puku every time.

Sometimes the banks of the Kafue, Kabompo, Lunga, Luwisi, Lefupa and Lufunyama rivers are swarming with Puku, but fire one shot and you will soon realise that they have managed to put a treacherous marsh between themselves and their persecutor.

Go Puku shooting with a light heart, shoe, rifle, and clothing, be ready to swim, run, crawl, or bake, and I am sure on your return—the first evening at any rate—you will be glad of your “sun-downer,” and will drink it with a humble heart, which, at the same time, longs to be up and shooting in the morning.



Some advise an express rifle because the Puku hit are less likely to get away, but I am sure a .303 affords better sport, especially if it has a Rigby's patent telescope sight attached, for many of the shots will be at a long distance or in the long grass and reeds of a swamp.



## CHAPTER VI.

**B**EFORE bringing this pamphlet to a close I think a few general notes will not be out of place.

The following are written, not to teach the "old hand," but to be of service to the sportsman who has never visited Rhodesia.

The necessaries of life may be bought either at Livingstone or Kalomo. I know that a great number of sportsmen prefer to buy their provisions in England and ship them to South Africa. This is, of course, a good arrangement, and especially recommends itself to the man who wishes to "do himself well," or to the fortunate person to whom money is no object. This plan should also be followed by he who knows exactly what he requires during a given time, as provisions of every description can be obtained much more cheaply in England than in Rhodesia.

If the selection of foods be left to the discretion of one of the many firms who supply and pack provisions, the sportsman will find on arrival at his destination that he has too much meat by at least two-thirds. Although the charges for provisions supplied by the firms at Livingstone and Kalomo are undoubtedly high, when compared with the London store prices, the amount of time and trouble saved by purchasing locally is well worth consideration.

When several sportsmen join together to form a party, it is, perhaps, most economical, and certainly much less trouble, to hire a wagon and span of oxen. A wagon can usually be had without any difficulty at either Livingstone or Kalomo.

In the case of a one-man shooting trip it is better to hire carriers. The usual rate of wage is fourpence per day. Each carrier should be supplied with a daily ration of 2 lbs. of grain and a little salt; a little less grain when there is meat to serve out.

The natives of North-Western Rhodesia cannot truthfully be described as first-rate carriers. Goods weighing 50 lbs. are considered a full load. This load is usually divided into two bundles of 25 lbs. each, and tied with bark to the two ends of a pole, which the native balances on his shoulder. This should be borne in mind when the provisions are being packed in London or Rhodesia.

Each sportsman has his own idea as to what kit is necessary, but I would warn him that the early mornings of the shooting season are sometimes intensely cold; so cold, that I, personally, would not dream of travelling without warm gloves and a thick overcoat. During the day the sun is intensely hot, and a drab-coloured helmet or a good felt hat is necessary to protect the head. A mosquito net is absolutely essential everywhere and at all times. I would not lead my readers to suppose that mosquitos are met with everywhere, but they may be anywhere, and it is never worth while to run any risk of malarial fever. Whilst on the subject of fever I would warn the sportsman to avoid camping within half a mile from a native kraal.

Before leaving for Rhodesia the sportsman should supply himself with a sufficiency of medicines in a portable form. Burroughs, Wellcome, and Co.'s Tablets are most favoured.

Tents and camp equipment generally are so well advertised, and so excellent, that all the sportsman has to decide is what he shall not buy.

As there are certain formalities to be gone through at the Cape in connection with the importation of arms and ammunition, the sportsman should instruct his gunmaker to complete all necessary arrangements at this end.

Before any rifle, gun, or ammunition can be introduced into Rhodesia a permit from the administrator is necessary. Full information as to the course to be pursued can be obtained from the British South Africa Company's Agent, Rhodes Building, Cape Town. On entering North-Western Rhodesia every rifle and gun must be registered at the office of the nearest District Commissioner.

A camera should certainly be taken, with a good supply of films.

It is quite impossible to foresee all the difficulties which may beset the newcomer, but I hope the few hints I have given will spare him some annoyance and regrets.



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SKETCH MAP.

## APPENDIX.

## GAME LAWS.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the preservation of game within the territory defined by the Barotziland North-Western Rhodesia Order in Council of 1899;

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I\* do hereby declare proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. The law of England relating to game and the preservation thereof so far as it is in operation within the territory defined by the Barotziland North-Western Rhodesia Order in Council of 1899 is hereby repealed.

2. In this Proclamation if not inconsistent with the context:

“ hunt ” shall include taking killing pursuing shooting at or wilfully molesting;

“ sell ” shall include hawking and exposing for sale and attempting to sell;

“ game ” shall mean and include the several birds and animals not being domesticated mentioned in Schedules 1 2 and 3;

“ game reserve ” shall mean any tract of land declared under the provisions of this Proclamation to be a game reserve;

“ license ” shall mean a license duly issued under this Proclamation to hunt game;

“ game heads ” shall mean and include the heads skulls or horns of any game mentioned in Schedules 2 and 3 but shall not include the tusks of elephant;

“ person resident in the territory ” shall mean any *bona fide* trader hawker prospector transport-rider farmer miner or member of a recognised profession carrying on any trade business or profession within the territory or a person in the *bona fide* employ of any such trader hawker prospector transport-rider farmer miner or professional man or of any railway company or railway construction contractor carrying on work within the territory or any servant or employee of the British South Africa Company employed in the North-Western Rhodesia Administration or such other persons as may be hereafter defined by the administrator by Notice in the *Gazette*;

“ native ” shall except in section *thirteen* mean any native being a member of a tribe residing within the territory and under the tribal rule of the paramount chief of the Barotse Nation and shall not include any person of other African aboriginal descent residing for the time being within the territory;

“ the territory ” shall mean the territory within the limits of the Barotziland North-Western Rhodesia Order in Council of 1899;

“ animals ” shall mean game;

“ *Gazette* ” shall mean the *Official Gazette* of the High Commissioner,

“ month ” means calendar month;

“ person ” includes corporations.

The plural shall include the singular and the singular the plural and the masculine the feminine.

3. The Administrator may by Notice in the *Gazette* exercise any of the following powers:

- (a) declare as to any part of the territory that any bird or animal within such tract to be in the Notice specified shall be protected and not hunted for any number of years (not exceeding five) to be in the Notice specified;
- (b) (after obtaining the approval of the High Commissioner) suspend the operation of this Proclamation or any part or parts thereof either as to the whole of the territory or certain districts or portions of districts or protect certain game or classes of game for a period of time to be stated;
- (c) declare and provide that certain game or descriptions of game mentioned in Schedules 1 2 and 3 respectively shall be transferred or retransferred from one class to the other;

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- (d) make any condition as to the numbers age or sex of the game which may be hunted by virtue of a license;
- (e) prohibit or limit any method employed for hunting killing or capturing any game animals or fish which appears to him to be unduly destructive;
- (f) establish a reward fund for the reward of and thereout reward persons bringing in to any District Commissioner or other duly authorised official any male or female or young (dead or alive) or the eggs of any of the animals or birds mentioned in Schedule 4 and regulate the conditions of payment and manner of proof of any claim;
- (g) exempt from any of the provisions of this Proclamation prospectors farmers or persons travelling in the territory and permit them to hunt game for actual consumption as food at places distant more than twenty miles from any township, provided that no game obtained under any such exemption shall be brought to any township or to be sold or bartered and that nothing in any such exemption contained shall be deemed to authorise and trespass in contravention of sections *sixteen or seventeen* of this Proclamation;
- (h) fix and prescribe the close time or fence season within which it shall not be lawful to hunt any game either with or without a game license and so that a Notice fixing and prescribing a close time or fence season may apply;
- (1) to the whole of the territory; or
- (2) to a district or group of districts within the territory; or
- (3) a part of a district or parts of several adjacent districts;
- and may prescribe a different close time or fence season for certain classes or kinds of game;
- (i) declare any tract of land within the territory to be a Game Reserve and from time to time define or alter the limits and boundaries thereof;
- (j) add to or amend the list of those defined in the last preceding section as "persons resident in the territory."
4. The Administrator or the official or other person authorised by this Proclamation to issue any license may by endorsement on the license at the time of issue make any such special conditions as shall to the Administrator seem fit provided that such conditions are within the powers given to the Administrator by the last preceding section.
5. (a) No person shall hunt any of the game in Schedule 1 mentioned unless he is authorised thereto by an ordinary license.
- (b) No person shall hunt any of the game in Schedule 2 mentioned unless he shall be authorised thereto by a special license.
- (c) No person shall hunt any of the game in Schedule 3 mentioned unless he is authorised thereto by an Administrator's license; provided that the holder of an Administrator's license shall be deemed to be a holder of an ordinary and a special license also and the holder of a special license shall be deemed to be a holder of an ordinary license also.
6. Ordinary and special licenses may be issued by any District Commissioner or other person authorised thereto by the Administrator and shall bear stamps to the value as follows:—
- For an ordinary license for a person whether resident in the territory or not £1;
- For a special license for a person resident in the territory £5; for any other person £25.
- An Administrator's license may be issued by the Administrator at his discretion but subject to the approval before issue thereof of the paramount chief of the Barotse Nation and such license shall bear stamps to the value of £50.
7. No person shall
- (a) during a prescribed close time or fence season for any district or other area hunt game therein unless found injuring crops in cultivated lands or gardens or possess or sell any game in such districts after the expiration of one week from the commencement of such close time or fence season;



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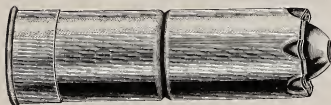
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- (b) sell any game unless he shall hold a license to sell game issued under this sub-section. A license to sell game shall be taken out annually shall be issued by the persons authorised by this Proclamation to issue ordinary or special licenses and shall bear stamps to the value of £10; such license shall be additional to and distinct from any game license.
8. A District Commissioner or other duly authorised official to whom application is made for a special license or for a license to sell game under the last preceding section may in his discretion refuse to issue any such license and shall not be bound to assign any reason for such refusal.
9. Licenses granted under this Proclamation shall be:
- (a) annual from 1st January to 31st December of each year;
  - (b) not transferable;
  - (c) produced on demand by any officer of the Administration of North-Western Rhodesia;
  - (d) endorsed with any general conditions made under section *three* or any special conditions imposed under section *four* in respect of the license;
  - (e) revocable on conviction for any breach of any of the Provisions of this Proclamation or of any general or special conditions made by virtue of the provisions of either of the sections *three* and *four*.
10. No person shall hunt any animal within a Game Reserve save as in this Proclamation or in any Administrator's license may be expressly allowed or shall be found within a Game Reserve in such circumstances as show that he was unlawfully in pursuit of any animal.
11. No person shall without the special written permission of the Administrator to be granted for any scientific or other purposes mentioned therein wilfully remove disturb or destroy any eggs or the young of any game and no person shall sell any such eggs or young game whether obtained under such written permission or not. Every such written permission shall distinctly state the number and denomination of such eggs or young game which the holder is entitled to obtain or take.
12. Every person who shall under cover of such written permission as is mentioned in the last preceding section obtain or authorise or cause to be obtained eggs or young game greater in number or of denominations other than such as shall be specified in the permission granted to him or who shall sell any eggs or young game obtained under a written permission shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to the penalties hereinafter provided.
13. No person shall
- (a) make or use any pitfall snare trap or engine for the purpose of killing or capturing any animal or bird mentioned in Schedules 1 2 and 3;
  - (b) use dynamite or other explosives or any poison for the purpose of taking fish without the written permission of the Administrator;
  - (c) employ any native to hunt any game. A license holder however when hunting game may employ natives to assist him but such natives shall not use firearms. In this section the term "native" shall include all persons of African aboriginal descent.
14. No person shall hunt the immature young of the elephant or the female of any of the animals mentioned in Schedules 1 2 or 3 when accompanying her young unless he is authorised thereto by an Administrator's license. The immature young of the elephant is defined for the purpose of this section as being a young elephant carrying tusks of less weight than twenty pounds a pair.

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15. Whenever any person shall be charged with hunting game without the necessary license and shall allege in defence that such game was injuring crops in cultivated lands or gardens or that such hunting was necessary for the preservation of human life or that the birds or animals hunted were domesticated the proof of the truth of any such allegation shall be with the person charged.

16. Nothing in this Proclamation contained shall entitle any license holder to trespass on private property except in pursuit of any animal lawfully wounded outside the boundaries of such property.

17. If the owner or occupier of any land shall have given notice or warning either by letter advertisement in the *Gazette* or in a local newspaper or by notice boards on the property that he is desirous of preserving the game thereon then any person who shall enter or trespass thereon in pursuit of game shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding £5 for a first offence and not exceeding £10 for a subsequent offence in respect of the same property provided that such land shall be fenced or enclosed or that the notice boards as aforesaid shall have come to his notice or that he was otherwise aware of the trespass. Such penalty shall be recoverable without prejudice to the owner's or occupier's right of action for trespass or for the value of any game taken or killed or injured by such person.

18. Any Magistrate Assistant Magistrate or Justice of the Peace if he has reason to believe that any portion of any animal or bird killed or hunted in contravention of any of the provisions of his Proclamation is in the possession or under the control of any person may search or cause to be searched by warrant under his hand any place where he has reason to believe any such animal or bird to be and may seize and detain them until he shall be satisfied that such animal or bird was killed or hunted in conformity with the provisions of this Proclamation and not otherwise and in default of such proof may declare the same to be forfeited and they shall be forfeited accordingly.

19. In all cases of conviction for any offence against this Proclamation any live animals or game and any heads horns tusks skins or other remains of any animals or game found in the possession or under the control of the person convicted shall be liable to forfeiture.

20. Any person convicted of a contravention of the provisions of this Proclamation shall be liable to the penalties following that is to say:

- (a) for contravention of section *five* sub-section (a) and sections *eleven twelve* and *thirteen* respectively for a first offence a sum not exceeding £5 and for a second offence a sum not exceeding £10;
- (b) for contravention of section *five* sub-sections (b) and (c) and sections *ten* and *fourteen* respectively for a first offence a sum not exceeding £50 and for a second or subsequent offence a sum not exceeding £100 or where the offence relates to more animals than two to a fine in respect of each animal not exceeding in the case of a first offence £25 and in the case of a second offence £50;
- (c) for contravention of section *seven* for a first offence a sum not exceeding £25 and for a second or subsequent offence a sum not exceeding £50;
- (d) for contravention of any condition made by the Administrator by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by sections *three* and *four* other than those offences provided for in the last preceding sub-sections in the case of a first offence a sum not exceeding £25 and in the case of a second offence £50.

21. In default of payment of any penalty imposed for any contravention of the provisions of this Proclamation the person convicted shall in the absence of other provision in that behalf in this Proclamation specially provided be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for the respective periods following:—

- for a period not exceeding one month if the fine imposed shall not exceed £5;
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22. The Court before which an offender shall be tried may in case of conviction award a sum not exceeding one-half of the fine or penalty recovered to any person upon whose information such conviction was obtained provided that such person be not an accessory.

23. In accordance with the provisions of the Concession granted by King Lewanika Paramount Chief of the Barotse Nation to the British South Africa Company dated October 17th 1900 natives shall be exempted from the provisions of this Proclamation.

24. Upon every game head exported from within the territory there shall be payable a duty:

- (a) of 10s. per head for game mentioned in Schedule 2;
- (b) of 20s. per head for game mentioned in Schedule 3;

25. Such duty shall be leviable by and paid to the nearest District Commissioner Collector or other person authorised thereto in writing by the Administrator adjacent to the port of exit who shall give his receipt for the same the production of which receipt at the port of exit shall be full and sufficient authority for the exportation of the number and description of the game heads specified in the said receipt.

26. The ports of exit for the purposes of this Proclamation shall be the following drifts on the Zambesi River:—Sekuti's Drift (Victoria Falls) Sejebe's Drift (Walker's Drift) Kasungula Drift Sesheke Drift and such other drifts or roads as may be hereafter declared as ports of exit under this Proclamation by the Administrator by Notice in the *Gazette* and all game heads exported shall go by one or other of the said drifts.

27. Any person who shall export or attempt to export any game head from within the territory whether the head was secured by him by virtue of a game license or by trade or otherwise without payment of the export duty imposed by this Proclamation or any person who shall export or attempt to export any game head by other than one of the ports of exit specified or hereafter declared as in the last preceding section provided shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty shillings for every such game head exported or attempted to be exported or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one month unless such fine be sooner paid.

28. In any prosecution for exporting or attempting to export any game head without having paid the duty imposed by this Proclamation on proof by the Crown that the accused or his agent failed on demand to produce the receipt mentioned in section *twenty-five* the Court before which the case is heard shall presume until the contrary is proved that the accused had not paid such duty.

29. It shall be lawful for the Administrator to exempt from payment of the export duty as aforesaid by writing under his hand:

- (a) game heads exported for purely scientific purposes for the benefit of some public institution in Southern Rhodesia the Cape Colony or elsewhere;
- (b) game heads the *bona fide* property of a native exported for the purpose of sale or gift.

30. The foregoing sections of this Proclamation shall not apply to that portion of Barotiland in which the British South Africa Company (by an agreement entered into with the Paramount Chief of the Barotse Nation dated 17th day of October 1900) agreed with the said Paramount Chief to use its best endeavours to preserve game that is to say:

- (1) all game and the animals mentioned in Schedule 4 in the district known as Diowa lying north-west of Lealui on the right (west) bank of the Zambesi River and south of the lower Lungwi Bungo River;

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31. Any person who without an Administrator's license issued under section *siv* shall hunt any such game or animals as are mentioned in the last preceding section in a district or area in which such game or animals are to be preserved in terms of the said agreement or shall be found in such district or area in such circumstances as to show that he was in pursuit of game or animals in contravention of the terms of the said agreement herein set forth shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £50 and on a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

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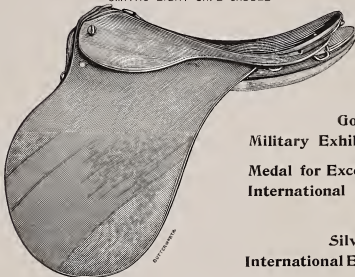
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