

I left my friends on the Ranch, and the game and the land of blue sky mountains and eternal sunshine.

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Game in Beira.—Writing last month from the capital of the Mozambique Company's territory, Mr Consul Belcher observes that game in the Beira district is still very much on the decrease, especially hartebeeste, impala, buffalo, bushbuck, duiker, sessabe, wild pig, warthog, waterbuck, oribie, brindle gnu, reedbuck, eland sable, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, and elephant. In fact, it is reported by professional hunters of experience that the five latter species will become in a very short time extinct unless some steps are taken to prevent natives and unprincipled white hunters from continuing their destruction. Chiringoma, a district under Chief Lubuko, formerly one of the best parts of the country for game, is gradually becoming devastated, and it is possible now to hunt for days and days, and not find any of the five last-named species. A very complete set of game laws has been drawn up by the officials of the Mozambique Company, and if rigorously put in force will no doubt still save the country as one of the best hunting grounds in East Africa. Compared with former years, hunting parties during 1901 were very few, but those who did visit the district were well satisfied with results. Mr Belcher adds that information as regards professional hunters, carriers, and everything in connection with hunting parties and their necessary equipments can always be obtained by sportsmen on application to His Majesty's Consulate at Beira.