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PRINCE'S INDIAN TROPHIES.

BIG GAME AND A 10FT. KING COBRA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Friday.

In view of the possibility of the Prince of Wales contributing some of his splendid collections of trophies and live animals to a Welsh "Zoo," a full and authoritative account which has reached me to-day is of unusual interest.

I hear that the results of the shooting expeditions in Nepal and other places will soon arrive in London. The big game trophies obtained during the shoot in Nepal include seventeen tigers, two bears, two leopards, eight rhinoceros, and a 10ft. king cobra. The last named was shot by his Royal Highness on foot, and is a great acquisition.

As is well known, the Hamadryad, or king cobra, besides being the largest poisonous snake in the world, is also generally considered to be the most aggressive. The specimen shot by his Royal Highness measured 10ft. in length, and is of a dark brown colour, banded at intervals with white. The skin is in excellent condition, and will make a very acceptable trophy.

The live animals comprise a number of valuable animals, birds, and reptiles presented to his Royal Highness by his Highness the Maharaja of Nepal. Many of these animals are distinctly rare, and will be a great acquisition to this country.

The collection includes a young Manchurian tiger and a clouded leopard, which is one of the most handsomely marked of all the cat tribe; a black panther, and leopard cats—these are miniature replica of their bigger brother, the panther—and Himalayan black bears. The horned animals include the lordly tahr, the Himalayan musk deer, four-horned sheep, and the famous one-horned or unicorn sheep of Nepal.

The birds include a fine series of the more beautiful pheasants inhabiting the Himalayan forests. Among these might be mentioned the gorgeous Monal in metallic-green, blue, and gold, the crimson-horned pheasant or tragopan, a beautiful bird of the brightest crimson plumage spotted with white, the little blood pheasant dressed in light green, with his feathers splashed and spotted with blood-red markings, and the white-crested Kalij pheasants.

PRINCE AT INDORE.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' RAILWAY JOURNEY.

INDORE, Wednesday

(received Friday).

The Prince of Wales arrived at Indore to-day after a journey of twenty-four hours' duration. At the numerous stations along the route the villagers, including bands of pensioners and school-children, turned out and gave hearty greetings to the Royal visitors.

The welcome accorded by the people of Indore was also an excellent one, and a large proportion of the population was assembled along the route. A banquet to-night is the only official function. For the remainder of his stay the Prince will enjoy a well-earned, though short, rest.—Central News.

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