

Bear, Bounty.

Under session laws of 1891, a person killing a bear and making proper proof of such killing is entitled to bounty fee of five dollars.

Helena, Montana, September 23, 1910.

Mr. Percy Witmer,
Clerk, State Board of Examiners,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

Replying to your letter of September 19th, requesting an opinion of this office as to whether or not the bounty claim of John Truan for one bear killed by him within the ninety days preceding the 30th day of September, 1892, is a just and proper claim against the state of Montana at this time, I will say:

An act contained in the Session Laws of Montana, 1891, at page 274, provides: "There shall be paid out of the state treasury for the killing of each bear in the state the sum of \$5.00; and any person killing such animal, within ninety days from the date of the killing of same shall exhibit the skin to any justice of the peace of the county in which the animal was killed, and obtain a certificate from such justice in conformity with the provisions of said sections."

This act was in full force and effect at the time the bear mentioned in the claim of Mr. Truan was killed; and the claim appears to be in substantial conformance with the requirements of said act, and was therefore, a just a proper claim again the state of Montana at the time the bounty certificate was issued by such justice and consequently is

still a just and proper claim against the state.

I herewith return bounty claim of you.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.