

in the province of Quebec, especially in the Abitibi country, a little to the south of lake Abitibi, and in the Gaspé district. I assisted in a prosecution a few years ago of some of these Indians in the Gaspé district, on the shores of the Bonaventure river. There, the slaughter was simply dreadful. The Indians were slaughtering the animals, taking away the meat for food, and leaving the heads to rot in the bush—in other localities taking away only the heads. There is no doubt that the destruction by Indians of wild game in portions of our province is terrible, and, in that respect, I endorse some of the things that have been stated by representatives from the other provinces.

Dr. A. R. BAKER (British Columbia): I am sure it was with a great deal of interest that we listened to the remarks of Mr. Bradshaw, from Saskatchewan. Everything that he said with regard to the Indians is absolutely correct, and it applies equally to British Columbia. We have more difficulty with Indians than with anybody else. In the northern country, Atlin and Cassiar, we have experienced a great deal of trouble with the Indians in the slaughtering of moose. When they go on a trip they slaughter one every day for their dogs; they never think of carrying any. We have proof positive that, on a four-day trip through that district, two Indians slaughtered thirty-two moose. In the Chilcotin country, where there is a tribe of Indians on the Fraser river, they have slaughtered the Rocky Mountain sheep. They gather together at certain times of the year and have potlatches. They organize what is known as a 'drive'—they surround a mountain, drive all the game to the top, and simply slaughter it and let it lie there; they do not even take the hides away. They kill them just for the love of killing. The only way we have been able to do anything with the Indian is to segregate the areas where the game is plentiful into organized districts. Once we form an organized district the Indian must take out a gun license, same as anybody else; then we have some control over him. In the unorganized districts they are allowed to shoot under the Game Act, or allowed to kill for meat; but it is a well-known fact that the Indian on the Pacific coast and through the valley of the Fraser kills the animals simply for the love of killing—not even for their hides.

Destruction of beaver dams is another thing we have to contend with. The Indians take the beaver in the northern country by destroying the dams. Fortunately, streams are plentiful, and where the dams are destroyed the few beaver that escape migrate to other streams.