

imal owned by an Indian will eat as much as an animal owned by a white man, it will probably be conceded that as already said, the number of animals rather than the mere number of men should be kept in mind for general guidance in estimating the quantity of grazing land required. The certainty of an increase also should not be overlooked, for the number of animals is not so large as to require the warning and advice to limit it which we have suggested above, may by and by, be necessary in the interest, both of the Indians and of the public.

The increase of stock among the Indians since the date of the letter of Mr. Nind has been more remarkable than the increase of cultivation. Some of the tribes have only begun stock farming within five years. Individuals have over 100 head of stock. One tribe has an average of 30 head of stock to each male adult and if (as is not improbable) the other tribes reach this standard, the stock possessed by the tribes we have dealt with would be trebled. It is conceivable that the number of Indians might diminish and the number of their stock increase.

Here, however, the remarks made under the head of "arable lands" as to the improbability of all the Indians becoming farmers, come again to the front, with the additional fact to be considered that though, probably, in a short time, most of the land near the reserves may be sold, there will always be unsold tracts of at least summer grazing, in the public domain not far from most of the reserves.

In studying the general question of grazing land requirements, it was necessary to form some idea of the grazing land necessary to keep a steer, without injury to the land, in such a region as that between Kamloops and the frontier. But this was not so simple a matter as it may appear to those who have not had occasion to deal with it practically. The question was answered variously by twenty-three gentlemen, all of whom were experienced stock farmers in the interior. The maximum estimate was ten times the minimum, and the maximum estimate was by a gentleman whom all would acknowledge to be a competent judge of that part