

winter. I have seen pictures of Tom Lamb's little girls who are maybe fourteen or fifteen years of age with six husky dogs or five husky dogs and a wolf hitched to a sleigh and carting this stuff out to the lake to push it under the ice for the beaver.

Mr. MACNICOL: Otherwise they would have died.

The WITNESS: Yes, they would have died, because he did not get them until the season was over, until the month of October—September or October—when there is no chance of their setting up a food supply. So he had to feed them. He has beaver on his ranch. We have them coming into the marshes that is really not beaver country. There is little alder or poplar in it; it is marsh country. There are a few beaver there.

Mr. MACNICOL: Now, I interrupted you, when you were in Quebec.

The CHAIRMAN: When the witness is taken from one subject it is hard to get back to it again.

Mr. MACNICOL: We learned that that part of the country is not a beaver country. That is important.

The WITNESS: To return to the general program. If we could set up these beaver preserves across Canada we would make a very useful contribution to Indian welfare because so many of them live in pursuit of fur, following the trap-line, and following my purpose of putting first things first I would start with fur.

Mr. MACNICOL: These funds you are asking for have to do with these fur farmers?

The WITNESS: Yes. Spread over a term of years I am asking for one million dollars to establish, manage, and develop twenty beaver preserves across Canada.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary*): Are you asking for it in the estimates?

The WITNESS: No, I am asking you people to consider it as a post-war program.

The CHAIRMAN: That is what you gave us last time.

Mr. MACNICOL: I think that is important business—calling attention to the twenty beaver preserves. Where would those twenty preserves be? Maybe you do not care to say?

The WITNESS: Yes, I have not any hesitation in saying, but how much do I know about it? Mr. Turgeon knows as much as I know about that huge constituency he represents. I understand they slip into his constituency.

Mr. MACNICOL: He won't object to that.

The CHAIRMAN: You will think that I have been talking.

The WITNESS: The reason is not that I have met Mr. Turgeon in the last few days but it is the fact that territorially he represents the most of British Columbia.

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Q. He represents a lot of it—if you count the water and the mountains. Well, go on?—A. That is where the beaver thrives. Mr. Turgeon and the beaver are alike in that respect.

Q. Would there be any in the maritime provinces?—A. I do not know enough about the maritime provinces to say. I understand there is quite a well developed beaver conservation program on in Nova Scotia right now, but I have not got the particulars of it. From what I know of the interior of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—and I have been through parts of both provinces—I can see no reason why beaver should not be there. However, I would want some advice on that from the fur and game people in those provinces.