

We have not had much trouble with the Provincial governments on the question of Indian hunting. Of course, we sometimes get exaggerated reports that the Indians are killing all the moose in certain districts, but, when we investigate them, we usually find that there is little foundation for the reports.

**Indians Kill
for Food**

On the whole, it may be said that the Indian obeys the hunting and fishing regulations equally as well as the white man. The Indian, who has to maintain himself on his hunting grounds by killing animals for food, is entitled to a measure of sympathy, and we have found that the Provincial governments are willing to recognize his exceptional position in this regard. The Indians who are difficult to deal with are those who are remote from civilization, living in aboriginal conditions and not open to the influences of civilization; but this class is fast disappearing.

I repeat, Mr. Chairman, that, so far as the Department of Indian Affairs is concerned, our fixed policy is to endeavour to induce the Indians to obey the laws passed by the Provincial authorities for the conservation of wild life and the preservation of game, and to endeavour also to mitigate the laws to meet any special conditions that surround the present mode of life of the natives.

DISCUSSION.

Mr. F. BRADSHAW (Provincial Game Guardian, Saskatchewan): We have listened with interest to Mr. Scott's remarks, but I, for one, do not think that everything possible is being done to control the Indian. One of the most difficult problems we have to contend with in Saskatchewan is the non-observance of the game laws by Indians.

The Indian does little or no big game hunting during the lawful open season, but it is an established fact that, during August, September and October, when the moose and elk are easily lured within range by the use of a call, he kills far more big game than he is legally or morally entitled to. In the early days, when there was an abundance of wild life, no reasonable objection could be taken to the killing of big game for legitimate requirements, but, in these days, when the annual toll taken seriously endangers the very existence of some of the magnificent species of our North American fauna, I think we would be very remiss in our duties as wild life conservationists if we closed our eyes to the unwarranted violations that are being perpetrated by the Indians at this time.