

The following letters were read:—

OTTAWA, 2nd June, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Owing to my having been in Montreal for some days your letters of 25th and 28th ult. did not reach me until yesterday afternoon, too late to permit of my being present in Committee Room No. 2, of the Senate at 11 o'clock that morning, as requested by the Select Committee on the Food Products of the North-West Territories. This I much regret.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) DONALD A. SMITH.

J. G. AYLWIN CREIGHTON, Esq.,
Law Clerk of the Senate,
Ottawa.

MEKIWIN P. O., MANITOBA, 30th May, 1887.

Honorable J. C. SCHULTZ, Esq.,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I received your speech on the Food Supply of Manitoba and the North-West, and read it with interest, it is a move in the right direction, and if the said Committee decide on distributing wild rice, I will be very happy to do all I can to see all sent to me seeded in all the ponds in this municipality.

Wishing you all success in your undertaking,

I remain, yours truly,
JOHN MCGREGOR, *Reeve*,
Lansdowne Municipality, Mekiwin P.O., Man.

AMÉDÉE FORGET'S examination continued:—

Q. You were replying to the second question when the Committee adjourned yesterday? A. Yes. In the list of birds I gave yesterday I omitted to mention the prairie chicken and the partridge. The prairie chicken is a well known bird in our country, and very numerous.

Q. Have you the white ptarmigan? A. Not south of the Saskatchewan River.

Q. Which of the varieties you have mentioned are suitable for transplanting and transplacing into other portions of the North-West? State also the districts to which, in your opinion, they could be translated with advantage to the white and Indian populations? A. I do not think that I have mentioned any plant that would be suitable for transplanting excepting hops. The wild turnip is to be found everywhere, but the wild hop grows only in certain portions of the country, and that could be easily transplanted to the portions of the country where it is not now to be found. It follows that as a matter of course that the districts to which it could be transplanted with advantage would be the settlements along the line of railway and the various settlements up north.

Q. You are alluding now to what varieties? A. The only plant that I have mentioned that I think could be transplanted with advantage is the wild hop. The others, if you remember, were mushroom and the wild turnip, which grow all over the country, so there is no need to transplant those. I think the wild hop could be cultivated any place where the soil is similar to that of the Qu'Appelle Valley—a light loam.

By the Honorable Mr. Merner:

Q. Are the wild hops as good as the hops we have here? A. Yes, I believe they are. I have eaten bread made from hop yeast, the hops being the native hop of that country, and thought it as nice bread as I had ever eaten. We do not make beer in that country, because we are not permitted to manufacture it, so I cannot say whether the wild hop is suitable for that purpose.