

Ottawa, February 27, 1943.

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This will acknowledge with thanks, receipt
of your memorandum of February 10, re wild life.

We would appreciate a report from time to time
on the condition of the vegetation in the plots referred
to as compared with that outside, and also on the status
of elk concentrations in the park.

Mr. W.C. Fisher of Calgary, has been making
statements lately, especially in letters to the Department,
that there is at present no game in Jasper and Banff Parks.
He thinks that we ought to have 20,000 head in the two
parks, but actually game animals are almost extinct. My
impression is that if the game population of the two parks
numbered less than 20,000 head we would have little trouble
from range destruction. Ordinarily we do not encourage
guesses as to the number of game animals, but I would like
to have your opinion as to whether or not there are 10,000
head of game animals in Jasper Park, and the reasons for
your opinion.

Controller.

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