

as they could; then, about October, 1918, about fifty Indians came in to hunt before the season opened; while, if we, who are doing something for the upbuilding of the country, should kill game out of season for our own use, we are liable to a heavy fine. The Indians seem to have a special privilege to kill and sell as much as they wish.

"At present a lot of Indians are camped here, are killing moose and deer and selling same.

"I ask that you use your influence and, if possible, have the Indians removed from here at once, and not permit them a privilege that we do not enjoy."

The next one is from an old-timer, whose opinion on these matters is highly respected. It gives some idea of the destruction that it is possible for a single Indian to execute, and, when we consider there are hundreds; yes, I think it would be no exaggeration to say thousands, of such Indians engaged in similar destruction throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion, we may form some idea of the tremendous slaughter that takes place annually as a result of this unlawful practice. Here is the letter:

"One of our business men was hunting north of Fort a-la-Corne this autumn, and had no luck; a large party of half-breeds were camped close to him. He joined them often at the camp fire, and, naturally, game was discussed. The remark was made that if the game were protected from Indians it would be more to the point, and an instance was quoted where an a-la-Corne Indian named Britain had killed 30 moose that autumn before the season opened. It might be difficult to verify this, but I have no doubt of its truth myself, as the Britain (or Poonaman) family are noted hunters.

"I was at St. Brieux for a week since the New Year, and was then credibly informed that Indians from Batoche and Duck Lake make a point of coming down just before the season opens and cleaning up the game in the Basin Lake country, where I do not think any of the parties I issued licenses to secured any last autumn.

"I knew you would be interested in this matter; it is an old fight, and I have had correspondence with both Dominion and Provincial Governments over it in the past. There is no doubt in my mind that Indians should only be allowed to kill game in season. Talk about them being hungry, they always are; what would keep a family of white people all winter in the way of venison would not last them a week, as they eat steadily until the supply is finished."

I might cite innumerable instances of similar charges against the Indian, but I think enough has been said to establish the fact that he is a real menace to the big game, and that the operations of the Big Chief Company are contrary to the most elementary principles of economy and conservation. As a matter of justice to law-abiding citizens; as a matter of protection to the game; and as a matter of insurance for the future welfare of the Indian himself, this