

Q. Can a yoke of half-breed buffalo oxen do as much work as a pair of domestic oxen? A. They can do more; they have immense shoulders,

Q. So that in all respects they can be made as much use of as the ordinary oxen? A. Yes, with more power.

*By the Honorable Mr. Macdonald :*

Q. Are there any other questions on this published list on which you could give the Committee information? A. I consider that the moose deer in Manitoba and the North-West are not sufficiently protected.

Q. Is there a close season established by the law of the Province? A. There is a close season except for Indians; but the Indians kill moose at all seasons, and at times when they are easily got at I heard of an instance of the Indians on Lake Winnipeg, two years ago, killing about 40 head of moose in the summer just after the calves were dropped.

*By the Honorable Mr. Turner :*

Q. They would be very poor then? A. Yes, very poor.

Q. How is the flesh of the moose as compared with buffalo meat? A. The flavor is different, and the fibre of the moose meat is much finer.

Q. It is a finer meat? A. Yes, it is a finer meat altogether.

Q. Could they be made use of on a farm and domesticated the same as buffalo? A. Yes, I think so. I have a pair now, and I drive one.

Q. Have you tried to breed them with the ordinary domestic cow? A. No, but I intend to try it this year. I have been unfortunate with my bull moose. I had two of them and lost them. They are very hard to rear.

Q. They are a wilder animal than the buffalo? A. Yes, more timid, more afraid of man. I have only two cow moose at present.

*By the Honorable Mr. Sutherland :*

Q. What is your opinion with regard to domesticating those animals, the moose, for purposes of food? A. I intend to try it in September. I intend to cross them with the domestic bull.

*By the Honorable Mr. Turner :*

Q. You are going to try them first with their own class? A. No, I cannot this year, because I have no bull moose. They are both cows that I have, and I am going to try to cross them with a domestic bull.

Q. Have you any antelope there at all? A. No, I have not.

Q. Are there antelopes in the North-West? A. There are antelopes in the North-West, but we have none in Manitoba.

*By the Honorable Mr. McCallum :*

Q. There is what they call the antelope in the North-West, for I have seen some of them? A. Yes, and they have been very numerous the last two years.

Q. Is there any other animal which you can suggest to the Committee as a valuable food product for the Indians of the North-West? You were saying something about rabbits? A. The Hon. Mr. Sutherland knows that every seven years they are found in great numbers.

Q. How do you manage to feed the buffalos in the winter? A. Last winter we ran short of hay, and we turned them out on the plains to feed themselves. You could not compare the domestic cattle with them in condition, the buffalo and half-breeds are so fat when fed. They really require no food or house or shelter that they cannot find for themselves.

*By the Honorable Mr. McDonald :*

Q. If the Government commenced to stock the Indian farms with buffalo, do you think they would be better than cattle for that purpose? A. I think it would be very unwise to put buffalo near the Indians. They would not last long.

Q. I suppose the same thing would apply to domesticated cattle? A. Yes, even into the domestic cattle they put a shot now and then.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Do you not think it would be well that the experimental farms to be started in the North-West should continue those interesting experiments which you are now