

be sorry to advise any interference with the just rights of any body of individuals, but the conduct and proceedings of the Indians are such, that it is utterly impossible for the Legislature if it has any regard for their true interests, to exempt them from the operation of the Acts applying to all others of Her Majesty's subjects.

It is a well known fact that immediately after the young Moose and Deer are brought forth, hundreds of the parent animals are mercilessly slaughtered by the Indians, solely for the sake of their skins. The carcasses are left to rot in the woods and on the borders of lakes. It never was the intention of the Legislature to countenance such proceedings, the exemption in favor of the savages was to allow them to kill for food, but when they thus abuse one of God's greatest gifts, and destroy life, solely for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquor, leaving thousands of pounds of meat to decay in the woods, we are of opinion that their privileges, which now allow them a latitude of which they have shewn themselves unworthy, should be abolished, and that they should be brought down to the level of other citizens.

In fact the tenderness shewn, and the exclusive rights granted, act as incentives on the Indians, to persist in their present idle, useless and uncivilized modes of life.

In conclusion, your committee would duly impress upon your consideration, that Lower Canada possesses in her forests, rivers and marshes, if due care is shewn for their preservation, inexhaustible sources of profit and wealth, but that if the present state of things is permitted to exist any longer, the fish and game of the country will soon be numbered amongst the things that were.

Certified,

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