

To sum up I might add that the general concensus of opinion seems to be that more stringent steps should be taken to shut out whites from trapping north of the C.N.R. line, and that unless such steps are taken the entire district will soon be entirely depleted of fur-bearing animals, leaving the Indians who have no other gainful occupations, entirely dependent upon the Government. They claim also that such restrictions will eventually prove beneficial not only to the Indians, but to the Government.

In support of the above suggestions I wish to add that at all the inland northern posts where the districts are not overrun by white trappers, I have ascertained that a more bountiful fur harvest has been reaped by the Indians, thus making them more independent.

At Trout Lake I met about seven hundred Indians, and though this is by far the largest band of Indians which I visited yet I found the Relief Accounts for May \$62.54, and for June \$5.83, which clearly proves that these Indians are doing their bit to support themselves during this period of depression.

At Attawapiscat as requested, I made inquiry regarding Akimiski Island. This large island is located in James Bay, extending for a distance of about seventy-five miles from the mouth of the Attawapiscat River, to the entrance to the north channel of the Albany River. It has an average width of from ten to twenty miles. There are hills and valleys, marshes and dry lands covered with trees. There are several fresh water streams and lakes on the island, making it an excellent habitation for beavers and others which have been completely exterminated. The island is also excellent for the rearing of foxes, the pelts of which are much superior to those of foxes trapped on the mainland. The island is also an excellent sanctuary for wild geese and ducks, it being in the direct course of these birds when migrating.

I have been informed that the Hudson's Bay Company has been endeavouring to secure this island as a game preserve, which if they secure, will deprive the Attawapiscat Indians of hunting on the island as they have always done.

Requests.

At Mattice I found the children in dire need of clothing, so I authorized the Hudson's Bay Company to supply them with enough print etc., to clad them, the total amount not to exceed \$75.00.

A request was also made for the following to be sent to H. Lariviere, Manager of Hudson's Bay Company at Mattice, as soon as possible:-

- 10 pairs flannelette blankets
- 12 pairs trousers, sizes 38 and 40.

At English River.

Thomas Koostachin, No. 223, Albany, claims he did not get his annuity for 1932. I promised to look up the pay-list for last year and to send him his cheque for the amount to him, care of Revillon Freres Trading Company, Pagwa River, Ont.

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