

the morning we would find it built up again. So, one of the boys got the idea of putting a lighted lantern at each end of the dam. This worked fine for the first night, but on the second night the beavers said that lantern didn't do us any harm last night, so they went out and built the dam up, in spite of the lighted lantern on each side.

The CHAIRMAN: If men could only learn in one day or even in one night how to do things; with one day's experience!

Mr. MATTHEWS: Are there many beavers in those waters?

Mr. ALLAN: They are becoming more plentiful in the southern parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan every year, for some reason or other, I do not know why. Mr. Forsythe, the fur commissioner for Saskatchewan, says they are becoming a great nuisance in places.

Mr. RICKARD: Suppose a man sat there all night with a lantern?

Mr. ALLAN: A man did stay there with the lanterns, but they paid no attention to him, even though he might have killed them easily. They took that risk.

Mr. MACNICOL: We can pass by beaver now.

The CHAIRMAN: All right. It is ten minutes to one and I thought we had better adjourn before we take up the subject of muskrats, so that we may get the whole muskrat picture in front of us.

Mr. McIVOR: I am not a member of the committee, Mr. Chairman, but may I say a word?

The CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to permit Mr. McIvor to ask a question?

A MEMBER: No.

Mr. McIVOR: The socialization of muskrats started in the depression times and I have just one idea in my mind and that is that there should be one man to look after the socialization of the muskrats and give his whole time to it. No better man than D. J. Allan could be found to do this work. That is one thing that we should keep in mind.—(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN: Well, 3 o'clock—will that be a convenient hour for us to reassemble? We will adjourn until 3 o'clock in this same room.

The Committee adjourned at 12.50 p.m. to meet again this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee resumed at 3 o'clock p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, we will come to order and I shall ask Mr. Allan if he will return—I almost said to the box.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I was under the impression that I had pretty well finished and that there was only one question to which I might add a further word of explanation. That question is in connection with the proposed muskrat development project.

I shall place on the record a memorandum: —

PROPOSED FUR REHABILITATION PROGRAM

A. Immediate construction program to be completed in three years—

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| 1. Extension and completion of Sipanok Rat Development Project, Province of Saskatchewan, 250,000 acres..... | \$ 100,000 00 |
| 2. Development of 200,000 acres Indian lands and Alberta lands in the Athabasca Delta, Alberta | 150,000 00 |
| 3. Maintenance and protection of above projects to production.. | 50,000 00 |
| | \$ 300,000 00 |