

closer investigation I was disappointed to find that no fresh cuttings existed, and that no beaver were there at all. I afterwards heard that beaver had been caught in the locality that summer, so that was the end of one colony, which might have been saved by the timely enactment of the before-mentioned bill. Doubtless other colonies have met with a similar fate.

Upon the publication of the following letter I received a number of letters from persons interested in this subject, all in sympathy with my proposal. I append one from Mr. I. H. Brownlee, of Victoria, which appeared in the "Colonist."

I also publish a statement by a very intelligent and influential Indian from the Kluskus Lake country.

In addressing this pamphlet to you, I do so with the request that you will kindly fill in and sign the blank form and send to me by return mail, so that another effort, backed up by the opinions of well-informed persons, may be made at this coming session to pass a law which will save and permanently conserve this valuable animal.

I may add that ample time must, of course, be given to trappers now out to dispose of their fur before such a law comes into operation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

SIDNEY WILLIAMS.

Quesnel, B. C., December 30th, 1904.