

residents of the north, and am pleased to enumerate some of their views and suggestions on which they were almost united in relating:-

1. That the Indians should be given the sole fur rights regarding trapping in the district north of the C.N.R. line, in the Province of Ontario, but with the following stipulations:-
 - (a) That the half breeds, recognized more or less as Indians, born and brought up in the above mentioned district, should be given the same rights as Indians.
 - (b) That whites who are British subjects and who have resided for ten years and still are residing in the above mentioned district should be given special privileges.
 - (c) That whites who are British subjects should not be deprived of sporting hunting rights in the district, subject, of course, to regulations laid down by the Department of Game and Fisheries.
 - (d) That there should be a close season for beaver and otter for at least ten years, Indians as well as whites being excluded.
In support of this proposition it is maintained that the thrifty beaver is considered a real game warden and a good fire ranger, for it is a recognized fact that where the beaver dams are found there are fewer fires, and consequently, will be found more of the other fur-bearing animals.
 - (e) That the fur harvest has been depleted fully 75% during the past ten years by trapping and by ravages of wolves and bears, and that therefore further means should be taken to exterminate these animals. Special rewards should be given for the destruction of these animals, more particularly wolves, during the nursing seasons.

The above suggestions are concurred in by H. Lariviere, Manager of the Hudson's Bay Company at Mattice, by L. G. Clay, Station Agent at Moonbeam, by Ronald D. McKay of Cochrane, formerly manager of the New Ontario Colonization Company, by William McLeod, manager of Revillon Freres Trading Company at Lansdowne, and by J. G. Anderson, Bishop of Moosonee, Cochrane, Ont., who kindly sent me the following resolution passed by the Synod at their session held in May 1933:-

Diocese of Moosonee held May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1933.

That the Synod now in session views with extreme anxiety the situation that is fast making itself felt when the depletion of the fur-bearing animals throughout the north country will create great hardship among our Indian people, and where within a very short period their means of providing a livelihood will be taken away. We would suggest that the Department of Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Game and Fisheries Department, of the Province of Ontario and Quebec, enact regulations whereby all fur-bearing animals be protected for a period of five years, and that at the end of that period none but Indians be allowed to trap and hunt in these areas.

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