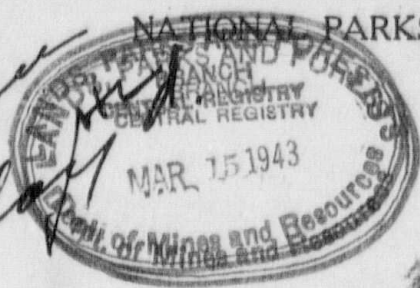


MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL PARKS BUREAU



Mr. Smart

FILE J.A.300.A.

Jasper, Alberta.
March 10th, 1943.

Dr. Clarke

With reference to your memorandum of January 23rd, also that of February 27th, File J.300., in connection with wild life.

I would advise that considerable interest is being taken in the vegetation plots, which were fenced at Miette and Devona.

I am enclosing photographs taken at Miette and hope to have the Devona photographs at an early date.

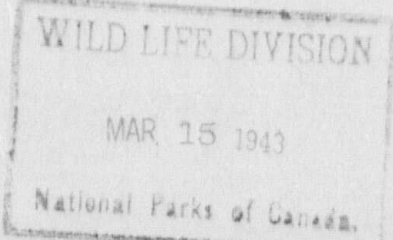
There is ample feed in the Miette area, although the photographs show more growth of grass on the inside of the fence. Most animals will graze, close to a fence, for some reason. There does not appear to be any more grass roots in the plots, despite a wet season last year.

With regard to the number of game animals in Jasper Park, 10,000 animals, would be a very fair guess. Most of the Warden Staff estimate considerably higher. Elk herds are estimated at - 4,000, - Sheep 2,000, - Goat 1,500; Deer, Moose and Caribou would easily make up 10,000 head.

It is quite possible for a tourist to see very little game at some seasons and reach erroneous conclusions, but to an all year resident in the park Mr. Fisher's statement is foolish. The opinion expressed regarding the number of game animals, is based on the observations of the Park Wardens and Outfitters.

James
Superintendent.

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