

but this the Inspector proceeds to give explanations which leave the Department in doubt as to the extent to which blame attaches to the Agent or Stockman, but this is of less consequence in view of the fact that the herd will soon be a thing of the past, and the Stockman's position abolished.

The brutality in handling live stock attributed to the Indians is most regrettable, and Agents, Farmers and Stockmen should exert themselves to prevent everything savouring of such character.

The Department is not aware of any objection to the Inspector's suggestion relative to the manner of disposing of the balance of the herd, but would like to be informed as to what use it is intended to make of the sales, and what if such be intended, the Department should pay for beef animals, which are its own property, when sent to supply the requirements of the Saddle Lake Agency.

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