28. Cannot say.

29. Sow in May and reap in August or September.

30. End of April or beginning of May.

31. Only a few days.

32. Potatoes, beginning of August; strawberries, July; gooseberries, later; other small fruit; Saskatoon, July.

33. Warmer and more genial than that of Edmonton district.

34. No frost to my knowledge.

35. No answer.

36. If there was such a thing as local or general frosts, settlement would undoubtedly make them less liable to injure plant life or vegetation, were the ground properly drained by the settlers.

37. About the month of June.

- 38. Generally dry.
- 39. No answer.
- 40. No answer.
- 41. Grows in most places, but especially in the Peace River district.

42. Can't tell.

43. Black loam and clay underneath.

44. No answer.

45. The climate is not so severe as to prevent cattle from feeding out in winter.

46. I know of none.

- 47. The only record I know of is taken by the Hudson Bay factors at the different posts.
 - 48. This information can be obtained from the above source.

49. No answer.

50. It is felt as far as Fort Yukon, in Alaska, on the Yukon River.

51. Stock-raising has done well on the Peace River and Mackenzie, including Fort Simpson, Fort Liard, Fort Resolution, Fort Confidence and Fort Chipewyan. Farming has been carried on at all these places with good results.

52. I cannot sav.

Evidence of Magnus Anderson, taken by Frank Oliver, Edmonton, Alberta.

Answers from Wm. Cornwallis King, Hudson Bay Company, Fort Pelley, Assa., P. O. Ardpatrick, Manitoba.

SERIES A-RELATING TO NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION.

1. I entered the Hudson Bay Company in 1862, and resided 20 years in McKenzie River and Athabasca, also at Ile a la Cup and Fort Pelley; came out and returned home via York Factory and Hudson Bay. Travelled from Winnipeg via Ellice, Carleton, Emerson, Lesser Slave Lake to Fort Dunvegan, also on to McLeod Lake and mostly all over the north.

2. Needless to reply to this—as the information you already have (see the Senate

- Debates) is very very nearly correct. Useless for anyone to deny or cavil at it.

 3. There are many other routes—for instance, the Peace and Liard start at Halfway River above St. Johns, and strike the head waters of the Liard, not west bank; again, Athabasca Lake and Great Slave Lake start from the bottom of Christie's Bay, Slave Lake, and strike across, land direct to Athabasca Lake; much waters or solid land, whichever you wish; also start from Great Bear Lake, and strike Chesterfield Inlet. If Hudson Bay route is practicable that is too. Get a good map, and you will be able to fol-
- 4. Great Slave Lake.—North, deep blue water and rocky; west, stoney and shoal close to land; east, sandy and also shoal close to land.

Great Bear Lake.—Very deep and clear water; shoal close to land.