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# SHALL WE SAVE THE BEAVER?



Dear Sir,—

I request you to read the following letter relating to the saving of the beaver from extinction, which appeared in the "Colonist" last February, when an effort was made to induce the Government to bring a bill before the House then in session, which bill included the protection of the beaver for a term of years upon the lines proposed in this letter.

The Government at that time were not prepared to bring in any more possibly contentious legislation, so the matter was laid over, although the members of the Government, and many members of the House were quite in sympathy with the proposal.

In this matter every year is of vast importance, and had the close period been created last session many beaver would be living to-day and a start made towards replenishing the stock.

This fact was brought forcibly before me last summer, when I happened to be working upon the Upper Chilcote River, at a place where vast thickets of willow exist for miles. I was delighted to come upon quite extensive beaver workings, apparently used, new dams had been built, old ones repaired and large stones placed upon them to keep them in place, aspen trees had been cut down over large spaces, and everything showed the recent presence of a thriving little colony of beavers such as I had not seen for years; but upon