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will not go into the other disagreements between Mr. Macoun and Dr. Dawson and the other gentlemen we have mentioned, but they are striking and irreconcilable. Mr. Macoun, in his report, cites Mr. Ogilvie in support of his contention that this country is not suited to wheat-raising. Mr. Ogilvie, on the same page that Mr. Macoun quotes from, says:—

‘Were it not for the difficulty of getting into and out of the country, stock-raising might be profitably engaged in. Hay is abundant and of good quality nearly everywhere; and in summer, grazing is excellent.’

Mr. Macoun condemns this country for stock-raising, and in his evidence, upon being asked: ‘Isn’t it good for either cattle or grain?’ Said: ‘That is what I say. I don’t think it necessary to make it plainer. If you want it definite, it is less suited for cattle as an industry than for grain-raising. It is not only difficult to get hay for winter, but it is difficult to get water.’

4. It is, in our opinion, to be regretted that Mr. Macoun’s report was ever printed or distributed, and we would earnestly advise that no more copies of said report be given to the public until a careful examination of the the country by reliable experts can be made, and in this connection, we would urge that the Government take immediate action to have this country thoroughly explored and reported upon by competent and reliable men.

5. We find ourselves unable to reconcile the different statements made by Mr. Macoun in his evidence and in his report.

6. We consider this matter of vital importance to the interests of Canada, as the report of Mr. Macoun and the evidence given by him before the Committee must necessarily have a very serious effect upon the opening and development of this important section of the Dominion.

7. Your Committee cannot undertake to decide the differences that exist between Mr. Macoun and the reports of the other gentlemen, but we are strongly of opinion that he had not sufficient knowledge or data upon which to found the conclusions he arrived at.

F. B. WADE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

SECOND REPORT.

The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization present their second report as follows:—

The committee recommend:

1. That 20,000 copies of the evidence of Dr. William Saunders, taken by this committee in the current session of parliament, be printed in pamphlet form forthwith, in the usual numerical proportions of English and French, as advance sheets of the committee’s final report, for distribution as follows:—16,000 copies to the members of parliament; 3,000 copies to be allotted to the Department of Agriculture for distribution; and 100 copies for the use of the committee.

2. That 20,000 copies of the evidence of each member for the official staff at the Central Experimental Farm, who testified before this committee in the current session of parliament, be printed forthwith in pamphlet form, in the usual relative numbers in English and French, as advance sheets of the committee’s final report, and distributed as follows:—19,400 of each to members of parliament; that 500 copies of his own evidence be allotted to each member of the said official staff; and 100 copies of each to the use of the committee.

3. That 50,000 copies of the evidence of Professor J. C. MacLennan on the metric system be printed forthwith, in pamphlet form, in the usual relative numbers of English and French, to be distributed as follows:—46,400 copies to members of parliament;