

and leave the rest of the work to the squaws. They did all the work of cutting up the meat and curing it, and all that the Indian did after hunting was to go to his tent and lounge in the most comfortable part and relate his exploits. The mode of life is quite different.

*By the Honorable Mr. Reesor :*

Q. Do they differ in stature or development? A. No, there is no difference in that way.

*By the Honorable Mr. Allan :*

Q. What can the plain Indian do now? His hunting was done on horseback, was it not? A. Yes, they used to run the buffalo on horseback. There is very little snow in winter, and they had three ways of killing the buffalo, hunting, pounding and stalking.

*By the Honorable Mr. Reesor :*

Q. They would stop the buffalo from going south? A. No, they would generally stop them from coming north. The buffalo would go south in summer and north in winter.

*By the Honorable Mr. Turner :*

Q. Is there any wood buffalo? A. There are a few in the Mackenzie River district.

Q. Are they the same class of animals as the prairie buffalo? A. Yes, only they grow larger.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Are they also disappearing? A. Yes, they are disappearing very fast.

*By the Honorable Mr. Carvell :*

Q. I understood the witnesses to say that the extermination of the buffalo is not due to the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway? A. No; the extermination of the buffalo was going on for years while the country was in the possession of the Hudson's Bay Company.

*By the Honorable Mr. Macdonald :*

Q. Why do the buffalo go north in winter and south in summer? A. They go north in winter for shelter. Formerly when the buffalo were plentiful they were found in great numbers north of the Saskatchewan. There is a prairie there that is well sheltered by timber and the buffalo naturally take to shelter especially in severe weather.

*By the Honorable Mr. Reesor :*

Q. Have you seen any musk oxen? A. No; I have had no experience of the musk ox, but I am told that the meat is very objectionable—that it smells very strong. The robe, of course, is very valuable.

*By the Honorable Mr. Carvell :*

Q. How does it compare with the buffalo? A. The musk ox robe is much more valuable. It is not so large, but it is much nicer.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. You stated to the Committee the existence of some bands of wood buffalo; can you suggest to the Committee any means of preserving the race by protection in any way? A. The wood buffalo are only to be found in the Mackenzie River country now. The only way to preserve them is to enforce the game laws.

Q. Supposing some of these animals were driven south, could they be protected? A. You could not drive them at all. It is as much as you can do to get within gunshot of them. They are very wary. They are very much the same as the prairie buffalo only they have taken to the woods and have grown much larger. They are less disturbed there and get more to eat. The prairie buffalo was constantly disturbed. The fox, the wolf, and all the animals that frequent the north seem to grow larger and to have better fur than those that are found further south. Some say that the wood buffalo is a different animal from the prairie buffalo, but I think it is the same animal, only it has a better opportunity to live. The extermination of the buffalo is largely due to the fact that it was hunted all the year round. The herds had not an opportunity for breeding. For years and years before the total extermination took place