The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

P. O. Box 20

S. C. BURTON
SECRETARY

Kamloops, B. C., October 16th. 1916.

C. A. Semlin Esq.,

Cache Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

[See Ephemera File]

I enclose herewith copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Central Executive, held at Kamloops on the 10th. inst.

The Annual Meeting of the Western Canada Live Stock Union, of which our Association is a member, will be held at Calgary on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd. and 23rd. of November, the date having been changed from the 1st. and 2nd. of November. All members of our Association are invited to attend.

[See Ephemera File]

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of proposed regulations, governing the use of Meadows ~~and~~ in Forest Reserves for the winter feeding of Stock; also copy of regulations governing Dominion Forest Reserves, as revised in 1916.

At the meeting of the Central Executive, held last week, the question of permitting Brand Inspectors to deal in hides, was discussed. The Brand Inspector, for this District, was of the opinion that in the interests of the stock raisers it was advisable as so many more hides, in this

manner, were brought to his attention.

The expression of opinion from the Local Associations is asked for on this point, and I shall be glad if, after your members have discussed it, you will let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

S. C. Burton

SCB/DLH
Encl.

SECRETARY.

Meeting of the Central Executive held in the Council Chamber at Kamloops on Tuesday, October 10th. 1916, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present:- Hon. Senator Bostock in the Chair and Messrs. F. G. Gordon, T. Bulman, H. B. Taite and A. W. Duck.

The minutes of the meeting of May 17th. 1916 were read and adopted

A letter from the Western Canada Live Stock Union advising that our application for membership had been accepted, was read and received and filed.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Western Canada Live Stock Union to be held in Calgary on the 1st. and 2nd. of November next, and asking us to appoint a delegate, and also inviting any member of our Association to be present, was read.

Moved by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Taite that the President be appointed a delegate, and that Mr. F. B. Ward of Douglas Lake be an alternate.

CARRIED.

Mr. P. Roy Cameron, Dominion Forestry Inspector, was in attendance and addressed the meeting in connection with proposed regulations re use of Forest Reserve Meadows for winter feed.

He stated that he had acted in conjunction with the special committee from the Association, and the regulations he now submitted were with one or two slight alterations, satisfactory to the Committee He asked for a formal resolution of approval from the Central Executiv

Moved by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that the proposed regulations as amended be appwoved.

CARRIED.

A letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture was read in which it was agreed to contribute the sum of $50.00 per month to the Brand Inspectors salary, on condition that the stock men contributed a similar amount.

Received and filed.

Letter, from the Live Stock Commissioner, with copies of amended orders in council, defining the season for bulls to run at large in the various districts, was read and received and filed.

Letter, from the Department of Indian Affairs, respecting Indian Brands, in which we were asked to communicate with them again when we approached the Provincial Legislature for amended legislation, was read and left in the hands of the Secretary for attention.

A letter from the Grand Prairie Association recommending that dealers in raw hides be taxed yearly, was read.

A resolution covering this was passed at the meeting of the Association held on December 15th. 1916, and the Secretary was asked to again bring the matter before the Department at Victoria.

Moved by Mr. Bulman, seconded by Mr. Duck that the Forestry Department be asked to burn off a section on the lower level of one or more forest reserves as an experiment for grazing purposes and that a representative from the Association be appointed to act in conjunction with the Department.

CARRIED.

Mr. Bulman was asked to act on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Cahilty, the Brand Inspector, who was present, pointed out that the act did not give him power to search wagons that he might suspect were used for conveying stolen beef.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Victoria and ask that the powers of Brand Inspector be defined in the Act.

Mr. Cahilty also stated that some of the Stock men were experiencing difficulty over stray unbranded cattle and horses, and that there was no machinery in the act to deal with them.

Moved by Mr. Taite, seconded by Mr. Duck that the Secretary write to the Government and ask that permission be given to sell such animals and that the proceeds be applied towards the Brand Inspectors salaries.

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Duck, seconded by Mr. Taite, that the following be added to Section 23 of the Brand Act: " All persons before slaughtering beef shall have a certificate giving a description of

the animal and all marks or brands on same, signed by two responsible persons, and such certificate shall be forwarded to the Brand Inspector for the District.

CARRIED.

The question as to the advisability of allowing brand inspectors to purchase and deal in hides was then discussed.

Mr. Cahilty thought that while there was very little profit in the business, they should do this, as it brought so many more hides under his notice that might otherwise be shipped through a point where it was impossible for him to inspect them.

It was decided to ask the Local Association to express their views on this.

The Secretary was instructed to again press upon the Government the resolutions passed at previous meetings, with the view of having them incorporated in legislation at the next Session.

The Meeting then adjourned.

PROJECT MEADOWS:

Meadows placed under this classification will be such as are situated in inaccessible locations from which it will be impossible to haul hay, so that any use thereof will be contingent upon feeding stock on the ground. To such meadows the following regulations will apply:-

1. - A permit for a term of five years for the sole use of a project meadow, or in case of small meadows for any number of meadows whose combined acreage as determined by survey under conditions of Section 13, following does not exceed 100 acres, may be granted to any British Subject, subject to the following conditions.

2. a - In considering application for use of project meadows the following classes of applicants will be considered in the following order of preference.

Class 1. Applicants who are bona-fide owners of ranch or farm lands who desire to procure project meadows to be used as adjuncts to their ranches or farms.

Class 2. Applicants who do not own ranch or farm lands to supplement the use of project meadows in raising stock, but who desire to procure project meadows to raise stock thereon as independent business ventures.

b. Applications from persons in Class 2, will not be considered until all applications of persons in Class 1 are satisfied.

3. - The permittee shall undertake improvement work adequate to bring the meadow to its maximum bearing capacity, such improvements to be satisfactory to the Forest Officer in charge of the Reserve.

4. - All fences constructed shall be maintained by the permittee during his occupancy, in a condition satisfactory to the Forest Officer.

5. - All timber required to be cut on the Forest Reserve for the construction of improvements shall be obtained under the conditions of the Forest Reserve Regulations.

6. - Only stock of which the permittee is the bona-fide owner or lessee, as defined below, shall be maintained upon a project meadow.

Definition of a lessee of Stock. A lessee of stock is a person or company who has leased a ranch or farm and fixtures including stock as a going concern

for a term of years on the basis of either a fixed rental or shares of profits and a guarantee to return an equivalent number of stock or the cash value of same to the owner on the termination of the lease.

7. - The minimum annual use requirements for stock maintained upon a project meadow shall be as follows:-

1. During the first three years of duration of permit.
   (a) Cattle or horses, 1 head to be wintered for every 2 acres of meadow under permit.
   (b) Sheep, 5 head to be wintered for every 2 acres of meadow under permit.
2. During the fourth and fifth years of permit and during renewal thereof granted under Section 11 (Eleven). below.
   (a) Cattle or horses, 1 head to be wintered per acre of meadow under permit.
   (b) Sheep, 5 head to be wintered per acre of meadow under permit.

8. - A permittee may use a project meadow in any of the following ways:-

1. To put up hay for feeding stock the following winter.
2. To pasture stock during summer.
3. To grow hay on one part and pasture the remainder.

9. - Every permittee will make affidavit to the Forest Officer in charge of the Reserve before May 1st. of each year of the use made of the project meadow under permit to him during the preceding twelve months. This affidavit shall set forth:-

1. Number of stock maintained.
2. Time maintained.
3. Quantity of hay put up.
4. Quantity of hay fed.
5. Improvements made.

10. - Every holder of a permit will be held responsible for any fire which starts directly or indirectly, personally, through any servant, employee or agent of said permittee upon any land within a Forest Reserve held under permit granted to said permittee, and employee's services shall be given free whenever the fire starts on or threatens the land or improvements held under said permit. Any neglect on the part of the permittee is sufficient cause for the cancellation of the permit.

11. - Every permittee who has conformed to the requirements of these regulations shall be granted three renewals of said permit for further five years, terms upon application at least six months prior to the termination of said permit or renewal thereof, and such application will have preference over all other applications for the same land.

12. - The fees to be charged for the use of project meadows will be as follows:-

Original Permit	- Not less than 5 cents per acre per year.
First Renewal	- Ten cents per acre per year.
Second and Third Renewals	- Fifteen cents per acre per year.

13. - Every project meadow for which application for use under permit is received will be surveyed by a Forest Officer by metes and bounds. A plan of said survey will be filed in the office of the Forest Supervisor and every permit issued shall be based on the acreage as shown on such plan.

14. - Permits for the use of project meadows shall not be transferable or assignable without the consent of the Minister and no individual or corporation shall be entitled to more than one permit at a time.

15. - In cases where the Minister has consented to the assignment of a permit such permit shall be returned to the Forestry Branch and a new permit will be issued to the assignee based on the terms of the original permit assigned.

16. - In case of cancellation of a permit or where a renewal is not desired or procurable a second permittee for an improved project meadow will be required to pay the fee which the original permittee would have paid had his occupancy continued.

17. - Where more than one application of the same class is received at the same time for a meadow for which no permit is in force the Forest Officer may partition the meadow, if satisfactory to the applicants. If no agreement is possible between them he shall put the right up to tender on an acreage basis at an upset price not less than those fixed in Section 10 above.

18. - Summer range for stock wintered on a project meadow may be secured under the terms of the Grazing Regulations. The holder of a project meadow shall be considered as having a Class 1 preference for first call on range adjacent to such meadow.

The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 12th. *191* 7

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of proposed Amendments to the "Animals Act", having reference to the turning out of Bulls on public ranges, which appears to cover recommendations made by ~~each~~ our Association.

Yours truly,

S. C. BURTON,
Secretary.

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HON. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

BILL.

No. 20.] [1917.

An Act to amend the "Animals Act."

R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 10; 1915, c. 5.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Animals Act Amendment Act, 1917." Short title.

2. Section 3 of the "Animals Act," being chapter 10 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," as re-enacted by section 2 of chapter 6 of the Statutes of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the word "nine" where it occurs in the first line of clause (*c*) of subsection (1) of said section 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six." Amends s. 3.

3. Section 3 of said chapter 10 is further amended by inserting the following as subsection (*d*):— Further amends s. 3.

"(*d.*) Any owner of cows which are over two years of age and running at large upon any unfenced pasture or range east of the Cascade range of mountains shall with every thirty or major fraction thereof of such cows provide and run therewith one bull of a good beef type; such bull shall be upwards of one year of age."

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The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 21st. *1917*

C. A. Semlin, Esq.,
Cache Creek,
Ashcroft, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th. inst., and am glad to note that Ashcroft can provide 28 beds. This will, I think, be sufficient accommodation and I will arrange for a meeting to be held at Ashcroft and will get out the notices in a few days.

I shall be glad if you will let me know the name of a Hall or Room where the meeting can be held.

Yours faithfully,

S. C. Burton

SCB/DLH. SECRETARY.

The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 30th, 1917

C. A. Semlin, Esq.,
Sec. Ashcroft Branch Stock Raisers Ass'n.,
Cache Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of the Brand Act, as amended in Committee.

I might draw your attention to the fact that Section 42, has been amended providing for a fine not exceeding $800.00 or imprisonment not exceeding two years, and the license in hides has been increased to $5.00 .

I hope in a few days, to be able to send you a copy of the report of the last Annual Meeting of the Western Canada Live Stock Union, held at Calgary last Fall.

Yours faithfully,

S. C. Burton

SECRETARY.

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The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 30th. *1917*

C. A. Semlin, Esq.,
Sec. Ashcroft Stock Association,
Cache Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Central Association will be held at Ashcroft on Tuesday, June 5th. 1917, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Under Article 5 of the Constitution, your Association is entitled to two representatives at the Annual meeting. Members of any affiliated local association will be gladly welcomed and can take part in the discussion of any matters that may come before the meeting. Only the credited representatives, however, will be entitled to a vote.

Yours faithfully,

S. C. Burton

SCB/DLH. SECRETARY.

The Interior Stock Raisers Association of B. C.

Kamloops, B. C., June 15th. 1917

C. A. Semlin, Esq.,
Sec. Ashcroft Stock Breeders Ass'n.,
Cache Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of the Minutes of the Annual General meeting, held at Ashcroft on the 5th. June, last.

Yours faithfully,

S. C. Burton

SECRETARY.

SCB/DLH.
Encl.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING;

of the Association held at Ashcroft on Tuesday, June 5th. 1917.

PRESENT: Mr. L. F. Stobart in the Chair and Messrs. L. P. Guichon, Nicola; Thomas Bulman, Kamloops; R. B. Homersham, Heffley Creek; P. Botta, Ducks; P. Parke, E. Tiffin, C. Gibson and C. A. Semlin, Ashcroft; F. W. Anderson, M. P. P., Joseph Walters, M. P. P., and Mr. W. T. McDonald, Live Stock Commissioner.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and upon motion of Mr. R. B. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Bulman, were adopted.

Letter from Deputy Minister of Agriculture re Brand Commissioners, also letter from Mr. F. W. Anderson, M. P. P., stating that owing to the Government having to practice rigid economy it was not thought advisable to make any appointments at the present time.

Moved by Mr. Guichon, seconded by Mr. Homersham, that we urge upon the Government that Three Brand Commissioners, as recommended , be appointed for a term of one year to refise all brands issued, and that no further brands be issued until personally inspected by the Recorder of Brands.

CARRIED.

A Resolution from Windermere Association re Indian Brands, was read and in this connection the Secretary read correspondence he had had with the Department of Indian Affairs, and Senator Bostock. The latter promised to go into the matter fully with the Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs as soon as he had received a copy of the new B. C. Act.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Bulman, that Mr. W. T. McDonald be asked to send a copy of the Act to Ottawa, and urge the authorities to insist upon having all Indian Brands recorded with the Provincial authorities in accordance with the Brand Act.

CARRIED.

A further Resolution from Windermere was submitted asking that Indians be prohibited from slaughtering cattle on the open range and that a proper slaughter corral on each Reservation be provided.

On motion the Resolution was endorsed.

The application of the Windermere Association to the Provincial Government for the appointment of a Brand Inspector and patrolling policeman combined for their District was, on motion of Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Bulman, endorsed.

Letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, dated March 19th., stating that the Department of Agriculture would pay the full salary of Robert Cahilty, Brand Inspector, as from April 1st, 1917, was read.

Moved by Mr. Guichon, seconded by Mr. Bulman, that the letter be received and filed and the thanks of the Association be extended to the Department for their action.

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Bulman, seconded by Mr. Guichon, that our Annual membership fee of $25.00 to the Western Canada Live Stock Union, be paid.

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Guichon, that Brand Inspectors or their Deputies, be empowered to carry open search warrants and also that Brand Inspectors be empowered to appoint as Deputies, any Game or Fire Warden, Fisheries Inspector, or Provincial Policeman on patrol duty.

CARRIED.

Letter from the Live Stock Commissioner, stating that his Department was taking under further consideration the question of compulsory vaccination for "Blackleg".

Mr. McDonald informed the meeting that "Blackleg" was not strictly speaking a contagious disease as it was not transmitted

from one live animal to another and there were no provisions for its control by the Dominion authorities.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Lotts, that the Dominion Government be requested to list "Blackleg" as a contagious disease, under the Animals Contagious Diseases Act.

CARRIED.

For the information of the meeting, Mr. Homersham asked Mr. McDonald to state unde what conditions the services of Provincial and Dominion Veterinary Surgeons were available. Mr. McDonald replied that the Services of Dominion Government Veterinary Surgeons were available for contagious diseases only, and they were entitled to charge fees for other work. Provincial Government Vets. were not permitted to enter into private practice at all.

The application of the B. C. Poultry Association for affiliation with the Western Canada Live Stock Union was referred to the meeting for consideration.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Guichon that we endorse their application for affiliation.

CARRIED.

The Secretary read correspondence from Heffley Creek and with the Department of Justice at Ottawa respecting the release of L. S. Bell on Ticket of Leave and the proposed release of his partner in crime, C. L. Dow, two men sentenced for cattle stealing and for whose conviction the Association had paid a reward.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Guichon, that the Resolution passed at he meeting of the Central Executive on December 19th, 1916, objecting to the reduction of sentences in cases of conviction for cattle stealing until the Association had an opportunity of being heard , be reiterated and

that the Secretary take up the matter further with Ottawa.

CARRIED.

Resolutions from Lillooet Associations were read recommending as follows:-

1. - More stable land laws for the encouragement of the beef raising industry.
2. - That the Association be given an opportunity of being heard before regulations affecting the grazing of cattle on ranges are promulgated.
3. - That the Government attention should be called to the fact that notwithstanding the increase in cost of living, scarcity of labour, and heavy taxation, the stockraisers are receiving a gradually lowered scale of pay for their stock.
4. - The appointment of a uniformed body of mounted police to patrol the main routes in the District and that they be assisted by deputy fire wardens, etc.

Moved by Mr. Homersham , seconded by Mr. Guichon, that we endorse same.

CARRIED.

The complaint of the Windermere Association of the refusal of the C. P. R. to pay for stock killed on its track was discussed at length, and in this connection reports of judgments favouring the Railway Company were read.

Moved by Mr. Guichon, seconded by Mr. Homersham, that we enlist the assistance of the Western Canada Live Stock Union and urge them to take the matter up with the Railway Commission.

CARRIED.

The President reported that the Kamloops Agricultural Association was anxious to arrange for the holding of an Annual Bull Sale similar to the one held at Calgary.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Guichon, that a penalty to apply to Sec. 3. S.S.(d) be inserted in the Brand Act.

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Dulman, that the question of increase in the personal property as effecting stock be referred to the Central Executive for them to take steps to secure the abolition of the increase at the earliest possible moment.

CARRIED.

Mr. Guichon referred to the shortage of labour for farm work in the Province, and was of the opinion that steps should be taken to prevent the Railway Companies making cheap rates for labourers for the North West.

The Secretary was instructed to file an objection with the Department of Labour at Victoria.

Moved by Mr. Guichon, seconded by Mr. Homersham, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. F. W. Anderson, M. P. P., for the interest he had taken in the recent legislation effecting stockmen.

CARRIED.

Financial Statement for the year ended May 31st. 1917, was read as follows:-

RECEIPTS:

Balance Cash on hand, May 31st./16.		$216.60
Membership Fees,	95.00	
Arrears of Special Assesst.1915-16.	91.20	186.20

EXPENDITURE:

Membership Fees, Canada Live Stock Union,	25.00	
Printing, postage, stationery, telegrams & advertising,	29.86	
Secretary's salary,	240.00	
Copies of Brand Book,	2.50	
Bank Exchange on cheques,	1.35	
Balance cash on hand,	104.09	
	$402.80	$402.80

Audited and found correct,
(Sgd.) ARTHUR C. CLAXTON,
Chartered Accountant.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Guichon, that the report be adopted.

CARRIED.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:-

HON. PRESIDENTS: -	Hon. Senator Bostock, Mr. C. A. Semlin and Mr. F. B. Ward.
PRESIDENT: -	Mr. F. L. Stobart.
1st. VICE PRES: -	Mr. A. Fehr.
2nd. VICE PRES: -	Mr. H. S. Cleasby.
SECRETARY: -	Mr. S. C. Burton.
AUDITOR: -	Mr. A. C. Claxton.

Moved by Mr. Homersham, seconded by Mr. Semlin, that the next Annual General Meeting be held at Kamloops.

CARRIED.

The Meeting then adjourned.