

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13.

Whereas, the report on education of the natives of the Territory of Alaska and the reindeer service for the years 1910 and 1911, Phamphlet No. 484, sets forth the following figures on reindeer: In June, 1911, the total number of reindeer in Alaska was 33,629, distributed among 46 herds, as follows: 20,071, or sixty per cent, owned by the natives; 3,951, or eleven per cent, are owned by the United States Government; 4,663, or fourteen per cent, are owned by missions; and 4,944, or fifteen per cent are owned by Laplanders; and

Whereas, in October, 1911, a shipment of reindeer meat left Nome for Seattle, consisting of 125 carcasses purchased from the Esquimaux of Northern Alaska; and

Whereas, the fact that shipments have been made outside of the Territory of Alaska would indicate that there is at the present time a surplus of reindeer meat in Northern Alaska; and

Whereas, the above mentioned report sets forth that there are 400,000 square miles in the treeless region of Alaska, which is worthless for agricultural purposes but which could furnish pasturage for ten million reindeer; and

Whereas, it is possible to increase the reindeer herds to the point where it would have a great bearing upon the food supply of the entire nation and would probably reduce the high price of meat; and

WHEREAS, the following statement, showing cost and results of introduction of reindeer among the natives of Alaska:

	First Ten Years 1893-1902	Next Five Years 1903-1907	Last Five Years 1908-1912	Total
Appropriations . . .	\$133,000	\$ 99,000	\$ 60,000	\$292,000
Number of herds established	9	7	38	54

	First Ten Years 1893-1902	Next Five Years 1903-1907	Last Five Years 1908-1912	Total
Number of natives owning reindeer	63	56	419	635
Average cost per native apprentice	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 143	\$ 475
Net number of reindeer received by natives ..	2,841	3,565	17,662	24,068
Valuation	\$ 71,025	\$ 89,125	\$ 441,550	\$ 601,700
Income received by natives	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 132,510	\$ 142,510
Number of Gov't reindeer at end of period	2,247	4,684	3,776	
Valuation of same	\$ 56,175	\$ 117,200	\$ 94,400	
Statement showing wealth produced by introduction of reindeer in Alaska.				
Valuation of 24,068 reindeer owned by natives in 1912, at \$25.00.....				\$ 601,700
Total income of natives, 1893-1912.....				142,510
Valuation of 14,409 reindeer owned by mis- sions, Laplanders and Government (1912) ..				360,200
Total income of missions and Laplanders, 1893-1912				57,650
Total valuation.....				\$1,162,060
Total Government appropriations, 1893-1912..				292,000
Gain.....				\$ 870,060

—298 per cent. on the investment.

compiled by the Chief of Alaska Division of Education, shows that the valuation of reindeer at the present time in Alaska, over and above the cost of initiative and maintenance, is \$870,000;

Therefore, we, your memorialists, the Territorial

Legislature of Alaska, would respectfully ask that Congress provide ways and means to rapidly increase herds of reindeer, placing them throughout the different parts of Alaska wherever sufficient natural food can be found in quantities.

We further ask that white men, settlers of Alaska, be permitted to obtain herds of reindeer under the same rules and conditions that Esquimaux, missions and Laps are now supplied, to the end that this food product may be distributed over the entire inhabited portions of Alaska, for the benefit of the citizens thereof.

Passed the Senate, April 15, 1913.

Passed the House, April 22, 1913.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14.

To the President, Col. W. P. Richardson, of the Alaska Road Commission:

Whereas, there have been located about one thousand mineral bearing claims on the mountains adjacent to Mineral Creek, a stream that enters Valdez Bay from the north, about three and a half miles from the town of Valdez; and

Whereas, there are several small stamp mills now being constructed and much work being done on Mineral Creek claims by way of developing them; and

Whereas, it is necessary to have a wagon road constructed for a distance of seven miles up the Mineral Creek Valley;

Therefore, we, your memorialists, the Senate of the Territory of Alaska, the House of Representatives concurring, would respectfully ask that the Road Commission under your supervision, be, and the same is, hereby requested to build a wagon road up the Mineral Creek