

peded by attacks of man or beast. When attacked the adult members of the herd quickly collect in a circle around the young and present a formidable front to the foe. They are not aggressive, except when directly attacked, but so sure is their defense that wolves, the principal enemy of game in the north, are ordinarily impotent against them. Milk is yielded in about half the quantity given by the average domestic cow, but it is richer, and the taste is practically the same.

Thus we have an animal which seems by nature to be designed to make a productive country out of lands now serving no purpose. In the musk-oxen are combined all the qualities most to be desired by a pioneer population of a desolate region. The northern portion of Alaska can never serve a better purpose than in becoming the grazing land of vast herds of reindeer and musk-oxen, and when so utilized will in time become one of the great sources of meat supply for the United States.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 13

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS  
ASSEMBLED:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent, that

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1918, the contract mail service between the United States and Alaska, was discontinued because of the inability of the Postal Department and the steamship companies operating vessels in the Alaskan trade to agree on terms of contract; and,

WHEREAS, ever since said date all mail to and from Alaska has been shipped by freight and express; and,

WHEREAS, such service is so inadequate, insufficient and unsatisfactory as to cause the greatest inconvenience to the people of the Territory and loss to business men and those engaged in industrial enterprises, because such service has resulted in,

First—Great and unusual delay in the unloading of mail, the same taking its turn with common freight;

Second—Great delay in distribution because of the discontinuance of mail clerks on steamships; and,

Third—Postoffice regulations as to the closing hours for receipt of outgoing mail are such as to particularly affect a great many of the business centers, and, render it impossible to answer mail received on an incoming vessel upon the next outgoing vessel and often mail deposited lays in the postoffice for as long as two days on account of the inaccuracy of reports of vessels due, and, as a consequence, business men in ordering perishables have come to depend upon telegraph service instead of mail service, at great loss and inconvenience;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, your memorialists, respectfully represent that the further continuance of the present mail service is very detrimental, and we do earnestly petition the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action to the end that this condition be promptly remedied.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

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