

Buffalo Hunt Spring 1873

The winterers are dropping in, some with accounts of having done well, but a considerable number have, we fear, fared indifferently. One party from a little south of Qu'Appelle Lakes, did little or nothing, and lost several horses, to boot.

It is said that the buffalo are once more seeking their old haunts, near Devil's Lake and other sections more northerly, from which they have been missed for a long time. Old hunters say that the buffalo appear, generally, to be coming north again, in which case our hunters may expect better luck.

It is not many years since when the buffalo were so numerous within the limits of Manitoba that some of the present settlers, while camping out, have been in danger of being trampled to death by the immense herds of buffalo moving in their neighborhood.

It has been stated that the slaughter of these animals by hunters has equalled a million a year for 30 or 40 years past, thousands of them being shot merely for the tongue or the hide.

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