

Wetaskiwin, Alberta, 3 Feb. 1937.

Miss M. B. Williams,  
24 Wendover Court,  
Lyndale Avenue,  
London, N. W. 2, England,

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I have read your book, *Guardians of the Wild*, with great pleasure and interest and, if I may say so, I consider it a model of what a book of its kind ought to be. I have taken the liberty of bringing it to the notice of the editor of *Forest and Outdoors* because I think it ought to be in the hands of as many people interested in conservation as possible.

Your chapter on the buffalo had a particular interest for me because I happened to be one of five who induced the Government to set aside and fence Elk Island Park, by guaranteeing it would enclose a certain number of elk and deer. When it came time to build the fence and no one seemed disposed to tender on it, my fellow bondsmen elected me to do the fencing and I think it is not an over-statement to say that I thus became intimately acquainted with the park area. The rewards were not princely but

one of them was the privilege of helping to put the two shipments of buffalo into the park. I still look back on those ~~of~~ occasions as among the happiest memories of my early experiences of life in Western Canada.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Herridge.

Yours sincerely,

(Judge Lees)

*J. M. Lees*

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