

the former cross being the one preferred ; “ the hybrid animal thus produced being said to be larger, hardier, “ stronger, heavier and more easily wintered than the “ domestic animal, with the additional advantage of “ yielding a skin as heavily but more evenly furred than “ the buffalo robe, and worth, it was said, as much as the “ full price of a domestic animal.” The Committee recommended that the Government Experimental Farms about to be established in Manitoba and the Territories should continue these experiments, and also endeavour to obtain hybrids between the moose and musk ox and domestic stock. The practicability of a successful cross with the buffalo having been fairly established, it is likely that in the near future this may prove a very valuable source of food supply as well as of profit from the heavy skins. It was suggested before the Committee that a cross between a buffalo and Galloway or Polled Angus would produce fine black robes, which would be worth from \$75 to \$100 each.

97. The total quantity of fish caught in the census year, according to the returns was 3,713 barrels, but this amount can only be considered as approximate, and the quantity actually taken was probably far larger. Owing to the growing scarcity of fish in consequence of the large exports to the United States, the committee above mentioned, strongly recommended the prohibition of the exports of almost all fish, and the establishment of a local hatchery for the breeding of certain varieties at some point central for distribution ; the varieties recommended being the sturgeon, whitefish, gold eye, catfish, perch, eels, pike, maskinongé and carp.

Fish in the North-West.

98. The total number of churches in the 3 districts was 66 viz., 19 Church of England, 18 Presbyterian, 15 Roman Catholic, 11 Methodist, and other Denominations 3. In

Churches in the Three Districts 1886.