

can be cut almost anywhere. So far, therefore, as the essentials, food and water, are concerned, nature has been lavish in the provision for stock, and for eight months of the year, the climate is also most favourable; and horses, cattle, and sheep, thrive remarkably well. During many winters under the modifying influences of the *chinook* winds they are enabled to graze out all winter in many parts of it, at least the southern third, so that stock raising on a large scale can be profitably conducted. It is yet problematical, however, whether the present system of depending on the cattle finding their own food during the entire winter, with all its attendant

ous, grass fed beef from the foothills of the grand old Rock mountains, the former home of the bison and the antelope.

It needs no prophetic eye to foresee the future of that rich pasture land, formed by nature as a home for millions of gaminivorous animals, perfect in its provisions of grass, water, and climate, for cattle-breeding and raising, and the abundant production of these industries, dairy farming, beef, mutton and wool.

There are no where else so many attractions presented to the better class of British stock raisers; the scenery is grand in the extreme, the soil is rich and inexhaustibly deep, the



GROUP OF BERKSHIRES.

risks and losses, will not give way to a more rational and reliable system.

At present, there are about 25,000 head of cattle so herded, and so far, except on one branch located too far north and badly managed, the losses have been nominal.

At present, the steers of these herds cannot more than supply the government contracts for feeding the Indians and police, and the few settlements in the district, but as the herds increase, an outlet must be sought for the surplus beef. The great distance from Eastern markets precludes the possibility of shipping live stock, hence, dead meat in refrigerator cars must be the form in which we shall receive the rich, luscious

water pure, clear and cold: so clear and transparent are the streams, that it is impossible to judge of their depth by looking down on them, and they are full of the most delicious trout. The temperature during summer is temperate, always cool at night. Occasionally the thermometer dips low during winter, but the atmosphere is so dry that it is not felt nearly so severely as a much higher temperature in a more humid climate. Sport of all kinds can be had during the autumn months, and the healthful out-door life, on horse-back almost constantly, imparts tone and vigor to the frame, and a buoyancy and lightness to the spirits that makes life there very enjoyable.

With such a country and such facilities, we can easily