

as healthy. The snow fall is very light all over the province, especially in the south and centre, there seldom being enough in Calgary to make good sleighing, but there generally is enough to moisten the prairie grass for the cattle feeding on the ranches. There never has been any general failure or loss of grain either by frost or drought, though small areas have occasionally suffered slightly from both causes. There never can be any loss of cattle from want of water as the whole country from Pincher Creek in the south to Edmonton in the north is traversed by creeks and rivers of pure water (no alkali) which rise in the mountains and flow eastward. These are maintained by springs and the melting snows of the Rockies and are as enduring as the everlasting hills whence they rise. The whole province which is 500 miles from north to south and 300 miles from east to west, appears to be underlaid with coal in great variety and exhaustless quantity, comprising pure anthracite, strong steam coal, A1 coking coal and all grades of bituminous coal. In hundreds of places the coal cropping out in deep seams on the river and creek banks and can be taken out without artificial mining. In the Edmonton district the telegraph poles are planted in a continuous bed of coal along the Calgary and Edmonton railway for miles. While the whole province is good for any line of farming there is a diversity of adaptability, the whole, however, being well suited for dairying. No. 1 hard wheat has been regularly grown with perfect success both north and south. Oats and barley always give excellent results. The wheat is equal in every way to that grown in the best districts of Manitoba. Alberta oats are much heavier than those of Manitoba while barley is the cereal on which Alberta specially prides itself. The Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton districts have all repeatedly exhibited grain in the east which eclipsed everything put in competition with them. Calgary discounted all competitors three years ago by taking the C.P.R. \$100 first prize for the best car of grain samples at Winnipeg. Alberta grain is holding its own at the present moment amongst the cereals from the entire Northwest now being exhibited through the country districts and emigration bureaus of England by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The growth of root crops is prodigious.

## THE MARKETS.

Many thousands of fat cattle have been shipped from Calgary to England alive, that had never tasted food except prairie grass, and this market is still open. But a much more valuable market for fat beef has been opened up in the mining districts of the mountains and rapidly growing cities of British Columbia where it is sent in refrigerator cars. Cold storage is now being provided in Calgary (a la Chicago) and this trade bids fair to assume immense proportions. Dairy products of Alberta will find a market also to the west all the way to Japan, just as Winnipeg 840 miles east of Calgary has been doing with hers. It is only necessary to read the manifest of the C.P.R. steamers leaving Vancouver for China and Japan to see that flour and oatmeal form a large part of their cargoes, all of which is taken from points 500 to 2,500 miles east of Calgary. The barley pro-

ducts of Alberta will find a profitable market not only in the same places but in Queensland, where no barley is grown and both spirits and beer are largely imported from Britain and Germany. The horses which Alberta is peculiarly adapted for raising at a very low cost will always find a ready market in England and elsewhere. All that is needed is willing hands, some knowledge of agriculture and small capital to secure not only a competence but wealth on the "Free Grant" and cheap railway lands of fertile Alberta. Come one, come all to Alberta.

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Calgary, January 20th, 1892.

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