

## Ranching in the Northwest.

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**Y**ou have on different occasions asked me to write you an article on "Ranching in the Northwest," and hitherto I have not complied, simply because I did not feel that I was able to do justice to an industry that is, without doubt, one of the most important in this great country of ours. Now, after five years' experience in the business, I have decided to give you a short account of this venture, not from a cow-puncher's standpoint, but merely from my own observations at different times, and from facts gleaned during my connection as a shareholder in one of the ranches in Southern Alberta. I want it distinctly understood from the start that I have not had any practical experience on the range, and I have never "rounded up" anything more important than a pair of milk cows; but I venture to say from what I have seen that cattle ranching in the Northwest Territories of Canada is, without doubt, one of the most lucrative and successful industries in Canada, and lately in a two-fold sense, as, owing to the great influx of desirable settlers, land is steadily advancing, in fact in some parts good locations have doubled and even trebled in price during the last three or four years. When that is taken into consideration, along with the cattle business, it is quite readily seen what a chance there is for profits.

The part of the Northwest in which I am interested is what is called Southern Alberta, and is particularly adapted for ranching, as the grass in this locality is more nutritious than any other part; and, although the winters are generally severe, this strip of land extending from Calgary to McLeod is visited by the "Chinook" winds