

The Summer is Charming

The long hours of continuous sunshine and warmth afford the remaining conditions to bring the crops to maturity. Warm weather, usually very equable, prevails, but sometimes a heated spell develops. The nights, however, are always cool and most agreeable.

Harvesting begins in August and ends in September. It is not an uncommon thing for a farmer to have his wheat all cut, threshed and marketed before the end of September.

To all these natural advantages may be added the fact that the hardships of pioneering are scarcely felt in Manitoba. Railways, schools, churches, and thriving towns and villages are now scattered all over the country. Wherever the settler turns he will find colonies of his own countrymen: English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, French, Germans, Scandinavians, etc., all vying with one another in building up the wealth of the province. Under the laws of this country all are placed on the same footing.

Cheap Fuel

The fuel question has been satisfactorily solved. It is now known that there are vast coal areas within and contiguous to the province of such extent as to be practically inexhaustible. It has been discovered that between Red River and the Rocky Mountains there are some 65 000 square miles of coal-bearing strata.

The Legislature has effected an arrangement by which this coal is to be supplied at from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per ton, according to locality. With the extraordinary transportation facilities possessed here, controlled and regulated as far as possible by the Legislature, and with enormous deposits of excellent coal, easily and inexpensively available, Manitoba enjoys most exceptional advantages, assuring an ample and cheap supply to all her inhabitants.

Population

The population of Manitoba during the last decade showed an increase of 148.01 per cent. No other part of the Dominion has made and is making such rapid strides. During the past four years the area of lands under cultivation has been increased more than 100 per cent. During the past ten years the railway mileage has been increased from 275 to 1,575 miles, while the people of the province enjoy the advantage to be derived from having over 200 railway stations and over 600 post offices. Over 800 schools are under the control of and aided by the Government.

ASSINIBOIA

THE District of Assiniboia lies between the Province of Manitoba and the District of Alberta, and extends north from the International boundary to the 52nd parallel of latitude, and contains an area of thirty-four million acres. Travelling westward on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the District is entered at a point 112 miles west of Winnipeg.