

for my first pre-emption which I expect to pay off as the payments mature under the new arrangements." How did you come to have so much land? "I second homesteaded and took up second pre-emption. I bought volunteer scrip from Mr. W. H. Gibbs for \$95 which paid for my second pre-emption. Last year (1887) I had ten acres of wheat on this new place. This ten acres of wheat paid for labor and returned me back the \$95 paid for scrip, so that my new pre-emption of 160 acres was paid for with this ten acres of wheat. Oh! I tell you if a man rolls up his sleeves here in this country he'll get along. Good day."

NEIL MARTIN'S OPINION.

Another pioneer speaks out for the country.

Mr. Neil Martin, post-master at Wascana, a country post-office 12 miles north-west of Regina. In a communication on the 12th of October, he made the following statement for publication:

"I struck the banks of the "Pile o' Bones" on the 24th day of May, 1882, after travelling over 400 miles with oxen. The land here suited me better than anything I saw, and I pitched my tent. I am from the county of Northumberland, and to all farmers in my old county who are struggling with expensive farms under mortgages, and to all who can hardly make ends meet, or to any one who wants to get along quick in the world, I say come to this new country. I had 140 acres of crop this year. I have not threshed yet, but I put my wheat down at 25 bushels to the acre and oats at 40. I have heard of some who's crop did not look as well as mine going more than that, but I will be satisfied if I get amount stated. I have always grown splendid vegetables here, and I consider the country No. 1 for dairying. Potatoes always a sure crop. Trees can be grown successfully. Climate first-class and healthy, paid less doctor bills here than any other place I ever lived. School and preaching within easy distance. One big advantage in this country there is no taxes, except a trifle for school purposes.

Yes, I have made money in this country, and consider myself on fair way to success. My help this year was one man for seven months. As to the winter it is cold but the air is clear, dry and bracing. I don't winter my stock as long here as I did in Ontario. Any young man with energy and determination to succeed cannot fail in this country, and I have no hesitation in advising all