

Deer River district and to improve the stock. It is the intention of the company to import pure Polled Angus bulls and cows, and with them improve the stock of the above herd. With this view it is intended to bring yearling heifers and heifer calves to the ten properties on the C.P.R., where will be stationed the pure Polled Angus herds. Then in the same manner to buy mares for breeding with Clydesdale and thoroughbred stallions imported for the purpose. We will also buy 21,000 head of sheep and improve them with pure bred Cheviot and Leicester rams and ewes, and the same number of pigs will be purchased and improved with Yorkshire boars and sows. The promoter of this company hopes and believes that so large an undertaking, embracing as it does cattle, horses, sheep and hog breeding to its greatest advantage as regards pureness of blood, the raising of cereals, developing of coal, building of villages and farmsteads and general opening up of the country, and bringing in settlers will not only prove to be an excellent investment, but will advance the interests of the country. The project is strongly believed in and supported by capitalists in England and Scotland. The total amount of money required to place the enterprise on its present lines is £1,000,000 or \$5,000,000. Sir John Kaye has already arranged for the greater portion of this capital, and in a short time the company expects to begin operations.—*The Emigrant*, August, 1887.

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There are about 7,000 sheep on the range at present. Have sold about \$7,000 worth of sheep from the band during the past year, and about \$6,000 worth of wool. Our ewes are grade Merinos, and we are breeding to imported Shropshire Rams and find cross very satisfactory for both wool and mutton, and are of opinion that Scotch Cheviots would do better and breed a hardier sheep, which would require little if any feed during winter.

Sheep are here divided into bands of about 2,500 each for the winter, and 1,500 for the summer. Our winter sheds are sheltered from the north and west, and we feed our sheep hay on the cold mornings in December and January.

With careful management we expect 100 per cent. increase every year.

Lambing starts on the first of May. Shearing about the middle of June. Clip should average about 6 lbs. per head. Loss in large bands should not average over 3 per cent. per annum if draft lives are sold off every year. The mortality among lambs is wonderfully small, much less than in Scotland. All prevalent diseases among sheep in the old country are not known here. Parasites are also unknown, but we dip the sheep every year as a preventative.

Yours truly,

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