

# Saskatchewan.

## Crops in Prince Albert District.

The prospects for an abundant harvest have never looked brighter in this district than they are at present. The frequent rains, the warmth and the sunshine have again clothed this wonderful country in her magnificent summer garb. The crops are well advanced and from present appearances the farmers of this district will reap another glorious and magnificent harvest. —*Times*.

## The Cattle Outlook.

Cattlemen say their stock was never in better shape than they are to-day. Some lost a little at the break-up of the winter, but have pulled up since, and nearly all the range cattle are already in fair condition for beef. Every year there is a marked improvement in the style of cattle raised here, the old-time "scrubs" having been mostly killed off; this year's heavy importation of thoroughbred bulls must soon make even a greater change for the better.

Wheat is not grown to any greater extent than is required to meet the local demand, the distance from railways and markets leaving nothing in it for the grower; but the country being equally well adapted for the growing of horses and cattle—products that can walk to market—farmers have turned their attention to raising them; and their determination from the first having been to raise the best, their enterprise is being rewarded by the price their stock commands. The quantity and excellence of the stock in the district strike every visitor with surprise, for somehow people get carried away with the idea that all that a farmer needs to make him rich and happy is to have a railway at his door, and that there can be nothing of value in a country that lies off the line of railway. There never was a greater mistake. The men who go into a country without railways are of course rustlers and adapt themselves to their surroundings, and go into the kinds of business that suit the present condition of the country they settle in; hence the attention that has been paid to stock here. The Saskatchewan and Battle River Valleys having been proved to be well suited for cattle raising are rapidly filling up with first-class herds, and when railway constructors come along with their men they will find to their hand abundance of beef of a quality equal to any ever purchased, in what it pleases some to call "the ranching country." There will be no need of importing beef, whatever else they may have to bring in. —*Battleford Herald*.

## Notes.

Applegarth Bros. have established a cheese factory at Battleford.

A monster cinnamon bear was killed near Battleford in the early part of this month.

Six barges of coal from Edmonton were delivered at the Battleford Industrial school, lately.

It is said that large numbers of antelope are being slaughtered on the plains south-east of Battleford.

Improvements have been made in the Battleford ferry apparatus, enabling it to run in any kind of weather.

Contracts for supplying beef to the Mounted Police and Industrial School, at Battleford, were awarded in June.

The young men of Prince Albert are organizing athletic association with a view of opening a first-class gymnasium.

The *Battleford Herald*, of July 1st, gives *THE COLONIST* a pleasant editorial comment, for which we return our thanks.

The Saskatchewan and Battle rivers have reached high water mark. The former is in some places overflowing its banks.

The dates for the annual exhibition of the Battle River Agricultural Society have been fixed on Friday and Saturday, October 6th and 7th.

Every train to Prince Albert for the past month has brought in a large number of settlers and their effects from both North and South Dakota.

A leasehold ranch covering four sections of land has been opened about 45 miles north-east of Battleford. It is the first under this system in the north.

*Prince Albert Times*: "For the past few evenings, and for the first time in our experience, the whippoorwill's song has been heard in this locality."

The printing office of the Industrial school, at Battleford, has begun the publication of a semi-monthly paper, *The Guide*. It gives promise of being an interesting addition to the publications of Saskatchewan.

The town council, agricultural society, immigration committee, board of trade, business men and farmers, of Prince Albert district, have forwarded messages to different members of the government, requesting them to assist the Manitoba & Northwestern railway in completing their line to Prince Albert this year.

*Battleford Herald*: "At the meeting of the agricultural society Mr. Cluikskill presented a circular announcing that it was proposed to establish a dairyman's association for the Territories. It is intended to hold a meeting for organization in Regina in July, when Prof. Robertson, dairy commissioner, and others will address it."

The *Saskatchewan*, of Prince Albert, announced in its issue of the 29th ult. that its publication would cease with that number. *The Times* and *Saskatchewan* have amalgamated, and the new journal will be called the *Saskatchewan Times*, non-partisan in politics, with Dr. Jardine of the *Saskatchewan* as editor, and Mr. Maveety, of the *Times*, as publisher. The *Saskatchewan* gives as a reason for suspension that the field is not wide enough for two papers.

## The Nebraska Delegates.

The party of farm delegates who came to the Northwest from the States, under the guidance

of H. H. Smith, write as follows of their experience so far:

We have just reached Edmonton, and have been more than pleased with the appearance of the country in many places. At Indian Head all crops looked well, but are considered a little late owing to the late spring. We cannot soon forget the kind and friendly treatment which we received at the hands of Mr. McKay, of the experimental farm, Mr. Boyd and others of that town. From Moose Jaw to Calgary we were not fascinated, although there was much land to be seen from the rail that is better land even for farming than much that we left behind us in Nebraska. The immense stretches of first class ranching country which we passed through in that section surprised us all. But for mixed farming we feel sure that this valley of the Saskatchewan is to be the paradise of the farmers in the near future. We are driving out to-day to make closer investigation. We cannot close this short notice to our friends and the public without stating how grateful we all feel at having had the good fortune to fall into the hands of Mr. H. H. Smith, the agent in charge of our party. He is unremitting in his attention to our comfort and interest, and knows the country well. Instead of exaggerating the character of the country we feel that "the half has not been told." We will send you a short report of our conclusions when we get through with our inspection.

We are yours, etc.,  
(Signed)

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## Manitoba School Work.

In speaking of the Dominion teachers' meeting in Montreal the *Witness* says: "The Manitoba exhibit—that of the city of Winnipeg especially—excites much interest among educationists, some of whom hardly expected to see such results. The map of one pupil of 12 years, as a specimen of freehand drawing, is surprisingly good, and the maps of still younger pupils have also many excellent points. The design of this map-drawing is not so much to secure artistic work, however, as to awaken in the pupils a desire for knowledge of the subject and to promote research. These are primary objects of the teacher. Composition is also a study in the earlier classes. Children of 7 years write—after having been told about trees—some sentence about a favorite tree, or other object; and in this way they early acquire readiness of style. Mr. A. S. Rose, principal in the Central school, Winnipeg, explained the methods of the prairie city, which evidently are full of ideas."