

There not yet being a ready market at a convenient distance, there has not been much incentive for the settlers in the district to go very extensively into grain growing, but as regards the suitability of the soil for such purpose, I might say that on 25 acres I have broken, I harvested on an average 65 bushels of oats to the acre. The soil consists of 18 inches of rich black loam with a light clay subsoil.

I feel sure that in the near future this place is destined to become one of the most productive districts of the country. Being near Lake Winnipeg the climate is always fresh and exceptionally healthy. The disadvantage of not having a market will soon be obviated, as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has now secured a charter to build a line through the heart of this district. The land in our neighborhood is being rapidly taken up, and all the settlers speak very highly of the prospects. To persons contemplating taking up a homestead I would strongly recommend having a look over this district before locating elsewhere.

Yours very truly,

GESTUR ODDLEIFSSON

Geyser, April 30th, 1903.

~~Clandeboye, September 22nd, 1903.~~

F. A. Gemmel, Esq.,

Secretary Board of Trade,

Selkirk, Man.

Dear Sir —

We came to this country some years ago, and took up 640 acres of land in the Clandeboye district, six miles from the town of Selkirk. We went into mixed farming, and have now a herd of over a hundred head of cattle, and realize on an average twenty cents per pound for butter. Our oat crop last year averaged 60 bushels to the acre, barley 40 bushels, and wheat about 30.

Our personal property that we have gathered around us in stock, implements and buildings are probably worth \$7,000, and all that we have practically made in the country. We have always found it a great advantage that we settled near a prosperous and growing town like Selkirk, as it affords a ready market for everything that we have to sell, and it is possible to drive to Winnipeg and return the same day.

The district affords every advantage to the new settler, and we have never hesitated to recommend our friends to settle here.

Yours respectfully,

MCDONALD BROTHERS

Clandeboye, September 22nd, 1903.